

Minutes of Cabinet Petitions Committee

**Wednesday 1 March at 5:01pm
in Committee Room 1, Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillor Hackett (Chair);
Councillors Hartwell and Padda.

Observers: Councillor Preece

In attendance: Robin Weare (Service Manager - Highways); Anthony Lloyd (Democratic Services Officer) and Trisha Newton (Deputy Democratic Services Manager).

5/23 **Apologies**

There were no apologies for absence.

6/23 **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

7/23 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2023 be received.

8/23

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 5.57pm

Appendix

Petition Received From	Action Taken/Proposed
1. Residents in and around Wellington Road requesting the easing of traffic problems.	The matter was being investigated by officers and an update would be submitted to a future meeting.
2. Residents in and around Wolverhampton Road regarding concerns around road safety.	The matter was being investigated by officers and an update would be submitted to a future meeting.
3. Residents regarding the introduction of garden waste collection charges and the surrounding communications.	A petition regarding the introduction of charges was received and a response provided to the Committee at its meeting on 18 January 2023 (Minute No. 4.23 refers). The issues raised concerning communication/consultation would be investigated and a response would be submitted to a future meeting.
4. Convenience Store Customers, Toll End Road, Smethwick, requesting a ramp outside the store to enable easy access for customers.	This matter was being investigated by officers and an update would be submitted to a future meeting.
5. Residents in and around Europa Close, West Bromwich concerning the proposed cycle lane between Europa Avenue and Sandwell Valley.	Following representations made by the petitioners in relation to their concerns around the consultation process and the cycle route proposals, officers would submit a report to the Economy, Skills, Transport and Environment Scrutiny Board. An update would be submitted to a future meeting.
6. Residents of Hales Crescent, Smethwick requesting for the removal of a large portion of grass area and for further parking bays to be identified, including designated disabled spaces.	Officers would engage with residents to further understand their concerns. APCOA had reviewed all of the Penalty Charge Notices issues to ensure they were issued correctly. An update would be provided to the Committee at a further meeting.

<p>7. Residents of Lightwoods Hill, Smethwick, requesting traffic calming measures.</p>	<p>Consultation was undertaken with local residents regarding the implementation of a road safety scheme along Lightwoods Hill. Objections, suggestions and comments were raised and the proposed road safety scheme for Lightwoods Hill had been altered in accordance with objections received to the initial proposal and considered by the Cabinet Member for Environment. A consensus could not be reached with residents over a suitable scheme within the identified budget. There had been no recorded casualties since 2020, particularly at the identified problem location of Galton Road junction following the work already undertaken. It was therefore recommended, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, that the 20mph zone is extended past Lightwoods Primary School and that Vehicle Activated Speed Signs are installed along Lightwoods Hill to help satisfy the community concern regarding vehicle speeds. Following representations made by the head petitioner, members requested that officers review the detailed report which had been produced by the petitioners, and provide responses to the concerns raised. An update would be provided to a future meeting.</p>
<p>8. Users of Carnegie Building, Tipton requesting community usage of the Carnegie Building.</p>	<p>Tipton Carnegie Building formed part of a council plan around locally based council services subject to the outcomes of the ongoing Customer Journey Programme Board. Following representations from petitioners seeking more details, the Committee requested that officers contacted the petitioners with more information. An update would be provided to a future meeting.</p>