

**Wiltshire Council**

**Full Council**

**25 February 2025**

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**Petitions Update**

**Petitions Received**

As of 13 February 2025, there have been three new petitions received by Wiltshire Council since the last report to Council on 15 October 2024 which have reached the threshold to be reported to Council

These are detailed in the Appendix.

**Proposal**

**That Council notes this update on petitions.**

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**Stuart Figini**

**Senior Democratic Services Officer**

Title	Date Received	Respondents	Action
<p>Petition from resident of Trowbridge objecting the removal of a tree on the corner of County Way and Roundstone Street, Trowbridge to be replaced by the installation of a crossing.</p>	<p>11 October 2024</p>	<p>825 Signatures</p>	<p>The following response was provided by a Principal Engineer Manager:</p> <p><i>In accordance with our duties under S115 of the Environment Act 2021 and 96A of the Highways Act 1980, we have advertised that this street tree is being considered for removal. There is a notice affixed to the tree, as per requirements, outlining this. Consultation runs until 20th December and any interested parties may comment using the details set out below.</i></p> <p><i>Following inspection, it has been found that crown lifting of the tree to ensure a minimum height clearance of 2.3m beneath branches overhanging the shared use path would significantly impact the health of the tree due to the nature of its low branch formation. In addition, realignment of the carriageway and footway adjacent to the tree will impact on the root zone.</i></p> <p><i>Mitigation measures to reduce the impact and allow retention of the tree, including transplanting the tree and its root system, have been investigated but found not to be feasible.</i></p> <p><i>To comment on this consultation, please email <a href="mailto:Integrated.Transport@wiltshire.gov.uk">Integrated.Transport@wiltshire.gov.uk</a> quoting the reference FHSF-WB001. Alternatively, you may write to Integrated Transport Team, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN.</i></p>

			<i>Once the consultation has concluded, all comments will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding, and a report outlining the responses to those comments and the decision to be taken regarding the tree felling will be published on the Council website and all respondents to the consultation notified.</i>
e-petition received asking for a review of pedestrian safety in Lacock, from Lacock Parish Council	21 October 2024	22 Signatures	<p>The following response was provided by the Local Highways Area Manager:</p> <p><i>The Highways Act 1980 places a duty upon us to remove obstructions from the public highway under Section 143. We are unable to be discretionary with regard to enforcement under this Act.</i></p> <p><i>Members of the public can apply for a Section 142 License under the Highways Act 1980 to place items, such as planters, on the public highway.</i></p> <p><i>With regard to highway safety, the parish council have been advised to apply to the Local Highway and Footway Improvement Group for any highway safety schemes.</i></p>
e-petition received from a resident in Trowbridge asking the council to procure and install effective measures to mitigate flooding risk on the B3105 (Staverton Causeway) and B3107 (Holt-Melksham, Challeymead junction)	28 January 2025	48 signatures	This petition is still active and therefore an acknowledgement response has been sent to the lead petitioner.