

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITION

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

(i) Petition from residents of The Leazes, Millfield requesting the extension of the existing waiting restrictions. Presented by Councillor Paul Dixon on 14th June 2010

The Executive Director of City Services considered the petition and determined that the petitioners' request for the waiting restrictions at the entrance to The Leazes to be extended by four metres should be declined as the accident record and parking levels suggest that no long term benefit would be realised from the requisite change to the associated traffic regulation order. The Chief Constable should be informed of the indiscriminate parking at the entrance to The Leazes in order that he may take the necessary enforcement action.

Councillor Paul Dixon and the lead petitioner have been notified of the Executive Director's decision.

(ii) Petition from residents of Coquet, Rickleton, Washington requesting the introduction of traffic calming measures. Presented by Councillor Graeme Miller on 24th September 2008

The Executive Director of City Services considered the petition and determined that the petitioners' request for the introduction of traffic calming measures in Coquet should be declined as the measures are not justified given the low volume and speeds of traffic as well as there being no recorded injury accidents in the three year period up to 1st September 2010.

Councillor Graeme Miller and the lead petitioner have been notified of the Executive Director's decision.

(iii) Petition from residents of Rockville, Fulwell requesting that in future people attending the Airshow should not be allowed to park in Rockville, which is purely a residential street. Presented by Councillor George Howe on 29th September 2010

The Executive Director of City Services considered the petition and determined that the petitioners' request for people to be prevented from parking in Rockville, should be declined as there was no road safety or other reason to do so. The Chief Constable should be informed of the indiscriminate or obstructive parking across resident's driveways in order that he may take the necessary enforcement action.

Councillor George Howe and the lead petitioner have been notified of the Executive Director's decision.

(iv) Petition from residents of the 39 houses in Durham Street, Fence Houses requesting assistance in the upgrading of the street at the rear of Durham Street. Presented by Councillor Sheila Ellis and Kathryn Rolph on 31st March 2010

The Executive Director of City Services received the petition in relation to this matter on 12th April 2010. A site visit was undertaken on 28th May 2010 by Houghton Ward Councillors, D. Richardson, K. Rolph, and Councillor J. Blackburn Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City together with Council Officers.

An estimate has been prepared for the works required to upgrade the private street/s with an appropriate road surface, highway drainage and street lighting. This estimate has been used to determine apportionment of costs between the residents and the City Council.

A second issue relating to the deterioration in the condition of the lane to the rear of Durham Street by surface water run off from adjoining land has also been investigated.

Following receipt of the petition, the Executive Director of City Services, in consultation with local ward members and the portfolio holder for Attractive and Inclusive City has considered the findings and recommendations of the report.

Due to the level of funding required and in view of the Council's limited budget, the petitioners are advised that the Council is unable to offer any financial assistance to upgrade the lane to the rear of Durham Street. The petitioners are also advised that the surface water issue relating to land adjoining the primary school playing field will be monitored and reviewed.

Councillors Kathryn Rolph, Sheila Ellis, Dennis Richardson and the Lead Petitioner to be notified.