

<b>CABINET</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM No. 9</b>
<b>15 NOVEMBER 2021</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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## OUTCOME OF PETITIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS	
<b>FROM:</b> <i>Directors</i>	<b>Deadline date:</b> <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?	<b>NO</b>	If yes, date for Cabinet meeting	<b>N/A</b>
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### 4. BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

#### **Petitions Received by the Council**

##### Herlington Footpath Request

The petition was submitted by Councillor Casey on 23 June 2021. The petition contained 134 valid signatures and called for the Council to install a footpath alongside the Herlington Nursery and Jigsaw Centre to make it safe for children and the local elderly community.

The Head of Service for Environment, Highways and Transport responded:

"The Service area has reviewed the petition in relation to the footpath that has been in discussion for some time.

The team will arrange a time to meet with the petitioner, and a building surveyor to assess the whole situation and discuss all options on site with a view to finding a suitable solution.”

#### Russell Street Car Park

The petition was submitted by Mahboob Hussain on 23 June 2021. The petition contained 56 valid signatures and called for the Council to utilise additional land at the end of Russell Street Car Park to accommodate extra parking spaces.

The Chartered Estates Surveyor responded:

“The Property Team has looked further into the potential for this positive community project. Please see the map below, of the area we believe to be under consideration, green shaded areas. We make the below comments on this area:

- The land in green is within the North Westgate development zone. The community project would need to be considered within this wider city development project and any potential land requirements. We believe this would be clearer this time next year, therefore any commitment would have to await this determination.
- Any change of use, would need prior planning approval, and so a planning application would also be required.
- The land in green is designated Community Asset related land (CRA), for the project to go ahead we would need prior permission from Homes England for any release for change of use / disposal. Homes England can require 36% of the land value in return depending on the new use required. There is an established process for release and this can take some time.
- Instances of antisocial behaviour in the green shaded area, are hopefully being reported to the City Council, who have a number of agencies within the Safer Peterborough partnership dedicated to tackling this. Please note, from our experience, a history (evidence) of regular reported incidents can assist similar community initiatives.
- Reporting see <https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/residents/saferpeterborough/saferpeterborough-priorities/anti-social-behaviour>

We would suggest that that any land requirements for the North Westgate Developments will first need to be determined, then if the area is not required the community project could then be considered further (say July 2022).”

#### Article 4 for Hampton

The petition was submitted by Lindsay Sharp on 20 May 2021. The petition contained 117 valid signatures and called for the Council to implement Article 4 Direction with relation to Houses of Multiple Occupancy across Hampton.

The Assistant Director – Housing responded:

“Thank you for your petition, on behalf of local residents, asking the council to implant an Article 4 in the Hamptons and the consult accordingly.

I can confirm that, following a previous motion to Council, officers are currently investigating the use of an Article 4 in Peterborough, including the Hamptons, and that a decision whether to proceed will be taken later this year. If a decision is taken to proceed with an Article 4 the Council would undertake public consultation to gauge the views of residents.”

## **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.

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