

## Minutes of Cabinet Petitions Committee

**Wednesday 26 October at 5:00pm  
in Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

**Present:** Councillor Millard (Chair);  
Councillors Rollins.

**In attendance:** Raj Duggal (Head Petitioner in respect of Dartmouth Street, West Bromwich).

**Also present:** Robin Weare (Service Manager – Highways); Matt Powis (Senior Democratic Services Officer); Ant Lloyd (Democratic Services Officer).

13/22      **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

14/22      **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

15/22      **Minutes**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the meetings held on 03 August be agreed as a correct record.

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## **Progress Report**

Details were submitted of petitions received and of the action taken or proposed in each case, as detailed in the Appendix.

**Agreed** that the action taken or proposed, as detailed in the second column of the Appendix, be approved.

Meeting ended at 5.47pm

## Appendix

<b>Petition Received From</b>	<b>Action Taken/Proposed</b>
<p>1. Residents of Poplar Avenue, Tividale, reporting issues with visibility in and around the junction of Trafalgar Road and Poplar Avenue due to parked cars.</p>	<p>Residents of Poplar Avenue had been having difficulties entering and exiting onto Trafalgar Road due to parking near the junction on Poplar Avenue. Vehicles had been obstructing the view of drivers making it dangerous to pull in and out. The petitioners requested the installation of double yellow lines at the location to help mitigate any concerns.</p> <p>The Committee accepted the petition. The Council's Highways Department would investigate further and provide an update at a future Committee meeting.</p>
<p>2. Residents of California Road, Quarry Rise and Packford Road reporting issues with parked cars on the junction of California Road and Wheatsheaf Road reducing visibility.</p>	<p>Petitioners were concerned of the parking taking place on the junction of California Road and Wheatsheaf Road. Cars were parking directly on the bend which was causing difficulty with entering and exiting California Road. Petitioners had requested for the installation of double yellow lines at this location.</p> <p>The Committee accepted the petition. The Council's Highways Department would investigate further and provide an update at a future Committee meeting.</p>
<p>3. Store Customers of Toll End Road, requesting ramp outside of a convenience store to enable easy access for customers</p>	<p>The Head Petitioner addressed the Committee. A recent application for a ramp was initially refused by the Council. An alternative layout was provided by the Council but it was believed that this would cause flooding issues. The introduction of a suitable ramp would help disabled customers access the store easier whilst also preventing flooding issues that had been experienced by other stores in the area.</p> <p>The petition was accepted by the Committee.</p>

	<p>It was agreed that the Highways department would investigate further. An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>
<p>4. Residents of Pitfields Road, Oldbury, requesting car parking space and CCTV installation</p>	<p>The Committee had received a progress report with details regarding the following:</p> <p>The head petitioner had been provided with a response:</p> <p>Any consideration of increasing car parking space and the installation of CCTV had to be driven by reports received from residents.</p> <p>The Anti Social Behaviour Team had advised there were only 5 ASB incidents recorded on Pitfields Road and Pitfields Close between April 2021 and the present day. Of those 5 reported incidents, only 2 of the reports related to the car park with 1 of which being a duplicate report as it was the same resident reporting the same issue twice on the same day.</p> <p>The current lack of reports received would therefore not warrant an increase in car parking space or CCTV at the location.</p> <p>Furthermore, reports provided by the Police recorded on or around Pitfields Road show that there were:</p> <p>4 offences recorded in May 2022  2 offences in April 2022  3 offences in March 2022  3 offences in February 2022.</p> <p>Whilst it was concerning that offences are occurring, these numbers were not particularly high in comparison to other</p>

	<p>areas of Oldbury, (and much lower than other areas across the Borough). With regards to the area of grass which the petitioner identified as suitable for removal and replacement with tarmac to increase the car parking space, whilst, the officer advised that while the Council was committed to maintaining green amenity spaces, again consideration of such requests was driven by reporting received from residents, and the current number of reports which have been received would not warrant the requirement for this green area to be replaced with tarmac to increase the car parking space.</p> <p>In relation to the two trees, one of which the petitioner advised is very large in size and causing an obstruction, the officer agreed to arrange for an inspection of these trees to be carried out, with any necessary works required to ensure that the trees were not causing any further damage.</p> <p>The officer advised that residents of Pitfields Close should continue to report incidents of anti social behaviour both to the Council and the Police so that a partnership approach when tackling any issues raised could be maintained.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to close the petition.</p>
<p>5. Residents of Farmer Way Road, Tipton, requesting traffic calming signage.</p>	<p>The funding available for traffic calming schemes is targeted in areas where injury collisions are occurring in accordance with Sandwell's Strategic Road Safety Plan.</p> <p>A three year injury collision analysis for Farmer Way and the surrounding estate shows there hasn't been any recorded</p>

	<p>injury collisions during this period. Funding cannot therefore be prioritised in this particular area.</p> <p>A seven day traffic survey was undertaken along Farmer Way in August 2019, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. The traffic survey was conducted between Jackson Close and Stead Close and the results show 85% of motorists were travelling at 27.4mph or less.</p> <p>There are currently no plans to recommend traffic calming measures along Farmer Way as the funding must be prioritised where injury collisions are occurring.</p>
<p>6. Residents of John Guest Close/Argyll Way/William Avery Way/Arthur Kee Drive/Soap Works Drive regarding blocked sewage drains.</p>	<p>Officers updated that the blocked sewage system on the Cranford Estate has been investigated by highways on behalf of Environmental Health. A blockage in the pipework was identified and the problem has now been rectified. The development remains in private ownership and has not been adopted by the council. The issue was a one-off issue and residents had been advised on ways to prevent the issue from occurring again.</p> <p>The committee agreed to close the petition.</p>
<p>7. Residents of Dartmouth Street, request for resident parking permits.</p>	<p>The on street space available along Dartmouth Street, allowing the recommended 6 metres per vehicle for pulling in and out of the parking space, equates to 26 parking spaces. There are 38 properties along the south-east side of Dartmouth Street and 13 along the north-west side.</p>

	<p>There is not enough space to allow each property at least one parking permit and, therefore, a residents permit parking scheme would not be recommended for this location.</p> <p>This is because site constraints mean additional parking spaces cannot be created to accommodate all cars belonging to residents.</p> <p>Having considered representation made by both the Head Petitioner and Officer, the Committee agreed for the matter to be deferred to the next meeting so that a decision could be made due to the lack of members present without a declaration of interest in the matter.</p> <p>An update and decision would be taken at a future Committee.</p>
<p>8. Residents of Sandgate Road/Woodhall Close, requesting closure of the access road to 7-11 Waring Road due to crime/ASB</p>	<p>The access road to Waring Close, Tipton, forms part of the adopted highway and under legislation has to remain open and free from obstructions for all highway users.</p> <p>The problems that are occurring relate to anti-social behaviour and the only authority with the powers to deal with this matter is the Police. The closing of a highway would not resolve anti-social behaviour problems it would only move the problem to another street or area.</p> <p>Members and officers alike suggested passing the issue over to the ASB team to see if they had any tools at their disposal to resolve the issues at hand. It was agreed that the ASB team would be notified of the concerns.</p>



9. Residents of Batmans Hill Road, Princes End, Tipton	An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Committee.
10. Residents of Grafton Road, requesting establishment of residential permit parking on both sides of the road	An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.
11. Various local residents (Friar Park), request for the installation of a crossing on Oxford Street	An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.
12. Residents of Lightwoods Hill, Smethwick (Abbey), requesting traffic calming measures	<p>The Committee received a report with the following updates:</p> <p>A meeting was held with Cllr Hinchliff and residents on Friday 2nd September to discuss the traffic calming scheme proposed for Lightwoods Hill. A number of suggestions and ideas have been made by residents and these will be taken into consideration when re-designing the traffic calming scheme. The new proposal will be discussed further with residents once it has been completed.</p> <p>A further meeting will be held with ward members and residents in October when the new proposal has been designed.</p> <p>An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.</p>
13. Residents of West Park Road (St Paul's), with concerns regarding the new entrance and exit for West Smethwick Park	An update would be provided at the future meeting of the Committee.
14. Various road users/residents (Wednesbury North),	An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.

requesting traffic light system at the junction of Park Lane/Manor House Road and Hobs	
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