

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 3 DECEMBER 2012
AGENDA ITEM NO:	8
SUBJECT:	RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO COUNCIL ON 15 OCTOBER 2012
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraph 3.22 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the response to the petition presented by Councillors at its last ordinary meeting as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report details Cabinet Member responses to petitions presented to Council on 15 October 2012. All Members have the opportunity to ask questions on the responses to any of the petitions.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows Councillors to present petitions to meetings of the Full Council.
- 3.2 The Constitution requires a response to that petition to be presented at this meeting.
- 3.3 A period of up to ten minutes is permitted for questions on the response to the petition.

4. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS

- 4.1 Petitions presented to the Council meeting on 15 October 2012, and the relevant Cabinet Member response, as follows:

4.2 Petition presented by **Councillor Maria Gatland** on behalf of residents: "We, the undersigned, respectfully request that Croydon Council install barriers on the Brantwood Road boundary of South Croydon Recreation Ground to prevent further misuse of this facility by members of travelling communities."

4.3 **Response from Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services.**

Following the illegal trespass by travellers on South Croydon Recreation Ground, works were completed in September to create soil bund walls and a combination of barrier and stop posts to prevent future incursions.

The works and request from local residents, including the petition submitted by residents, overlapped with officers actions to secure the site. Some minor topping up of the soil bund walls will take place over the next few weeks to compensate for settlement and ensure that the walls are robust to prevent caravans accessing the ground.

4.4 Petition presented by **Councillor Chris Wright** on behalf of residents: "This a petition against the bus stop for students from the Oasis Academy Coulsdon being reinstated on Lacey Drive Old Coulsdon"

4.5 **Response from Councillor Jason Perry, Cabinet Member for Planning, Regeneration and Transport.**

Officers will meet with Cllr Wright to determine whether a practicable and safe alternative location that is acceptable to all local residents and the Oasis Academy can be found for this bus stop. However, if no alternative location can be found, it may be necessary to reinstate this stop at the previously determined location.

4.6 Petition presented by **Councillor Stuart Collins** on behalf of residents: "The residents of Fairholme Road, West Croydon request to make the road residents parking only."

4.7 **Response from Councillor Phil Thomas, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services.**

I can confirm that consideration will be given to the request for a residents parking scheme in the road in a report to be presented to the next Traffic Management Cabinet Committee meeting on 19 November. The report will almost certainly recommend that residents are consulted on a possible extension to the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone (North Permit Zone). Issues such as whether the proposal should have residents only bays and 7am to 7pm, Monday to Sunday controls will be considered within the report.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.