

PETITION

Purpose of Report

1. To consider and decide action on a petition.

Details of Petitions

2. The following petition has been received since the last meeting of the Committee:-
 - Corsley: Heavy Goods Vehicles on the A362
3. Details of the petition, officer comments and the recommendations are set out in **Appendix 1** of this report.
4. The petition and any supporting correspondence will be in the **Members' Room** or available from the Director of Corporate and Library Services prior to the meeting.

Recommendation

5. The Committee is asked to consider the petition, along with officer comments and any address made to Members by the petitioners prior to the meeting.

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The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:

Petition and supporting report

Environmental impact of the Recommendation contained in this Report:

Not applicable

Organiser: Corsley Parish Council/Corsley Requires A Weight Limit (CRAWL)

Petition for	Number of Signatures	Parish Or Town	Existing Speed Limit	Injury Accidents in 3 years	Comments from supporting letters	Observations	Recommendation
The immediate imposition of a 17 tonne HGV weight limit on the A362 in an eastbound direction to improve the safety and quality of life for local residents	134	Corsley	HGVs 40 mph	3 slight involving HGVs	<p>Severe disturbance, sleeplessness and distress that have, in combination, led to a significant degradation of residents' quality of life.</p> <p>Over 600 HGVs per day cause a completely unacceptable level of noise and vibration through residential areas from approximately 3.00 am to midnight every day.</p> <p>Intensive HGV frequency makes the use of the road by pedestrians and cyclists extremely hazardous.</p> <p>A CRAWL survey found that 65-70% of the HGVs are aggregate lorries from the quarries in Somerset and the remainder are long distance haulage vehicles, the majority of which are 5-6 axle articulated vehicles.</p> <p>Somerset County Council (SCC) has refused to act to introduce any form of regulation of the eastbound HGV traffic which is in contradiction of its own Freight Quality Partnership freight routing map.</p>	<p>The A362 does not form part of either Wiltshire County Council's or SCC's respective freight networks.</p> <p>In response to the concerns of local Parish Councils and residents, Wiltshire County Council jointly funded a traffic survey with SCC. The subsequent SCC report 'A Review of HGV Traffic using the A362 and B3092' was issued in February 2004. Although the survey data suggested that the majority of HGVs on the A362 could have reasonably taken another route, the report's recommendation was that no action would be taken to physically limit HGVs using the A362.</p> <p>In light of significant concerns with regard to SCC's report, Wiltshire County Council commissioned Mouchel Parkman to undertake a freight survey in the local area to review SCC's report and to further investigate freight movements and speeds.</p> <p>Mouchel Parkman issued its study report 'A362, B3092 and A3098 Freight Study' in January 2005. This was considered by the Environment Advisory Panel at its meeting on 9th February 2005 when Members agreed that the findings and recommendations of the Freight Study should form the basis of further discussions with SCC with a view to implementing weight limits to deter HGVs on these routes.</p> <p>It is intended that SCC and other stakeholders will be consulted during March 2005 with a view to holding further consultations on a detailed implementation programme in June 2005. The aim is then to present weight limit proposals to Members for their approval in July 2005.</p>	<p>That:-</p> <p>(i) Members note the decision of the Environment Advisory Panel and the intention to present weight limit proposals to Members in July 2005.</p> <p>(ii) The petitioners be advised accordingly.</p>