

Committee: Council

Date: 7 July 2021

Subject: Petitions

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Lead member: Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Allison

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Recommendation:

1. That Council receive petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.
 2. That Council notes the responses provided to the petitions submitted at the meeting held on 3 February 2021.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report invites Council to receive petitions in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. At the meeting held on 3 February 2021, the petition listed below was submitted and the response is set out below. Any petitions received by Council are referred to respective departments with responsible officers asked to advise the presenting member in each case of the way in which the petition is to be progressed.

A petition was submitted by Councillor Akyigyina on the Improper Closure of Public Right of Way.

Officer Response

- 2.3 *The petition references the exact location of the Public Right of Way (PRoW) as being located on the pedestrian public footpath that is situated 'at the side of no33 Langdale Avenue and to the side of no38 Upper Green East' In reviewing the Councils Asset register for PRoW the service has confirmed that this is registered as PRoW 177 and allows clear unrestricted pedestrian access between the two locations.*

The service acknowledges that the detail referenced in the petition as an alternative location further along Langdale Avenue adjacent to No. 1, which currently acts as a service road for the rear of the shops located on Upper Green East, has experienced persistent fly-tipping and improper disposal of household and commercial waste.

In order to resolve this matter and for the avoidance of doubt regarding the exact location(s) in question as outlined in the petition, we would welcome the opportunity to undertake a joint site meeting with representatives of the petition, Merton Highways team along with colleagues from Waste services.

- 2.4 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in September 2021.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None for the purpose of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purpose of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purpose of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purpose of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11 APPENDICES

11.1. None

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None.