

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 1 JULY 2013
AGENDA ITEM NO:	7
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCILLORS TO COUNCIL
LEAD OFFICER:	Julie Belvir, Director of Democratic and Legal Services
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.17 to 3.20 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the petitions presented by Councillors at the meeting and to agree to refer those petitions to Cabinet Members as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council's Constitution, Members of the Council can present petitions to any ordinary meeting of the Council, with the exception of any meeting of the Council reserved for the setting of Council Tax.

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 that a petition must contain "the signatures of at least 100 local people or 50% of the local people affected by the subject" in order to be presented at a Council meeting.
- 3.3 The Constitution further states that petitions presented to the Council will not be read out at the meeting and nor will the presenting Councillor be permitted to make a speech.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

4.1 The Director of Democratic and Legal Services has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

4.2 A petition presented by **Councillor Maria Gatland** on behalf of residents: 'Junction Road, South Croydon CR2 is a mainly residential road, which also has two pubs, a tyre distributor and some offices. Over recent years traffic using Junction Road (which is one way) to gain access to the Brighton Road from the Selsdon Road has increased significantly. Due to the width of the road a number of vehicles travel at excessive speeds day and night. A large number of overweight vehicles (over 7.5t) use the road including buses returning to South Croydon Bus Garage, articulated lorries and large commercial vehicles. As a resident I feel strongly that it is now necessary to introduce traffic calming to Junction Road to not only improve our environment but to also avert a potential incident. Therefore I would like Croydon Council to consider the following proposals to calm the Junction Road traffic;

1. The extension of the kerbs at both the entrance and exit of the street to a single lane. This will slow the traffic entering and exiting the road.
2. To change the angle of the parking bays so that instead of them being situated alongside the kerb they will be at an angle of 45°. This will have the dual benefits of increasing the number of parking bays by a calculated increase of 3 and will create a chicane slowing down the traffic naturally
3. Better signage at both ends of the street. At the Selsdon Road end to re-enforce the weight limit of 7.5t and at the Brighton Road end to make it clear that Junction Road is one way. We usually experience 3-5 vehicles travelling along the road in the wrong direction every day!

I understand that traffic needs to use our road and that the businesses in the road need to continue to thrive but most important of all our environment needs to be improved and traffic calmed'

4.3 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services.

4.4 A petition presented by **Councillor Maggie Mansell** on behalf of residents: "Residents near in Tylecroft Road and above the London Road shops are asking Croydon council to arrange proper storage and collection of household rubbish from Tylecroft Mews behind the London Road Shops. They would like the road gated to prevent anti-social behaviour and burglaries."

4.5 Council is recommended to refer this petition to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services.

5. NEXT STEPS

5.1 The Constitution requires that a response to each petition presented at this meeting will be submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Council for questions.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: Petition presented by Councillor Gatland, Petition presented by Councillor Mansell