

PETITIONS, TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS & LOCAL ISSUES

Report of the District Manager

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise members of the current status of petitions, to advise members of any objections to traffic regulation orders and to inform the Panel of any other local issues of importance.

2. PETITIONS RECEIVED

- 2.1 No new petitions have been received.

3. PETITIONS UPDATE

- 3.1 Petition – St. James Road One-Way
In Oct 2011 a petition was received from the residents of St James Road in the Vicarage Ward. The petition contained signatures from 112 residents who are requesting their road is made into a “one-way” street.
- 3.2 At the October 2011 Panel, members agreed to fund a survey of vehicle movements from Discretionary Budget, so that current levels of usage and direction of traffic flow can be established.
- 3.3 The survey was carried out in December 2011, and results will be made available to the Local Member and Lead petitioner as soon as the results are analysed, and reported to the March 2012 Panel meeting.

4. OBJECTIONS TO TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

WATFORD SPECIALIST MARKET REPORT – CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – HIGH STREET, THE PARADE, WATFORD

- 4.1 Members agreed at the October 2011 Panel meeting to support overruling the two objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) (Prohibition of Driving and Cycling on Market Days) associated with the

holding of 'specialist' markets on that specified area of High Street, The Parade.

4.2 The Order is ready for sealing, and Members will be advised of the date when the order comes into effect.

4.3. Contact Officer

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5. LOCAL ISSUES – Woodmere Avenue Width Restriction Scheme

5.1 This scheme, to strengthen the existing width restriction, was constructed with funds from the 2010/11 Discretionary Budget.

5.2 Since the scheme was open to traffic on 28th February 2011, a number of vehicles have collided with the restriction, resulting in a number of complaints, and sustained media interest.

5.3 Over the period October to December 2011 there have been three further complaints - 1 in October and two in November – and no further insurance claims. One claimant took the county to court in December and lost their case – the county was found not to be at fault.

6. LOCAL ISSUES – Radlett Road / Eastfield Avenue Thames Water Flood Alleviation Scheme

6.1 A further meeting with highway officers and Thames Water engineers took place in November 2011. Thames Water confirmed any major scheme to increase storage and alleviate flooding in this area is not a short term priority as too few residents have reported flood water inundating their living space, which is the criteria for allocating funds.

6.2 Thames Water have advised residents to report to them any incidences of living space being flooded, so they are able to prioritise their funds to the areas most in need.

6.3 Thames Water are happy to provide residents with advice on self-help measures to protect their property. It is understood affected residents in this area are already following this line of enquiry.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

a. Members are requested to note the information and provide any comments to the relevant officer.

8. CONTACT OFFICERS

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