

Notice of Meeting and Agenda Petitions Board

Date	Time	Venue
Monday, 30 August 2021	14:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

KENNETH GRAHAM
Head of Corporate Governance

Membership

Councillor Bill Brown: Councillor Stephen Burns: Councillor Neill Graham: Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes: Councillor Scott Kerr: Councillor Jim Sharkey: Councillor Andy Steel:

Councillor Jennifer Marion Adam-McGregor (Convener): Councillor Michelle Campbell (Depute Convener):

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Items of business

Apologies

Apologies from members.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare an interest in any item(s) on the agenda and to provide a brief explanation of the nature of the interest.

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| | Report by Director of Finance & Resources. | |



To: Petitions Board

On: 30 August 2021

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Parking at Gartmore Road

1. Summary

1.1 The Council has agreed procedures in relation to the submission of petitions including parameters for determining valid petitions and those areas where petitions would not be valid.

1.2 All valid petitions are to be submitted to the Board for consideration and a summary report is to be prepared on any petitions which are not considered to be valid in terms of the procedures. It is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.

1.3 A petition containing 43 signatures has been received from Mr H Lister in the following terms: -

“Cars parked in Gartmore Road (mainly, parking by residents living in Hawkhead Road, not using their own driveways) near or on the corner are forcing motorists entering or exiting into a narrow slot which has led to cars just avoiding head on collisions. Motorists parking and using Gartmore Road ignore the access only signs. School children crossing the road are being put in danger as cars parked block a driver's view. As we have a number of schools with pupils using Hawkhead Road this problem of child safety requires your urgent attention. A child's view when crossing Gartmore Road is restricted by parked cars.

We the Residents of Gartmore Road wish the Council to Double Yellow Line the entrance to our road up to the bollards. To consider a solution to stop motorists using our road as a shortcut to avoid the lights at the junction of Glasgow Road and Hawkhead Road. Through traffic using Gartmore Road is on the increase. The large number of houses being built on Hawkhead Road will only increase the foregoing

problems. Your early attention would be appreciated. Can an Access only Road be backed by law and drivers warned or fined?

Note: - Even numbers start at 40. Odd numbers have gaps and numbers 25, 27 and 41 to 55 have not been used. Stopped at Alton Road and did not take in houses in Gartmore Road beyond this point as they tend to exit Glasgow Road. Resident in number 3 agreed that there was a serious problem parking and his reason for not signing was the cars would be parked further up the road. Could lead to problems with accessing or exiting his driveway. Extended yellow lines might be a solution.

The response from the residents signing to support the need for double yellow lines was very positive and many were angry that our road was being used for parking by people living in Hawkhead Road”.

- 1.4 The Development Manager, Environment and Infrastructure has advised that inspection of the end of Gartmore Road at its junction with Hawkhead Road suggested that the traffic calming necking was located some distance away from the give way marking so that two cars could safely pass side by side at the junction, assuming parked cars were not compromising visibility or the available width of the road. He has also indicated that justification for yellow line restrictions was typically an identified road safety issue. A check of the accident record for this junction showed one slight injury accident in the last three years.
 - 1.5 The Development Manager, Environment and Infrastructure has advised that an officer will inspect the location to understand the severity of the problem but if all is as described, the Council would promote a ‘no waiting at any time’ restriction at the location requested. It should be noted that the traffic order needed to enforce the yellow line restriction was open to public consultation and its success could not be guaranteed. The traffic order process can take up to 12 months to pass through its consultation and reporting phases before any yellow lines can be marked. He has also intimated that Gartmore Road is part of the public road network. The Council is unable to prevent road users from using it, irrespective of whether it is used as a short cut. A ‘no vehicles except for access’ restriction already applies at the junction. As disobeying this restriction is a moving traffic offence, enforceable only by the police, the petitioner was advised to enquire of Police Scotland if such a restriction “could be backed by law and drivers warned or fined”.
 - 1.6 The role of the Board is to consider the petition 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. The principal petitioner, together with one supporter has been invited to attend the meeting.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board hears from the principal petitioner.
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Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
4. **Legal** – none
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** - none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights** - none

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
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper - 1 Petition
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