

Action on Petitions

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS

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

(i) Petition to Council with regard to Barmston Bus Link – Presented to Council on 24 January 2018

Detail of the Petition

The following petition, signed by 365 residents, was presented to Council on 24 January 2018 by Councillor Taylor:

“We the undersigned are presenting this petition requesting that the city of Sunderland council reviews the current status of the bus link on the grounds of improving and ensuring the safety of pedestrians, including investigating the viability if the options suggested below:

Full closure of the bus link to all motor vehicles, and rerouting of the buses via either the car park (nearest Kingdom Hall) or the Burnhope Road perimeter road.

Retain or remove the bus link – and install build-outs and bollards to further narrow the width of the road, and install a priority gate / give way system, along with other appropriate traffic calming measures, for example speed cushions.”

Actions taken in response

After consideration by Council Officers, it has been decided to decline the petition based on the following:-

- The bus link has been in operation for a number of years
- The buses could not service the local community in the way they do now
- A closure may impact on the mobility impaired residents in the area.
- Consultations with Nexus and Go North East were undertaken and both object to the closure of the bus link.
- The existing traffic calming is appropriate for this bus link as follows:
 - speed table running throughout the length of the bus link
 - narrow entry/exits to each end of the bus link via build outs
 - adequate and appropriate signs at both entry points

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

(ii) Petition requesting fly-tipping and anti-social behaviour preventative measures at St. Luke's Road, Sunderland - Presented to Council on 20 June 2018

Detail of the Petition

The following petition, signed by 22 residents, was presented to Council on 20 June 2018 by Councillor Haswell:

"Request that Sunderland City Council provide a gate/additional boulders or other measures to restrict access to Saint Luke's Road back lane to prevent fly tipping, anti-social behaviour and arson in the lane, Ford Quarry and surrounding fields."

Actions taken in response

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

To decline the element of the petition requesting the rear of St Luke's Road be gated off. This is not feasible as the evidence presented does not meet the legal criteria required.

To uphold the element of the petition requesting the placing of extra boulders and other measures to restrict access over the open space adjacent to the rear of St Luke's Road.

This has already been undertaken with the addition of large mounds of soil being placed between gaps in the vegetation to prevent access.

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