
Decision Session
Executive Member for Transport

24 October 2019

Report of the Assistant Director of Transport, Highways & Environment

Petitions Updates

Summary

1. To advise on the receipt of and updates on five petitions.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that:
 - The petitions and the update on responses / action taken so far for Tudor Road / Gale Lane and Thanet Road be noted.
 - That the request for a revised speed limit on Towthorpe Road be added to the workload.

Reason: Because actions have been identified for the issues raised and for the speed limit request there is a waiting list of other similar issues due to be considered.

- That the request for a Public Inquiry and the anticipated action following the adoption of the Local Plan be noted.

Reason: Because a public inquiry would not be appropriate.

- The current £5 charge for non-P&R parking at Monks Cross P&R site will be maintained and not increased, which reflects the Executive Member for Finance & Performance statement at Full Council, and will be subject to a joint decision by Executive Members for Transport and Finance and Performance if any changes are proposed.

Reason: Because the impact of the stadium activities on the P&R operation cannot be accurately determined until the stadium has opened.

Background

3. Five petitions have been received (see Annex A for copies of the front pages) regarding:
 - Tudor Road (Presented by Councillor Waller at Full Council)
 - Thanet Road (Presented by Councillor Waller at Full Council)
 - Towthorpe Road (Presented by Councillor Doughty at Full Council)
 - York Transport System (Presented by Councillor Pavlovic)
 - Call to reverse the proposed £10 parking charge at the Park & Ride site at York Stadium (Presented by Cllr. Cullwick at Full Council)
4. **Tudor Road** – 3 issues were raised.
 - A review of safety at the Tudor Road / Gale Lane junction and a reintroduction of the pedestrian refuge.
 - Confirmation there would not be a loss of parking due to the new housing development.
 - Confirmation there would not be a deterioration in surface water issues due to the new housing development.
5. A review of the Tudor Road / Gale Lane junction will be carried out and compared with other locations when determining spending priorities for the accident reduction budget. However it should be noted that a review of accidents at this location has indicated that there were no pedestrian accidents recorded over the last 5 years. The location will also be reviewed using the Council's Pedestrian Crossing prioritisation process to determine whether a crossing facility is justified and deliverable.
6. There will not be a loss of parking due to the new development. Three on street spaces were removed due to the construction of the access road to the Lowfield site. Two new spaces are being constructed at the back of number 108 Tudor Road to serve the needs of the occupier of 108 Tudor Road and the directly adjoining properties (planning reference 19/00128/GRG3). Additionally, another 3 spaces are to be provided on Tudor Road, under Highway Authority powers. This includes one in front of number 56/58 Tudor Road (not yet built), one in front of number 88/90 Tudor Road (recently built), and one in front of

Number 47/49 Tudor Road (recently built). This represents an additional two spaces when compared to the situation before the access road was built.

7. A condition has been included in the Planning approval aimed at ensuring a reduction in the surface water runoff.
8. **Thanet Road** – Discussions are ongoing with the utility companies to try to consolidate and or relocate the cabinets. However, it should be noted this is a negotiation as the Council has limited powers in respect of utility cabinets.
9. **Towthorpe Road** - No investigation has been carried out into the speed complaint. For consistency in approach it is suggested that this issue should be considered at the same time as other requests for changes to speed limits. There is currently a waiting list of 15 sites to be considered for a change to the speed limit that this would be added to and the proposal for addressing this waiting list is being considered elsewhere on this meeting agenda.
10. **York Student Union Petition** – To note that the York University Student Union have petitioned for a public inquiry into “York’s Failing Transport System”. Following the adoption of the Local Plan it is anticipated that having established the spatial distribution of development within the city the Council’s Local Transport Plan will be refreshed and a wide public consultation will form part of the exercise, a public inquiry would not be appropriate.
11. **Call to reverse the proposed £10 Parking Charge at Monks Cross Park & Ride** – An increase to the current £5 parking charge, to £10, for motorists who park on the site but do not use the Park & Ride service was approved in the Council’s 2019/20 budget in February 2019. The purpose of the increased charge was to reduce the level of non-P&R parking and protect the operation of the Park & Ride service however the impact of the stadium activities cannot be accurately determined until the stadium has opened. The current £5 charge for non-P&R parking at Monks Cross P&R site will be maintained and not increased, which reflects the Executive Member for Finance & Performance statement at Full Council, and will be subject to a joint decision by Executive Members for Transport and Finance and Performance if any changes are proposed.
12. To take account of this uncertainty it is recommended that the current £5 charge is maintained but kept under review subject to a joint decision by Executive Member for Transport and Finance and Performance if any changes are proposed.

Options for Consideration

13. Option 1 – Note the petition and the update on responses / action taken so far. This is the recommended option for Tudor Road / Gale Lane and Thanet Road.
14. Option 2 – Note the petition and add the issue to the workload list for further investigation. This is the recommended option for Towthorpe Road, and the parking charge at Monks Cross Park and Ride.
15. Option 3 – Note the petition and take no action. This is the recommended option for the Student Union petition.

Consultation

16. No consultation is required at this stage.

Council Plan

17. This report helps ensure the Council achieve its emerging Council Plan current being consulted upon by delivering:-
 - getting around sustainably
 - a greener and cleaner city
 - creating homes and world-class infrastructure
 - an open and effective council

Implications

18. This report has the following implications:

Financial – None.

Human Resources – None

Equalities – None.

Legal – None.

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology - None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management

19. None.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None.

Wards Affected: Guildhall,

All

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Background Papers: None.

Annexes:

Annex A – front cover of petitions