



meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

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agenda item number

RESPONSE TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL ON THE 24th JANUARY 2008

- a Proposed closure of Daleside, Mansfield
- b Proposed closure of Ashcroft, Sutton-in-Ashfield
- c Proposed changes to the road layout at the junction of High Road, Chetwynd Road and Attenborough Lane (known as Depot Corner), Chilwell.

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to make an initial response to the issues raised following petitions presented to the County Council meeting on the 24th January 2008.

2. a Petition Opposing the Closure of Daleside, Mansfield

- 2.1 A petition of 106 names objecting to the closure of Daleside Residential Home in Mansfield was presented to Council on the 24th January 2008 by Councillor Chris Winterton. The petition consisted of signatures and address details.

The wording of the petition is as follows:

“Are you against the proposed closure of Notts County Council eight residential homes for Older People? Daleside is on the list”.

- 2.2 At its meeting on the 19th September 2007, Cabinet accepted the Cabinet Committee’s recommendations to go out to consultation on the closure of a number of homes which includes Daleside. The purpose of the formal consultation period, which ran from 2nd October 2007 – 11th January 2008, is to inform the final decision making by Council early in 2008.

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3. b Petition opposing the Closure of Ashcroft, Sutton in Ashfield

- 3.1 A petition of 112 names objecting to the closure of Ashcroft Residential Homes was presented to Council on the 24th January 2008 by Councillor Steven Carroll. The petition consisted of signatures and address details.

The wording of the petition is as follows:

“We the undersigned do not support Nottinghamshire County Councils recommendations to close Ashcroft Older Persons Residential Care Home in Sutton-in-Ashfield. Instead we wish this establishment to be retained in its present capacity for future use”.

- 3.2 At its meeting on the 19th September 2007, Cabinet accepted the Cabinet Committee’s recommendations to go out to consultation on the closure of a number of homes across the county. The purpose of the formal consultation period, which ran from 2nd October 2007 – 11th January 2008, is to assist in the final decision making process by Council early in 2008.

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4. c **Proposed changes to the road layout at the junction of High Road, Chetwynd Road and Attenborough Lane (known as Depot Corner), Chilwell**

- 4.1 An 83 signature petition was presented to the 24 January meeting of the County Council by Councillor Richard Jackson. The petition requests alterations to the above junction following accidents at this location.
- 4.2 Prior to two recent injury accidents, one slight and one serious, there were no injury accidents reported in the last 6.5 years at this junction. However, anecdotal evidence from residents would suggest that there have been several damage-only accidents during this period where motorists, many of whom were local, have failed to negotiate the bend.
- 4.3 In response to local concern a site investigation has been carried out by Accident Investigation Unit staff, following which, it is proposed to introduce buff-coloured, high skid-resistant surfacing across the full carriageway width of the bend. Such a measure will highlight the bend on both approaches and should increase grip, in particular, when braking and cornering in the wet.
- 4.4 That the accident remedial measure given in paragraph 4 be implemented during this financial year, subject to favourable weather conditions and the petitioners be notified accordingly.

COUNCILLOR STELLA SMEDLEY

Cabinet Member for Environment