

CABINET	AGENDA ITEM No. 14
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OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM: <i>Directors</i>	Deadline date: <i>N/A</i>
It is recommended that Cabinet notes the actions taken in respect of petitions.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report is submitted following the submission of E-Petitions, the presentation of petitions to Council officers, and the presentation of petitions at Council meetings.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to update Cabinet on the progress being made in response to petitions submitted to the Council.
- 2.2 This report is for Cabinet to consider under its Terms of Reference No. 3.2.3, '*To take a leading role in promoting the economic, environmental and social well-being of the area*'.

3. TIMESCALES

Is this a Major Policy Item/Statutory Plan?	NO	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	N/A
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4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

Petitions Presented at Council Meetings

To Improve Street Lighting on Moggswell Lane

The petition was submitted by Councillor Casey at the Cabinet meeting held on 19 November 2018. The petition contained 22 valid signatures and called on the Council to introduce extra lighting down Moggswell Lane as this would be beneficial and make individuals feel safer while walking to and from work.

The Head of Peterborough Highway Services responded:

"Moggswell Lane is a private lane and not an adopted highway. As far as we can tell

the existing street lighting was added to our network many years ago and we have maintained the lighting ever since. As such it has been included in our city wide LED upgrade programme, receiving new columns as required and LED lighting heads.

The LED programme has no funding for additional columns and also given this lane is private we could not justify installing more. That said as a gesture of good will we will replace the last lighting head unit on column number PCC4 with an upgraded unit from a 10 to a 20 LED unit which is located by house number 15, as I understand and also confirmed from site this end is the darkest.

In addition as confirmed by the street lighting engineer who visited site, observed the lighting is currently being hampered by tree branches from the private properties and these would benefit if the owners had these sensitivity trimmed back.”

Inconsiderate and Illegal Parking of Vehicles in and Around the Junction of Tudor Close and Hallfields Lane, in Gunthorpe, Throughout the Week

The petition was submitted by Councillor Fower at the Council meeting held on 12 December 2018. The petition contained 22 valid signatures and called on the Council ‘to take immediate action, to address and resolve problematic parking in and around the Junction of Tudor Close and Hallfields Lane; including parking on double yellow lines double parking, blocking driveways or local residents from reaching their own parking bays or properties, and reducing road safety’.

The Acting Head of Services for Prevention and Enforcement responded:

“As you are aware there are already parking restrictions at this location which are enforceable including double yellow lines around the junction and single yellow line which is in operation at the start and end of the school day. Since the start of the academic term Prevention and Enforcement Officers have visited the 9 times; during the visits zero Penalty Charge Notices were issued as the restrictions in place were being obeyed, however I do understand that behaviour will change when enforcement officers are present. At the last visit 2 cars were parked in Tudor Close both were parked legally. Officers will continue to monitor and enforce at this location when the schools return in January.

I have asked our Road Safety Officer to contact Gunthorpe Primary School and Norwood Primary School to see if they are interested in delivering an ‘inconsiderate’ parking campaign. The campaign is aimed at parents and is a mixture of education, engagement and enforcement with an aim to encourage parents to park responsibly when dropping off and picking up from school.”

Development of Gloucester Centre

The petition was submitted by Councillor Elsey at the Council meeting held on 12 December 2018. The petition contained 506 valid signatures and called on the Council ‘to restrict the number of proposed dwellings on this site to a maximum of 50 dwellings and to ensure that the proposed dwellings are in-keeping with the size and style of the current established community.’

The Head of Planning responded:

The City Council has not yet received a planning application for the redevelopment of the Gloucester Centre but expects an outline application to be submitted early in the New Year.

The scheme will be subject to public consultation and it is anticipated that any decision on its acceptability will be made by the Council's Planning & Environmental Protection Committee. As you will be aware the law requires that applications are determined in accordance with planning policy unless material considerations are considered to outweigh policy and decisions have to be supported by appropriate evidence.

As we have not yet received a planning application, the merits or otherwise of the scheme against policy or other factors are not yet known. It would, therefore, be inappropriate for the Council to predetermine the maximum number of dwellings on the site as a matter of principal and any decision to do so could not lawfully be taken into account in the determination of a planning application.

Any application received will be considered in respect of its transport impact and design and appearance (among other things) and the decision on the scheme will reflect the impact on the local road network and the character and appearance of the area. It should be noted however that the principle of the redevelopment of the site has been established by the Council's emerging Local Plan which has allocated the site for housing development.

The Council operates a Community Infrastructure Levy system which will secure funds to contribute towards the mitigation of the infrastructure impacts of the development. This will be applied to any qualifying development proposals."

Restrict Verge Parking

The petition was submitted by Councillor Cereste at the Council meeting held on 12 December 2018. The petition contained 42 valid signatures and called on the Council to 'prohibit parking on the verge and footway along the length of Vale Drive.'

The Senior Prevention and Enforcement Officer – Parking Lead responded:

"I have accepted this petition as a demonstration of support locally and, following the approval of all relevant ward councillors and the responsible cabinet member, a consultation will be launched. All residents in the affected area will be written to and asked for their opinion. Should this consultation receive a response rate of 40% or above and the majority of those responding support the scheme then the prohibition will be put in place and enforced by officers from the Prevention and Enforcement Service."

Keep the Number 60 Bus

The petition was submitted by Mr Guilfoyle at the Council meeting held on 12 December 2018. The petition contained 41 valid signatures and called on the Council to 'retain the number 60 bus service.'

The Group Manager – Transport and Environment responded:

"I can confirm that officers are currently working with members representing each of the political parties in order to ascertain the way in which the Council can achieve an overall reduction of £150k to its bus subsidy budget, whilst seeking to protect the most vulnerable user groups. We anticipate being in a position to make recommendations for any proposed changes to Cabinet at the end of January/early February. At this stage we are optimistic that this will review will see no changes to the 60 service but we are not in a position to confirm this at present."

E petitions

The petition was submitted by Nivea Harris on 4 January 2019. The petition contained 24 valid signatures and called on the Council to 'install traffic lights on the roundabout to manor drive/gunthorpe. As it is an increasing danger to all everyday.'

The Principal Sustainable Transport Planning Officer responded:

"We can confirm that this roundabout has been identified as a potential future scheme and it has been submitted to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority as a future funding consideration. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, making significant improvements to this roundabout will be expensive and there are a number of other highway

improvements also needed across the whole of the Peterborough area. At the moment, no funding has been identified to fund these improvements.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is going to consult on it's new Local Transport Plan this year so there will be an opportunity for you to raise this issue with them directly as part of this process if you want to.”

5. REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

5.1 As the petitions presented in this report have been dealt with by Cabinet Members or officers, it is appropriate that the action taken is reported to Cabinet.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 There have been no alternative options considered.

7. IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no legal, financial, or equalities implications arising from the issues considered.

8. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

8.1 Petitions presented to the Council and responses from officers.

9. APPENDICES

9.1 None.