

Response to Yellow Line Petition

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Portfolio Holder	Councillor Keen, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods
Status	For Information
Classification:	Unrestricted
Ward:	Beacon Road

Executive Summary:

The report outlines a petition that was received by the Council. The petition requests that the Council install double yellow lines at the junction of Westover Road and Northdown Hill.

Recommendation(s):

The report is for information only.

Corporate Implications

Financial and Value for Money

Response to petition has no financial implications.

Legal

Response to petition has no legal implications.

Risk Management

Response to petition poses no considerable risk to the council.

Corporate

Petitions are an important way of the public engaging with the Council on matters of importance to them and responses should be timely and in accordance with the Council's agreed procedures.

Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and

(iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Protected characteristics: age, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.

This report relates to the following aim of the equality duty: -

- To advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it
- To foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

Corporate Priorities

This report relates to the following corporate priorities: -

- Communities and Community engagement.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 The Council received a petition with 138 valid signatures on 19 January 2023 relating to a request for the introduction of double yellow lines at the junction of Westover Road and Northdown Hill in Broadstairs. This was in order to improve safety for road users, particularly elderly pedestrians, those with poor eyesight, anyone with limited mobility, parents and carers.

2.0 The Current Situation

2.1 The petition contained the following petition prayer:

“We, the undersigned Thanet residents, concerned about road safety at the junction of Westover Road and Northdown Hill, call upon Thanet District Council to install double yellow lines at this junction.

Due to the vehicles parked at the location it is dangerous for pedestrians to cross especially the elderly, those with poor eyesight, anyone with limited mobility, parents and carers with children and buggies.

The additional housing proposed for the former gasworks site means even more vehicles will try to use this already busy junction.”

2.2 The Response

The formal response to the petition that was sent to the petitioner is attached at Annex 1 to the report.

3.0 Decision Making Process

- 3.1 Under the terms of the Council's petitions scheme, if a petition has over 50, but less than 1500 signatories, it will be presented to a senior Officer of the Council who, after consultation with the relevant portfolio holder, will respond. Then a report on that Petition noting what action has been taken will be referred to the next meeting of Cabinet or Council for their information.

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