

COMMITTEE: EXECUTIVE REF NO: E/09/67
DATE: 15 DECEMBER 2009
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEM – ACTION IN
RESPECT OF VARIOUS TRANSPORT/
HIGHWAYS PETITIONS
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: COUNCILLOR TANYA DE HOEDT
DIRECTOR: RUSSELL WILLIAMS

Short description of report content and the decision requested:

This report informs Councillors about several concluded, or partly concluded, petitions and the actions taken in respect of each.

The report is for information only and no decision is requested from Executive.

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This report was prepared after consultation with:

The following policies form a context to this report:
(all relevant policies must also be referred to in the body of the report)

Transforming Ipswich

This report is not a key decision included in the Forward Plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS AS REQUIRED BY LAW

(papers relied on to write the report but which are not published and do not contain exempt information –

1.

OTHER HELPFUL PAPERS

(papers which the report author considers might be helpful – this might include published material)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report informs Executive about six petitions.

2. First Petition – Radcliffe Drive

- 2.1 A petition of 106 signatures was received on 5th October 2009 about “The volume and speed of traffic and large HGV’s on Radcliffe Drive”.
- 2.2 A seven-day speed survey at the end of October showed that both average and 85th percentile speeds on Radcliffe Drive are low, and the number of vehicles exceeding 30mph is unusually small. Speed is therefore not considered to be a problem.
- 2.3 A review of HGV movements in the surrounding area is being undertaken and a night-time HGV ban is being considered.
- 2.4 The lead petitioner will be kept informed at each relevant stage of the investigation.

3. Second Petition – nuisance, pollution and obstruction caused by heavy vehicles using premises at 81 to 85 Dales Road

- 3.1 A petition of 53 signatures was received on 21st April 2009 about nuisance, pollution and obstruction caused by heavy vehicles using premises at 81 to 85 Dales Road.
- 3.2 Since then a noise survey has been undertaken, the site has been visited at 2am to check conditions, a speed survey has been undertaken (speeds are below intervention levels), and officers have met, on site, the owner of 83/95 Dales Road.
- 3.3 Officers are waiting for the site owner to confirm whether or not he would be willing to pay for alternations to his site entrance to allow HGV’s to draw off Dales Road rather than remaining on the road and causing a nuisance.
- 3.4 In the meantime officers will advertise waiting and loading restrictions to help protect the residents against nuisance parking (a drawing will be available at the meeting should Councillors require it). Any objections will have to be considered in the normal manner.
- 3.5 The lead petitioner will be kept informed.

4. Third Petition – review of parking restrictions on Fonnereau Road

- 4.1 A petition of 388 signatures was received on 4th June 2009 voicing concerns that “the new car parking arrangements on Fonnereau Road do not meet the needs of the residents, the businesses and the general public who use those businesses”.

- 4.2 The petition is being dealt with as part of the Zone 2 Residents' Parking Review, which is the subject of another report to this same meeting of Executive Committee.

5. Fourth Petition – restricted parking on Lattice Avenue and Goring Road

- 5.1 A document featuring over 300 signatures was received on 4th June 2009 claiming “new parking restrictions on Lattice Avenue have severely restricted the ability of the 12,900 patients registered at Lattice Barn surgery to access their medical care”.
- 5.2 The lack of at least 6 Ipswich addresses means that the document cannot be considered a petition, and officers in Councillor Services have written to the Lattice Barn Surgery asking them to make good the deficiency. No reply has to date been received.
- 5.3 Some discussions with the Lattice Barn Surgery practice manager have taken place over the past months, but the issue remains unresolved at the moment.
- 5.4 The practice is actively seeking to relocate their premises.

6. Fifth Petition – alleged speeding on Reading Road

- 6.1 A petition of 29 signatures was received on 21st April 2009 asking the Council to “resolve the problem of speeding on Reading Road”.
- 6.2 A speed survey undertaken between 18th and 20th May 2009 revealed that the 85th percentile speeds on Reading Road were 27.5 mph towards Rushmere Road and 28.6 mph towards Woodbridge Road, so no action is required. No accidents had been reported in the previous three years.
- 6.3 The lead petitioner was notified of these facts.

7. Sixth Petition – the effect of making Back Hamlet one-way on traffic in Newton Road, York Road, Tomline Road and Alan Road

- 7.1 A petition of 238 signatures was received on 16th November 2009 “making our objection to the proposed plan to make Back Hamlet a one way road as we are concerned about our road then becoming a rat-run for traffic”. The roads named were Newton Road, York Road, Tomline Road and Alan Road,
- 7.2 Since this is part of a scheme managed by Suffolk County Council, officers informed the lead petitioner and sent the original petition to SCC for consideration.

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 **That Executive notes the receipt of the above six petitions and the action taken in respect of each.**

Reason: So that Executive is fully informed