

London Borough of Enfield

Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date 21 October 2020

Subject: Petition for all works under the 'Bowes Primary & Surrounding Street Quieter Neighbourhood' plan to be halted until there has been a full consultation with local residents, and engagement with Haringey Council and Transport for London (TFL)

Purpose of Report

1 This report details the petition received with a request for the Council: for all works under the 'Bowes Primary & Surrounding Street Quieter Neighbourhood' plan to be halted until there has been a full consultation with local residents, and engagement with Haringey Council and TFL.

Proposal(s)

2. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee is asked to receive the petition from the Lead Petitioner, and in accordance with the Councils Petition scheme, allow consideration of the views expressed in the petition.

Reason for Proposal(s)

3. The Council's Petition Scheme details that compliant petitions submitted to the Council must:
- Contain the name, a valid address with postcode, and the signature of any person supporting the petition. A valid address is within the Borough of Enfield and can be a home, work or study address and includes Enfield-owned out-borough estates or temporary accommodation provided by the borough.
 - Include a clear and concise statement covering the subject of the petition. It should state what action the petitioners wish the council to take
 - have the petition organisers contact address This is the person we will contact to explain how we will respond to the petition. The contact details of the petition organiser will not be placed on the website.
 - relate to a matter for which the authority has responsibility, and which affects the authority or its area

The Council's Petition Scheme enables Petitions with 1,562 signatures (0.5% of the assessed population from the 2011 census as published by the Office of National Statistics) to be considered at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Relevance to the Council Plan

4. Modern Council - Financial resilience and good governance.

The values of listening and learning are upheld enabling the voice and concerns of residents and communities to be heard

Background

5. A petition from lead petitioner requesting the Council: for all works under the 'Bowes Primary & Surrounding Street Quieter Neighbourhood' plan to be halted until there has been a full consultation with local residents, and engagement with Haringey Council and TFL.

The petition states that:

- Enfield Council is planning to seal off the local access roads between the Bowes area and Bounds Green Road
- York Road, Upper Maidstone Road and Warwick Road (Tewkesbury Terrace side) will be closed to cars heading to and from Bounds Green Road
- Palmerston Road will be sealed off at the junction with the North Circular Road
- The only way to leave and enter our area will be via the North Circular Road
- The works will begin imminently.
- The council plans to implement the scheme without asking residents their views. Prior to implementation of any traffic changes (whether on a trial or permanent basis), full consultation with residents is required.

A paper petition has been submitted with 1,587 signatures. These signatures have been checked for duplicates, valid address and postcode and incomplete information and there are sufficient numbers to trigger a full Council debate. This petition has 1,562 verified signatures.

Main Considerations for the Council

6. To comply with the requirements of the Council's Constitution, scrutiny is essential to good governance, and enables the voice and concerns of residents and communities to be heard and provides positive challenge and accountability

Safeguarding Implications

7. There are no safeguarding implications.

Public Health Implications

8. There are no public health implications

Equalities Impact of the Proposal

9. There are no equality impact implications.

Environmental and Climate Change Considerations

10. There are no environmental and climate change considerations in the debating of this petition.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision and related work is not taken

11. There are no key risks associated with this report. Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee note that the council petition scheme allows a debate at the committee following the requisite number of signatures.

Risks that may arise if the proposed decision is taken and actions that will be taken to manage these risks

12. There are no key risks associated with this report.

Financial Implications

13. There are no financial implications or additional costs associated with the debating of this petition.

Legal Implications

14 The Council's statutory duty to have a petition scheme was repealed by s46 of the Localism Act 2011. Although no longer a duty, the Council has retained its petition scheme in the interest of promoting democracy. The Council's petition scheme is therefore still valid.

The request in this report to refer the petition to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is in line with the Council's petition scheme, a Petition with at least 1,562 signatures will be referred to the committee for debate.

Workforce Implications

15. There are no workforce implications

Property Implications

16. There are no property implications

Other Implications

17. There are no other implications

Options Considered

18. In accordance with the Council's Petition scheme, Overview & Scrutiny Committee is required to allow consideration of the views expressed in the petition

Conclusions

19. The committee is asked to

- Receive the Petition
- Note any comments from the Lead Petitioner on the issue itself
- Consider the issues raised by the Petition.

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Background Papers

None