

Action Taken on Petitions

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Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the under-mentioned petitions which were presented to Council: -

1. Petition requesting additional car parking at Lakeside Village

A petition, signed by 126 residents and also those of an online petition, was presented to Council on 25 January 2023 by Councillor McDonough and referred to the Executive Director of City Development. The petition requested that Council officers work with Gentoo to create additional car parking facilities around Lakeside Village and the Towers.

Council officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

The location suggested is not adopted highway and is Gentoo owned land, therefore the Council is unable to consider creating the provision of additional parking. The request was passed on to the Gentoo Coordinator for the area to liaise directly with Councillor McDonough.

2. Petition requesting the installation of a safe crossing point on Silksworth Road, East Herrington

A petition, signed by 94 residents, was presented to Council on 25 January 2023 by Councillor McDonough and referred to the Executive Director of City Development. The petition requested that the Council considers the installation of a safe crossing point on Silksworth Road, specifically a pelican or zebra crossing.

Council officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

Silksworth Road is a 30mph bus route with no recorded accidents at the location highlighted by the petition. Surveys which have been conducted to assess pedestrian crossing demand on Silksworth Road have shown low usage of the existing crossing facilities by pedestrians.

The petition has been declined due to the low pedestrian demand and there being no recorded pedestrian related traffic accidents.

Councillor McDonough has been advised of the response.

3. Petition regarding anti-social behaviour at Stirling Close, Broadway Estate

Former Councillor Mann presented a petition to Council on 22 March 2023 which had been signed by 53 residents regarding anti-social behaviour in Stirling Close and the surrounding Broadway Estate and requests that the Council address these

issues by working with the residents and the developers to close pathways and block the entrance to the estate from Barnes Park Extension. The petition was referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

Two footpaths link Barnes Park and the housing development on the former Broadway Secondary School. The footpaths lead directly into the estate at Stirling Close and this is an access route into the park causing anti-social behaviour in the form of dirt bikes, gangs, and criminal activity.

Ward councillors have put together a funding package that is being worked upon with officers to target issues within the ward and the petition was declined as options are currently being explored by officers and ward councillors at this location.

The lead petitioner and ward councillors have been advised of the response.

4. Petition requesting that grass verges at Coach Road Estate be converted into parking

Councillor Mullen presented a petition to Council on 22 March 2023 which had been signed by 93 residents requesting that maintained grass verges be converted into parking on Coach Road Estate. The petition was referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

The location suggested is not adopted highway and is Gentoo owned land, therefore the Council is unable to consider creating the provision of additional parking. The request was passed on to the Gentoo Coordinator for the area to liaise directly with Councillor Mullen.

Councillor Mullen has been advised of the response.

5. Petition regarding road safety at the junction of Givens Street and Harbour View

A petition, signed by 37 residents, was presented to Council on 13 September 2023 by Councillor Mordey and referred to the Executive Director of City Development. The petition requested that Council officers consider the installation of road safety measures at the junction of Givens Street and Harbour View.

Council officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

A Road Safety Assessment was conducted at the location, which is the junction of an A-road and a minor road. The assessment concluded that there are no immediate safety concerns that require urgent intervention. This suggests that, according to the

assessment criteria, the location does not currently meet the threshold for prioritised safety measures.

The petition was declined at this time on the basis that the Road Safety Assessment for this location concluded that it does not currently meet the threshold for prioritised safety measures.

Councillor Mordey has been advised of the response.

6. Petition requesting a review of traffic light sequences at the Blue Bell junction, especially for traffic turning right from Dene Lane on Station Road

A petition signed by 22 residents, was presented to Council on 15 November 2023 by Councillor Hartnack and referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

Currently, the default setting of the traffic signals is set to maximum time which is approximately 25 to 30 seconds. This creates a maximum 'wait' time of 60 seconds for any given junction or crossing phase which may increase slightly if there is a pedestrian demand. These traffic signals can also be controlled by the regional operation centre if demand requires it.

The petition was declined on the basis that the traffic signals at this junction operate by default on a two-stage cycle, and a third stage can be utilised if necessary. Any modification to the current operational programme would cause longer delays at each arm of the junction which would cause more pollution in the area. The timings do not allow a dedicated option to provide a right turn from vehicles from Dene Lane into Station Road.

Councillor Hartnack has been advised of the response.

7. Petition to review road safety at the junction of Cairns Road and Penrith Road

A petition signed by 74 residents, was presented to Council on 15 November 2023 by Councillor Hartnack and referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

A Road Safety Assessment was conducted at the location, which is the junction of an A-road and a minor road. The assessment concluded that there are no immediate safety concerns that require urgent intervention. This suggests that, according to the assessment criteria, the location does not currently meet the threshold for prioritised safety measures.

The petition was declined at this time on the basis that the Road Safety Assessment for this location concluded that it does not currently meet the threshold for prioritised safety measures.

Councillor Hartnack has been advised of the response.

8. Petition to install double yellow lines on Sevenoaks Drive between the junction of the A183 Chester Road and the entrance to the Hastings Hill pub car park

A petition signed by 85 residents was presented to Council on 15 November 2023 by Councillor Edgeworth requesting the installation of double yellow lines at Sevenoaks Drive. The petition was referred to the Executive Director of City Development.

Council Officers have considered the petition and advised as follows.

The location has been deferred from the 2023/2024 Group Order as it was oversubscribed. The Group Order is a Traffic Regulation Order which encompasses multiple schemes and facilitates the Council in delivering measures such as speed limit restrictions and waiting restrictions under one legal order. The Group Order process is conducted once a year and this location will be considered in the 2024/2025 Group Order for the installation of waiting restrictions in the form of double yellow lines.

Councillor Edgeworth has been advised of the response.