

Cabinet Member for City Services

19 November 2018

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**Ward(s) affected:**

Longford

**Title:**

**Petition** – Request to Reinstate Sleeping Policemen at Sutton Stop

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 14 signatures has been received requesting improvements to traffic calming measures on the road into Sutton Stop, utilising Sleeping Policemen and clear signage to effectively slow traffic.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic calming are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered this petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised that the Council could not take action in regard to the request made as the area of land referred to is not adopted highway. On receipt of the determination letter the petitioner advised they did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing traffic calming on private land, which is not adopted highway would not be funded by the Council.

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners concerns;
2. Endorse that no action will be undertaken, as confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Determination letter

**Background Papers**

None

**Other useful documents:**

None

**Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?**

No

**Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?**

No

**Will this report go to Council?**

No

Report title: Petition - Request to Reinstate Sleeping Policemen at Sutton Stop

## **1. Context (or background)**

1.1 A petition of 14 e-signatures has been received requesting improvements to traffic calming measures on the road into Sutton Stop, utilising Sleeping Policemen and clear signage to slow traffic. The petition is supported by Councillor Harvard.

1.2 The petition advises:

*Between 1977 and 1978 residents and visitors to Sutton Stop helped to raise £6000 to improve the roadway into Sutton Stop. The roadway was resurfaced and four sleeping policemen were installed.*

*Some 20 years later, 1998, the roadway into Sutton Stop was again resurfaced, passing bays installed, but despite requests, there were no sleeping policemen this time. Instead, rumble strips were painted, but these are not effective in slowing down the traffic.*

*We, the undersigned, would Coventry City Council to improve traffic calming measures on the roadway into Sutton Stop, utilising Sleeping Policemen and clear signage to effectively slow traffic on Sutton Stop*

1.3 Sutton Stop is not adopted highway. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic calming are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response requested that the issue was dealt with by determination letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B) advised that Sutton stop is not adopted highway, nor is it under City Council ownership, therefore the Council is cannot install speed humps.

1.6 Attempts were made to determine the ownership of the land, but it has not been possible to identify the owner as Land Registry do not hold any registration for it.

## **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

2.1 The recommended proposals in regard to the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (Appendix B) and item 1.5.

## **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

## **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

4.1 No further action is proposed as the land referred to is not adopted, nor is it in Council ownership.

**5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

**5.1 Financial implications**

None. No action is proposed as the area of land referred to is not adopted highway or in Council ownership.

**5.2 Legal implications**

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal

**6. Other implications**

**6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?**

N/A.

**6.2 How is risk being managed?**

None

**6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?**

None

**6.4 Equalities / EIA**

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

**6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment**

None

**6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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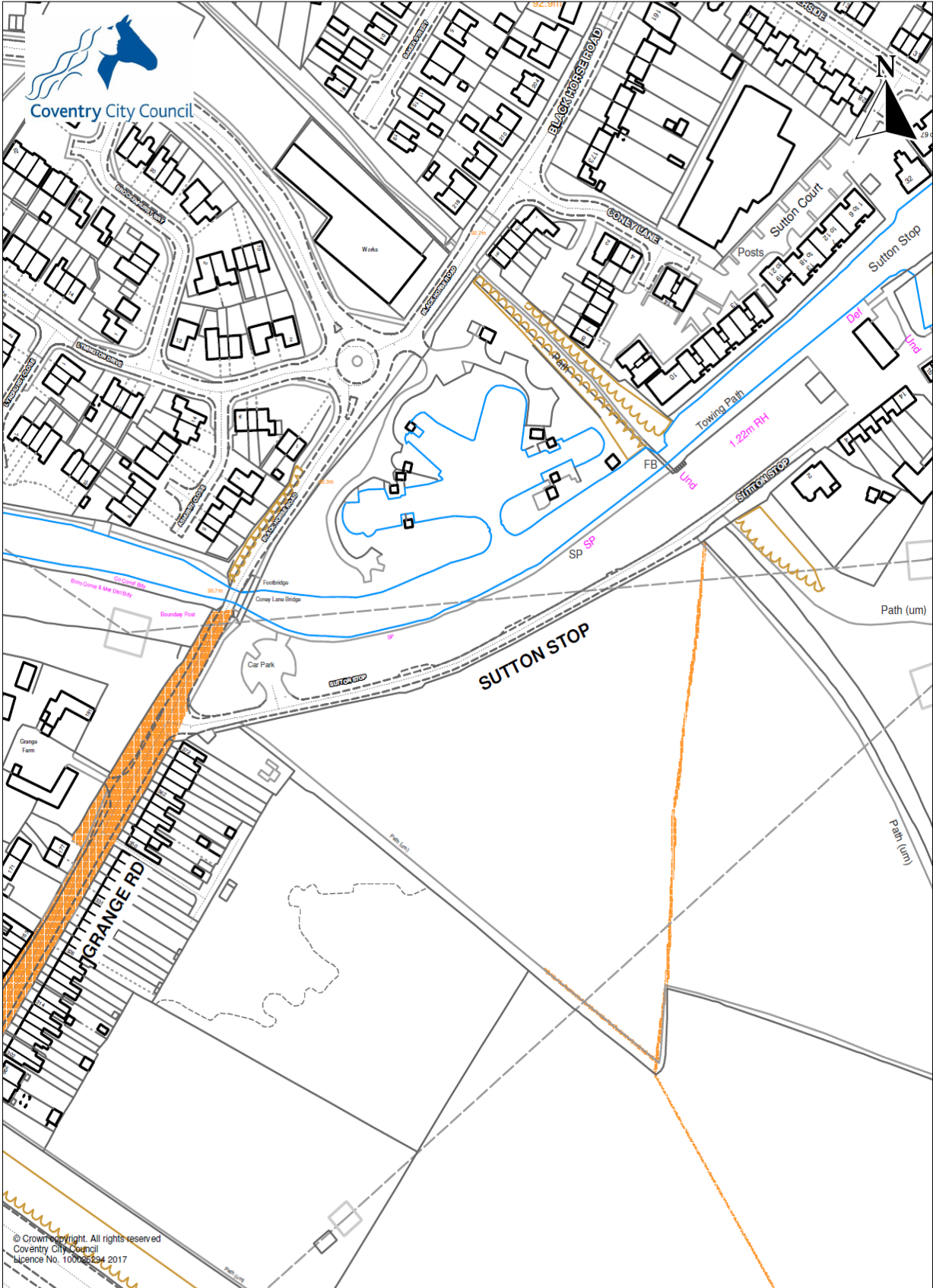
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**Appendix A – Location plan**



**KEY**  
 **ADOPTED HIGHWAY**

## **Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter**

**Re: petition submitted on 23 April 2018**

**Subject matter:** Request for Sleeping Policeman in Sutton Stop

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for speed humps to be installed on Sutton Stop.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a future meeting, so it can be dealt with more quickly.

The City Council is not able to install speed humps on Sutton Stop, as it is not part of the adopted highway or under City Council ownership. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to identify the owner of Sutton Stop, as the Land Registry do not hold any registration for it.

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.

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