

Meeting date: 6 October 2021

Report to: Cabinet Member for Environment & Highways

Subject/report title: **PETITION SUMMARY**

Report from: Head of Highway Management

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Wards affected:

- All Wards | Bickenhill | Blythe | Castle Bromwich | Chelmsley Wood |
 Dorridge/Hockley Heath | Elmdon | Kingshurst/Fordbridge | Knowle |
 Lyndon | Meriden | Olton | Shirley East | Shirley South |
 Shirley West | Silhill | Smith's Wood | St Alphege
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Public/private report: Public

Exempt by virtue of paragraph:

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on two petitions received for the Environment and Highways portfolio, and where appropriate, agree recommendations.

2. Decision(s) recommended

- 2.1 Cabinet Member is asked to:
- (a) Note the petitions received and the summary of the investigations, together with a programme for responding, as set out in Appendix 1,
 - (b) Agree to refer the Beckford Croft and Hartlebury Close petition to the Head of Highway Management for consideration, along with any other representations received, in accordance with the statutory Traffic Regulation Order representation process.

3. Matters for Consideration - Petitions 1: Request to introduce measures to deal with speeding on Lincoln Road North

3.1 On 28 July 2021, Mr Ian McCormick submitted a petition on behalf of local residents, requesting that measures be introduced to deal with speeding on Lincoln Road North.

3.2 This matter is currently being investigated and the outcome will be reported at the Cabinet Decision Session on 18 November 2021.

4. Matters for Consideration - Petitions 2: Objecting to the proposed changes to the parking restrictions Beckford Croft and Hartlebury Close

4.1 On 4 August 2021, Mr Keith Jackson submitted a petition on behalf of local residents objecting to the proposed changes to the parking restrictions Beckford Croft and Hartlebury Close.

5. What options have been considered and what is the evidence telling us about them?

5.1 The proposed changes to parking restrictions at Beckford Croft and Hartlebury Close have come forward as part of a village wide scheme, to address concerns regarding inappropriate parking, typically associated with commuters.

5.2 In developing this scheme, formally advertised at the start of July, Officers were mindful of the potential for displacement parking, where the introduction of new restrictions can result in parking concerns moving to neighbouring locations, where this had not previously been experienced. For this reason, a number of roads, including Beckford Croft and Hartlebury Close, were included in initial proposals.

5.3 Following advertisement, a 21-day statutory consultation period commenced running throughout July 2021. This was to enable residents and other stakeholders to give feedback, which is then considered and if necessary, scheme changes made, prior to implementation.

5.4 The petition submitted by Mr Jackson has been fed into this consultation feedback process, which received approximately 200 representations.

5.5 The level of feedback received demonstrates the strength of feeling and wide ranging impact that a scheme of this nature can have.

6. Reasons for recommending preferred option

6.1 The introduction of new or revised parking restrictions can often be divisive and result in different and frequently competing views. Striking the correct balance can therefore be difficult and it is often not possible to find a solution that meets everyone's needs.

6.2 To aid the Council's management of this, an approved procedure and scheme of delegation has been established, which is intended to ensure that the Authority fulfils its statutory obligations associated with making a Traffic Regulation Order. As part of this process, all representations received are considered in a balanced manner, mindful of the overriding objectives of a scheme.

- 6.3 In line with this process, this petition will be considered as part of the representations report that will be presented to the Head of Highway Management for review and sign off. Once a decision has been made, all those who have submitted comments will be notified of the Council's decision and justification.
- 6.4 A further update with regard to any decision taken in processing this traffic regulation order will be provided as a verbal update at this Cabinet Member Decision Session.

7. Implications and Considerations

- 7.1 State how the proposals in this report contribute to the priorities in the [Council Plan](#):

Priority:	Contribution:
<p>Economy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Revitalising our towns and local centres. 2. Deliver UK Central (UKC) and maximise the opportunities of HS2. 3. Increase the supply, quality and energy efficiency of housing, especially affordable and social housing. 	<p>The Council's priorities have been taken into consideration when making the recommendations contained within this report. It is considered that there are no direct implications as a result of the recommendations of this report.</p>
<p>Environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Enhance Solihull's natural and physical environment. 5. Improve Solihull's air quality. 6. Reduce Solihull's net carbon emissions. 	<p>The Council's priorities have been taken into consideration when making the recommendations contained within this report and there are no significant environmental implications.</p>
<p>People and Communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Take action to improve life chances and health outcomes in our most disadvantaged communities. 8. Enable communities to thrive. 9. Sustainable, quality care and support for adults & children with complex needs. 	<p>Safety and accessibility is at the heart of everything the Council does when considering making changes to how the public highway operates. This includes the safety of children, young people and our most vulnerable road user groups.</p> <p>The views received from residents will be taken into consideration through the formal Traffic Regulation Order representation process</p>
<p>10. Promote employee wellbeing</p>	<p>The introduction of new parking restrictions are intended to aid management and operation of the public highway. The restrictions are not intended to prevent commuter or staff parking completely, but to ensure that where onstreet parking does take place it is in appropriate and safe locations which do not impact on other road users or neighbouring properties.</p>

7.2 Consultation and Scrutiny:

7.2.1 The matters arising from these petitions have not been subject to review by any of the Council's Scrutiny Boards. With any proposed changes the associated statutory consultation process will be followed.

7.3 Financial implications:

7.3.1 The cost associated with managing the petition will be funded from the Highway Management staff revenue budget and any costs associated with the parking restriction scheme mentioned in the petition will be managed through the associated capital works allocation.

7.3.2 There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

7.4 Legal implications:

7.4.1 None as a consequence of this report. The associated statutory Traffic Regulation Order consultation process is being followed, which provides opportunity for public and stakeholder consultation and a mechanism to appeal to the Secretary of State for Transport should anyone consider the Council has not followed the correct legal process.

7.5 Risk implications:

7.5.1 The Corporate Risk Management Approach has been complied with to identify and assess the significant risk associated with this decision/project. This includes (but is not limited to), financial, political, legislation and reputation risks.

The Approach is not intended to eliminate all risks and not all the risks identified can be managed all of the time. Also, risks will still exist that have not been identified.

However, based on the information provided, no significant risks have been identified.

7.6 Equality implications:

7.6.1 None as a consequence of this report.

7.7 Linkages to our work with the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), the Local Enterprise Partnership or the Birmingham & Solihull Integrated Care System (ICS):

7.7.1 Enter text.

8. List of appendices referred to

8.1 Petition Update October 2021 – Appendix 1.

9. Background papers used to compile this report

9.1 Enter text.

10. List of other relevant documents

10.1 None.