

Report to: Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date of meeting: 17 October 2016
By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title: Petition calling on the County Council to introduce changes to parking restrictions near Langney County Primary School, Eastbourne
Purpose: To consider whether to consult on the petitioners' request to introduce changes to parking restrictions near Langney County Primary School

RECOMMENDATION: Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that their request to change parking restrictions near Langney County Primary School will be progressed to consultation as part of the current review of parking restrictions in Eastbourne

1 Background Information

1.1 At the County Council meeting in July 2016, Councillor Tutt presented a petition to the Chairman. The petition states *"We the undersigned, call upon East Sussex County Council to take action with regards to parking in Langney Village, in order to make a safer environment for the children attending Langney County Primary School."*

1.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members Room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and a spokesperson for the petitioners is invited to address the Committee or Lead Member. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 Requests for new parking and waiting restrictions in Eastbourne, or for changes to existing ones, are held on a priority ranking database, with those requests ranking high enough being progressed to consultation.

2.2 The area has been assessed twice for traffic calming measures and for a 20mph speed restriction. The first assessment was in 2012 and the second in 2014. On both occasions the requests did not meet the basic score to warrant further investigation for traffic calming measures or a speed limit reduction.

2.3 Most of the issues raised in the letters accompanying the petition relate to problems with the lack of available parking or the manner in which vehicles are being parked (on the verges and footpaths and also across residents' driveways). Many also cite the lack of available parking for school staff and believe the introduction of a dedicated parking area for staff would alleviate some of the problems being experienced.

2.4 It is understood that the school is looking into the possibility of creating a dedicated area for staff parking by converting part of an adjacent field. This would help reduce the number of parked vehicles in the nearby roads but would be subject to the appropriate planning permissions.

2.5 Officers from the Parking team and the Traffic Safety team have assessed the area and developed proposals to address the perceived problems. These proposals include school keep clear markings at the entrance to the school, waiting restrictions during school pick-up and drop-off times, no

waiting at any time at strategic locations in the immediate area, and footway and verge parking bans in nearby roads. These proposals are shown in Appendix 1.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Any new requests for changes to parking restrictions must have local support. The proposals shown in appendix 1 will improve safety and help address the concerns raised by the petitioners.

3.2 The Lead Member is therefore recommended to advise the petitioners that these proposals are progressed as part of the formal Traffic Regulation Order consultation, scheduled to take place in December 2016.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

NONE