

To: Audit, Scrutiny and Petitions Board

On: 25 January, 2016

Report by: Director of Finance & Resources

Heading: **Petition: Parking Bays, Renfrew Road**

1. Summary

1.1 A petition, comprising 15 signatures, has been received from Leslie Hunter in the following terms:

"I would like Renfrew District Council to remove the safety hazard caused by the position of parking bays outside by house at 86a Renfrew Road. I would like a Health and Safety assessment of the risk and I would like the pavement to be re-instated and metal bollards on the pavement to prevent on pavement parking."

1.2 The Head of Amenity Services has intimated that the lay-bys should remain. They perform the function for which they were created in 2006, which is to provide a location in the local area that makes up for the shortfall in residential and visitor parking while maintaining two free running lanes and a right turn filter lane to West College Scotland (formerly Reid Keir College). A clear passage is particularly relevant to ensure buses into Paisley along the inside lane of this route are not delayed. Prior to the construction of the lay-bys, residents and visitors would park either on the footway creating a danger and obstruction to pedestrians or on the carriageway which created congestion on this main approach into Paisley. He has also advised that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) had been considered. However, as this would have required the agreement, through the Statutory TRO process, from those residents along this route who would be displaced and had no feasible alternative parking location, it was not considered viable at that time.

The design of the lay-bys and associated private access visibility splays (2m by 20m for a 30 mph restricted road), accord with the former Strathclyde Region Roads Development Guide Section 5.2.4, a document used at that time because it was the most appropriate, there being no relevant Renfrewshire Council guidance available at that time.

1.3 The petition is valid in terms of the Council's procedures for dealing with petitions.

- 1.4 The role of the Board is to consider the petition, hear and ask questions of the petitioner and take the appropriate action in respect of the petition which will be one of the following: (a) that no action is taken, in which case the reasons will be specified and intimated to the petitioner; (b) that the petition be referred to the relevant director/and or policy board for further investigation, with or without any specific recommendation; or (c) refer the petition to another organisation if the petition relates to that organisation.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board hear from the petitioner

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none.
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none.
3. **Community Planning** – none.
4. **Legal** – none
5. **Property/Assets** – none.
6. **Information Technology** – none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - The recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.
8. **Health & Safety** – none.
9. **Procurement** – none.
10. **Risk** – none.
11. **Privacy Impact** – none.

List of Background Papers – petition form

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