

Cabinet Petitions Committee

**25th October, 2018 at 5.00pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Present: Councillors D Hosell (Chair), Carmichael and Costigan.

Observer: Councillor Downing.

19/18 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 27th September, 2018 be confirmed as a correct record.

20/18 **Progress Report**

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

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

(Meeting ended at 5.36pm)

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Appendix

Petition Received From	Action Taken/Proposed
1. Residents of Darbys Hill Road, Tividale concerning the rerouting of the 12A bus route.	This matter had been referred to Transport for West Midlands and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
2. Residents in the vicinity of Dudley Road East, Oldbury regarding nuisance caused by people potentially living in the units, parking in nearby roads for long periods of time, noise nuisance late at night, car transporters offloading vehicles and being left on grass verges, road covers damaged by car transporters and scrap vehicles outside the units.	This matter was being investigated by officers and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
3. Residents of Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury requesting back doors for all ground floor maisonettes and balconies for floor 1 maisonettes in Crankhall Lane to enable emergency access and access to communal areas.	This matter was being investigated by officers and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
4. Residents of Queens Road, Smethwick regarding nuisance caused by local businesses including parking on the pavement, difficulty crossing the road, noise nuisance from car engines running, littering, erratic opening times, congestion and difficulties with resident parking.	This matter was being investigated by officers and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.

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5. Residents of Oval Road and Stella Road, Tipton requesting the walkway between Oval Road and Stella Road, Tipton be reopened.	This matter was being investigated by officers and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
6. Residents of Slade Close, West Bromwich objecting to a letter received from the Council in relation to use of own gardens/communal area.	This matter was being investigated by officers and would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
7. Residents of Legge Street, West Bromwich, requesting a residents parking scheme.	Questionnaires had been issued to residents with a deadline date of 19 th October 2018. An update would be reported to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.
8. Residents of Soho House and Park House, Soho Close, Smethwick, requesting soft play area and equipment.	Officers had established that residents requested astro-turf over the concrete area and swings. Officers were in the process of gathering costings and exploring funding options available to finance the project. A further update would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
9. Residents of Goldby Drive, Wednesbury, concerning noise nuisance from premises on Kings Hill Industrial Estate.	Monitoring equipment would be installed at one of the resident's homes and officers would visit the depot to look at operations and discuss residents' concerns with the business. An update would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.
10. Residents of Grange Road, Smethwick, requesting residents parking scheme.	Questionnaires were sent to residents on 21 st September 2018. There was a low return on the questionnaires and arrangements were being made to carry out a door knocking exercise to see if any additional questionnaires could be collected. An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.

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<p>11. Residents in the vicinity of Bearwood Road requesting bus service along Bearwood Road.</p>	<p>Transport for West Midlands had advised that they were unable to justify the use of public funds to subsidise an additional direct bus service for residents along Bearwood Road as the connecting service 89 remained within access standards. The Chair had requested that a letter be sent to the Mayor of the West Midlands requesting additional public funds to subsidise the requested route. A further update would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.</p>
<p>12. Residents in the vicinity of Newhall Street, West Bromwich, regarding the dumping, storing and parking of vehicles in Mount Pleasant Street and Pleasant Street, West Bromwich.</p>	<p>The residents had voted in favour of a residents parking permit scheme. The Traffic Regulation Order for the permit scheme would be advertised at the end of August 2018.</p>
<p>13. Residents in the vicinity of Joseph Turner Primary School requesting a car park in the vicinity of Joseph Turner Primary School, Tipton due to increase in traffic.</p>	<p>The land adjacent to the school was managed by Parks and Countryside Services and had a football pitch on site. Sports England had been contacted to ascertain their views. A further update would be reported back to the Cabinet Petitions Committee at a future meeting.</p>
<p>14. Residents in the vicinity of Ridding Lane, Wednesbury, requesting CCTV, an increase in neighbourhood police, traffic calming and consideration as to the future use of the car park.</p>	<p>The funding made available for traffic calming schemes was targeted in areas where injury accidents were occurring. The injury accidents had been analysed for the whole of the borough and Ridding Lane did not meet the criteria for the implementation of a traffic calming scheme at that time. Ridding Lane had two injury accidents recorded during the last five years and the locations being chosen for the implementation of traffic calming schemes this financial year had fourteen recorded injury accidents.</p>

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	<p>There were currently no plans for the Council to change the layout or usage of the care park at Ridding Lane at this time. However, the Chair requested that further investigation be undertaken into the use of the car park. With regard to provision of a camera in Ridding Lane, there were currently already three requests for other locations awaiting authorisation (and only two cameras). Residents were advised to report any issues/incidents to the 101 line. An update on the use of the car park would be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.</p>
<p>15. Residents of the Broadway, West Bromwich requesting the gating of the Wallface, Hilltop.</p>	<p>A door knocking exercise had been conducted to seek views and assess support for gating of Wallface. Of 61 visits, 21 responses were received. 13 were not in favour of gating, 4 were in favour of gating and 3 were unclear. A site meeting had been held with members. The Public Right of Way Officer had been consulted and advised that sufficient evidence existed to manage Wallface as a public right of way. Any objection to gating the route could result in the Council having to maintain public access to Wallface. It was recommended that the request for gating should not be supported. It was also recommended that the following actions would be considered and contact with the head petitioner would be maintained as the options were explored further:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Review access points to the park · Improve the walkway in the park · Review bollards so that some vehicular access might be restricted

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Take action to reduce and discourage drinking on Wallface · Replace signage · Improve lighting · Consider installation of bins · Patrol the Wallface regularly · Make use of the adjacent facilities in Hill Top Park to prevent ASB and to engage young people. <p>With regard to CCTV, the Police had only received two logs in relation to issues, however, continued to patrol the area. Over the last year, the local police had issued warning letters to individuals causing any ASB issues. Youth Services would continue to visit the area during the days the youth club was taking place at Hill Top Community Centre and Highways had been approached with a view to replacing old signs.</p> <p>Arrangements were being made for park fences to be replaced as part of the ongoing project. Litter picks had been undertaken in the walkway and park. Following representations from the head petitioner, the Chair requested that a further site visit be arranged with the relevant Director and local ward members. An update would be provided to a future meeting of the Cabinet Petitions Committee.</p>
<p>16. Residents / patrons in the vicinity of Hartlebury Road, Oldbury regarding parking problems in Hartlebury Road, Oldbury.</p>	<p>Officers met with the head petitioner to discuss the parking issues and options available. Upon consultation with other shop tenants, it was agreed that the preferred course of action was to erect signs that display 'shoppers parking only 30 minutes maximum'.</p>

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17. Users/residents in the vicinity of Tipton and Tividale Islamic Community Centre, Tipton, regarding green land adjacent to premises.	The land was community open space which was not for sale. If the centre had plans to extend contact would need to be made with the planning team to discuss any application, however, there were no plans to dispose of the land identified in the petition. The head petitioner had been informed. The supporting local ward member was present and advised that the land requested was a small strip and the centre had previously been sold a small area of the land. Officers would be requested to liaise with the ward member to give advice.