

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 extend the existing double yellow lines in Oliver Close, Hastings
Purpose: To consider whether to consult on the petitioners' request to extend the double yellow lines in Oliver Close.

RECOMMENDATION: Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that their request to extend the double yellow lines in Oliver Close will be progressed to consultation as part of the current review of parking restrictions in Hastings

1 Background Information

1.1 At the County Council meeting in July 2016, Councillor Daniel presented a petition to the Chairman. The petition asks East Sussex County Council *“to extend the double yellow lines in Oliver Close TN34 1RA as marked on the plan (“A”) to facilitate access and egress to Oliver Close and improve road safety”*.

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 Oliver Close is a small cul-de-sac on the outskirts of permit zone L in Hastings. The existing double yellow lines extend to approximately 25 metres into the cul-de-sac. This is shown in Appendix 1.

2.2 Requests for new parking and waiting restrictions in Hastings, or for changes to existing ones, are held on a priority ranking database, with those requests ranking high enough being progressed to consultation. Officers have carried out a preliminary check to see if this request would rank high enough to be progressed.

2.3 If this was a new request for new double yellow lines at this location then the request would not rank high enough to be included in the review and would not normally be progressed as it does not achieve the benchmark score. The factor that differentiates this request is that this is a continuation of the existing lines in the cul-de-sac. The petition presented to the County Council in July 2016 has 13 signatures, representing eight of the eleven properties in the close. This shows that there is a strong desire for this request to be progressed. The petitioners' request has therefore been added to the list to be progressed for further consultation.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Any new requests for changes to parking restrictions must have the support of local addresses. The petition shows that the majority of residents in the cul-de-sac support this proposal. The proposal will aid access and egress to the cul-de-sac.

3.2 It is recommended that the petitioners' request is included for initial consultation as part of the current parking review in Hastings. The consultation is scheduled to begin in March 2017.

3.3 The Lead Member is therefore recommended to advise the petitioners that if the initial consultation further demonstrates a high level of support from local residents then the scheme will be progressed to formal advertising. This will be open to further public consultation and objection, and will need to follow the legal procedure. It must be noted that any formal objections received during the legal procedure (which have not been withdrawn), must be reported to Planning Committee for consideration. Following consideration of any objections by the Committee the decision will be made as to whether the extension is approved.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

NONE