

Cabinet Member for City Services

5 July 2021

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Director of Transportation and Highways

**Ward(s) affected:**

Holbrook

**Title:**

Petition - Safety of Pedestrians and Property at Malmesbury Road - Charlecote Road

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

An e-petition with 20 signatures was received requesting measures to facilitate verge parking on Malmesbury Road and Charlecote Road.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and 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 roads highlighted have been added to the verge scheme request list, but that requests are prioritised in line with the Verge Protection Policy, which gives greater priority to roads on major routes. On receipt of the determination letter, the petition organisers advised that they wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing verge protection measures is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

**Recommendations:**

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners' concerns;
2. Endorse the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition organisers (as detailed in paragraph 1.5 of the report).

**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 - Improve safety at the junction of The Chesils and Knoll Drive

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

1.1 An e-petition with 20 signatures was received requesting measures to facilitate verge parking on Malmesbury Road and Charlecote Road. The petition is sponsored by Councillor Lancaster.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

*'We the undersigned petition the Council to request a review be undertaken to explore possible parking options using part of the green space, to remove vehicles off road and so give safe crossing areas for pedestrians.*

*The residents of Malmesbury Road have concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and property due to both the speed of traffic and density of parking in our area, particularly at a bend in the road and the junction with Charlecote Road. We request a review in order to address these concerns.*

1.3 Malmesbury Road and Charlecote Road are residential roads. They are both subject to a 30mph speed limit. They are in Holbrook Ward. A location plan is shown in Appendix A to the report.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and parking issues 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 to the report) advised the roads highlighted have been added to the verge scheme request list, but that requests are prioritised in line with the Verge Protection Policy, which gives greater priority to roads on major routes.

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

2.1 The recommended action in response to the issues raised has already been approved and are detailed in paragraph 1.5 and in the determination letter (Appendix B to the report).

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

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

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

4.1 No further action is proposed.

## **5. Comments from the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Governance**

### **5.1 Financial implications**

The cost of introducing verge protection measures is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan. The scheduling of works is based on priority of the scheme and the funds available.

## **5.2 Legal implications**

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal.

## **6. Other implications**

### **6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan ([www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/))?**

N/A.

### **6.2 How is risk being managed?**

N/A.

### **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) climate change and the environment**

None.

### **6.6 Implications for partner organisations?**

None.

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Appendix A – Location plan



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

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for measures to facilitate verge parking on Malmesbury Road and Charlecote Road.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetheron, 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 that it can be dealt with more quickly.

The location you have highlighted has been added to the verge scheme request list; however, please note that requests are prioritised in line with the Verge Protection Policy, which gives greater priority to roads on major routes.

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.