

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

21 February 2023

Petitions Update

Petitions Received

As of 31 January 2023, there have been four new petitions received by Wiltshire Council since the last report to Council on 18 October 2023.

These are detailed in the Appendix.

Proposal

That Council notes this update on petitions.

Ben Fielding
Senior Democratic Services Officer

NAME	DATE RECEIVED	RESPONDENTS	ACTION
Grace Period Parking Avenue School	19.10.2022	78 signatures	<p>The following response was provided to the lead petitioner from Jo Pattison (Parking Services Manager). Wiltshire Council recognises the importance of providing safe parking solutions at our schools however this needs to be a joint effort across all parties. Many years ago, we implemented a school parking permit scheme, this allows a proportion of parking for parents in the nearby car park with the school managing the scheme with their own criteria. As part of this scheme, we work with the school via our school travel advisor to ensure the school has an up-to-date travel plan and encourages all methods of transport for school journeys, which can include walking.</p> <p>It is not appropriate or necessary to introduce free parking for all users in our car parks which are close to schools at the specified times whilst we have the school permit scheme in place.</p> <p>The free parking you note in other towns is fully funded by the relevant Town Council.</p>
Gridlock Caused by Station Hill Traffic Lights	25.11.2022	2 signatures	<p>The following response was provided to the lead petitioner from Gareth Rogers (Traffic Engineering Manager). The main aim of the Western Arches scheme was to improve cycling and pedestrian links to the Train Station and funding was secured on that basis. The existing mini roundabout did not accommodate cyclists in a safe and controlled manner, nor were pedestrians accommodated across New Road. The installation of traffic signal control addressed these shortcomings and allows the safe movement of all users. It encourages the use of active travel modes by the inclusion of better crossing facilities for cyclists. The scheme also includes dedicated facilities for cyclists including mandatory cycle lanes and advance cycle stop lines. These features help raise awareness of other users to the presence of cyclists as well as being of direct benefit to cyclists.</p> <p>Following the installation of the Traffic Signals, reviews on their operational efficiency have been undertaken in November 2021 (6 months year after installation) and March 2022 (12 months after installation) utilising anonymised averaged journey time data fed back from vehicles on the network. From this data comparison of before and after journey times in relation to how the junction operated prior to the installation of the</p>

			<p>Traffic Signals were installed and before the Covid Pandemic (2019).</p> <p>The analysis of the data is showing that a substantive improvement in the way the junction is operating in relation to queue lengths and overall journey times is being achieved in relation to the 2019 baseline.</p> <p>The Consultants Traffic Signal consultants continue to routinely monitor the operation of the Traffic Signals and where necessary make refinements to their operation.</p>
Traffic Calming Measures, Bath Road, Devizes	21.11.2022	Over 100 hand signatures	<p>The following response was provided to the lead petitioner from Gareth Rogers (Traffic Engineering Manager). Concerns associated with speeding vehicles remain the responsibility of Wiltshire Police as the enforcement agency. To aid local communities to play an active role in assisting with enforcement, Wiltshire Police have established a community Speed Watch initiative, supported by Wiltshire Council. Details of which can be found on the Wiltshire Police and Police and Crime Commissioners websites. The first stage to establish whether sites are suitable will be to undertake an assessment of vehicles speeds through the provision of a traffic survey. To raise a request for a Traffic Survey, this can be completed via the Wiltshire Council website https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/6149/Local-Highway-and-Footway-Improvement-Groups . Where sites that meet the threshold for enforcement are identified, you will provide with further information on the next steps to take.</p> <p>For those sites don't meet the threshold for enforcement and concerns remain, it is encouraged that you discuss this with your relevant Town or Parish Council in the first instance. If they are supportive of the request, they can bring this to the attention of the Local Highway and footway Improvement Group (LHFIG) for their consideration. This groups have the support of Wiltshire Council Engineering officers who will be able to discuss the issue, and if appropriate make recommendations on measures which can assist in achieving your objective.</p>
Make Pennings Road/A338 Safer for Residents of Tidworth	07.12.2022	473 signatures	<p>The following response was provided to the lead petitioner from Gareth Rogers (Traffic Engineering Manager). Concerns associated with speeding vehicles remain the responsibility of Wiltshire Police as the enforcement agency. To aid local communities to play an active role in</p>

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Note: This does not include petitions received in respect of regulatory matters i.e. planning and licensing which are dealt with under different procedures.