

Committee: Council

Date: 15 November 2023

Subject: Petitions

Lead officer: John Scarborough, Managing Director South London Legal Partnership

Lead member: Leader of the Council, Councillor Ross Garrod

Contact officer: Amy Dumitrescu, Democracy Services Manager

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 petition submitted at the meeting held on 13 September 2023.
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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 13 September 2023 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.

Petition

A petition entitled "Stop rat running through Abbey Road Neighbourhood" was submitted by Ward Councillors Braithwaite, Brunt and Dresselaers and requested the following alongside a letter of further detail: "We the undersigned petition Merton Council to consider options for significant action to reduce traffic congestion down Abbey Road, Mill Road and Dane Road including implementing a one-way system or low traffic neighbourhood and conduct a full consultation on these options with affected parties before making a final decision".

Officer Response

The Council is aware of resident's concerns regarding rat running in Abbey Road and in the past the Council did propose a traffic scheme which at the time was not supported locally.

We can confirm that the proposals for a LTN in this area is already on the Council's pending list of schemes along with many other competing priorities for consideration.

Although the Council is keen to consider some proposals within a future programme, there are no available resources in this financial year's programme; it is not possible to provide a firm timetable at this stage.

- 2.6 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a copy of the response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in February 2024.

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.