

# ***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 Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue**

At the meeting of the Council on 16 October 2020, an on-line petition was presented by Councillor Tye containing 223 signatures from residents asking the Council to introduce measures to make Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue safer.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

“After a number of accidents, we would like Sunderland City Council to consult with the residents with a view to implementing measures that would make Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue safer for all whom both live and use the roads.

The roads have become a rat run to miss out traffic in other locations and the time has come for action to be taken to prevent a fatality, a number of accidents have occurred with some involving buses.

Measures that could be consulted upon could include reduction in the speed limit, traffic calming measures and a review of the bus types now been used to service the roads. These used to be small mini link type buses and these are now generic buses not suitable for these roads.”

Officers have investigated the matter and advised that Nexus is the authority that decides on the operation, routes and size of vehicle for their bus services. The Passenger Transport Executive have been consulted with regards to the bus services. The mini link service ceased to operate in 2011 as passenger demand had increased. This was a residential area where the most residents park their vehicles on-street. It is a road that links Warwick Terrace to Silksworth Road and is subject to a 30 mph speed limit.

There have been no injury accidents recorded on this stretch of road.

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

Consideration will be given to reducing the speed limit to 20 mph prior to the introduction of physical traffic calming measures in the first instant. Any scheme considered will be subject to consultation.

The outcome of the petition is to add this location to be considered for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in the next prioritisation exercise scheduled to take place in the coming months and to advise on Nexus' decision not to reinstate the mini bus service.

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

**(ii) Petition from residents requesting the Council to reduce the speed limit and install other traffic calming measures in Atkinson Road and surrounding streets**

At the meeting of the Council on 18 November 2020, Councillor Doyle presented a petition signed by 134 residents and an on-line petition in the same terms asking the Council to reduce the speed limit and install other traffic calming measures on Atkinson Road and surrounding streets.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

*"We the undersigned call on Sunderland Council to consult with local residents regarding the reduction of speed limits and implementation of other traffic calming measures on Atkinson Road and the surrounding streets."*

Officers have investigated the matter and noted that the streets suggested are residential streets that are heavily parked with private vehicles. The road is a 30mph road and links Fulwell Road to Mere Knolls Road. A recent speed survey showed that the average speed of traffic was travelling at around 20mph. and no accidents have been recorded on this street where speeding was a contributory factor.

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

Consideration will be given to reducing the speed limit to 20mph prior to the introduction of physical traffic calming measures in the first instant. It will be decided in the coming weeks which areas to take forward into the next programme for 20mph schemes. Any scheme considered will be subject to consultation.

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

**(iii) Petition from residents requesting the Council to consult with local residents regarding the installation of double yellow lines and a Community Parking Management Scheme (CPMS) on Seafields and the 'royal streets'**

At the meeting of the Council on 18 November 2020, Councillor Doyle presented an online and residential petition signed by 234 people on a request to the Council to consider implementing a CPMS and waiting restrictions at Seafields and the 'royal streets'.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

"The petition calls on Sunderland City Council to consult with local residents regarding the installation of double yellow lines and a community parking management scheme on Seafields and the 'royal streets'."

During consideration by Officers it was noted that a potential CPMS had been identified for Seafields and the new residential estate currently being developed which would be funded by the development funding as part of their agreement. Part of this funding may be utilised to consider traffic management measures in the 'royal streets'.

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

Consideration will be given to the measures requested when a scheme is developed in the future and will be subject to consultation.

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