

Action on Petitions

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS

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

(i) Petition from residents requesting the Council to consider introducing traffic calming to Briar Lea and Bowes Lea

At the meeting of the Council on 29 January 2021, an e-petition was presented by Councillor Lawson containing 129 signatures from residents asking the Council to provide traffic calming measures at Briar Lea and Bowes Lea to discourage traffic from using these streets as a short cut.

The roads stated in the petition are residential streets that can be used as an alternative route from Golf Course Road to Chester Road in Shiney Row.

Traffic may find it difficult to leave Golf Course Road due to the amount of traffic driving through Shiney Row from the shopping area, especially during peak hours.

There is currently no traffic calming measures to deter drivers from cutting through the residential estate to access Chester Road.

The Golf Course Road and Chester Road junction has recently been widened to improve junction capacity as a result of the ongoing housing developments in the area.

Officers considered the prioritisation of traffic management schemes using the following criteria which are being reviewed:-

- Number of road traffic accidents/collisions on the road or area in question resulting in personal injury, in the past 3 years (Using Police generated information). This includes an analysis of the cause and a detailed assessment of the incident to determine if the accident/collision could have been avoided using engineering measures.
- Proximity of schools in relation to the route of concern. Exposure of vulnerable road users to significant levels of vehicular traffic and a high level of potential conflict between pedestrians and vehicles on the route.
- The level of vehicle speeds in relation to the route's speed limit
- Improving access and reducing congestion especially in the commercial and industrial areas of the City

After consideration by Council Officers, the outcome of the petition is as follows:-

Briar Lea and Bowes Lea will be included in the list for investigation when the new prioritisation criteria is introduced.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(ii) Petition requesting the shortening the bus stop clearway at 3 – 10 Smith's Terrace, Easington Lane

At the meeting of the Council on 29 January 2020, a petition was presented by Councillor Turner containing 211 signatures from customers, residents and the business at 3 – 10 Smith's Terrace, Easington Lane asking for the length of marked bus stop clearway at Smiths Terrace (bottom of Pemberton's Bank, Easington Lane) to be shortened.

The street in question has residential properties and a local convenience store which has been located there for 23 years. A bus stop clearway was introduced to assist the movement of public transport outside these properties. The street is located on the A182. The rear of the residential properties back onto a very narrow back lane which limits the parking provision. The residents park only on one side generally and therefore also park at the front of the properties on the A182.

Following investigation by officers it was agreed that this bus stop clearway be reduced in length by 14 metres and this will still enable buses to manoeuvre in and out of the stop while creating parking provision for customers of the shop and residential properties. The relining costs to be taken from the road marking budget.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(iii) Petition requesting the installation of traffic calming on Ramsgate Road, Red House and further correspondence for measures on the ring road including Redcar Road, Redhill Road and Rhodesia Road

At the meeting of the Council on 25 March 2020, a petition was presented by Councillor Stewart containing 106 signatures from residents asking the Council to introduce traffic calming on Ramsgate Road, Red House including Redcar Road, Redhill Road and Rhodesia Road.

The Council has plans to improve the area of the Willowfields Primary School development. This part of the scheme is located on Redcar Road between Ramsgate Road / Beechwood Crescent and comprises a school safety zone, a humped zebra crossing, speed cushions, no stopping on school keep clear and bus stop clearway road markings, no waiting at any time restrictions and road narrowings with priority / give way shuttle working.

In addition, there is an established 20 mph zone in the area with accompanying signs and traffic calming. It was deemed appropriate to look at the entire area to discuss if any further measures could be introduced.

Officers will continue to work with Councillors to establish the appropriate solutions for this petition. Any proposals will be reported to residents via the consultation process.

(iv) Petition requesting the Council to make Tunstall Hope Road safer for Local Residents

At the meeting of the Council on 23 September 2020, a petition was presented by Councillor P. Smith containing 333 signatures from local residents asking the Council to make Tunstall Hope Road safer for local residents.

The road is in a rural setting that links Leechmere Road to Paddock Lane in Silksworth. There are two residential properties and one farm located on this road. One property is accessed by a short road.

The current speed limit is 40mph and the road has hazard signs and reflective marker posts along its route.

There have been no recorded personal injury accidents during the previous 10-year period to suggest there is a safety issue.

Following receipt of the petition, a detailed investigation has been carried out.

The existing 40mph speed limit begins to the south of Harperley Drive. Consideration has been given to reducing the speed limit partially on the northern section of road as you enter the rural surroundings.

Speed surveys have been undertaken at northern and southern points along Tunstall Hope Road at locations where speeds would be at a maximum. Both surveys indicated that most drivers are travelling within the existing 40mph speed limit.

It was therefore concluded that it may be beneficial to partially reduce the existing 40mph speed limit to 30mph on the northern section of Tunstall Hope Road to the access road of the first property at Tunstall Hope Lodge. This could have a downward influence on vehicle speeds through this section of road. There is vehicle access on either side of this section which also has double white line road markings. Works will be funded from the programme of minor works scheme budget.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(v) Petition from residents requesting the upgrade of the Chester Road / Holborn Road Junction

At the meeting of Council on 23 September 2020 a petition was presented by Councillor Haswell, on behalf of Ward Councillors in Pallion and Sandhill Wards, containing 36 signatures from residents requesting the upgrade of the Chester Road / Holborn Road Junction.

The petition called on the Department for Transport to approve the Transforming Cities Fund application to upgrade Chester Road / Holborn Road to make it a fully signalised junction.

A bid has been submitted by the Council to the Transforming Cities Fund to the Department for Transport. The fund is to be used on improvements to productivity and to spread prosperity through investment in public and sustainable transport in some of the largest English city regions.

The petition has been forwarded to the Department for Transport as supplementary evidence in support of the funding application. If unsuccessful, the Council will continue to actively seek suitable funding to deliver a scheme to deliver improvements to this junction.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(vi) Petition from residents requesting the introduction of a pedestrian crossing island on Fordfield Road

At the meeting of Council on 18 November 2020 a petition was presented by Councillor Haswell containing 14 signatures from residents requesting the Council to install a pedestrian island outside Dovecote Meadows on Fordfield Road to aid the elderly residents cross the road.

The area of road stated in the petition is outside Dovecote Meadows, which provides retirement housing and extra care for older people. The road is subject to a 20mph speed limit and there has recently been dropped crossing points with tactile paving installed outside this housing facility. Additionally, there have been warning signs installed to indicate that vulnerable pedestrians may be crossing.

The measures above were introduced in response to a petition submitted in 2019.

Officers have investigated the possibility of installing pedestrian refuge, however the road is under 7.5 metres which is too narrow to safely accommodate a refuge.

Due to the number of vulnerable pedestrians likely to use this crossing, the road width prevents an acceptable sized refuge to accommodate wheelchair users and their accompanying carer from being installed.

Consideration must also be given to larger vehicles such as HGVs, ambulances etc to ensure that their turning and movement is not impeded by the installation of such crossings. This would also create a safety concern for any pedestrians using this type of crossing facility.

Given the reasons outlined above, the petition was declined.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

