
**PETITIONS FOR DEBATE BY FULL
COUNCIL – REQUESTING
SAFEGUARDS INCLUDING A 20 MPH
ZONE, BARRIERS AND SPEED
CAMERAS ALONG HUNGARTON
BOULEVARD**

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Lead director: Monitoring Officer

Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Humberstone and Hamilton
- Report author: Graham Carey
- Author contact details: 4546356
- Report version number: V1

1. Summary

To outline the process for a debate on a petition submitted with over 1,500 valid signatures.

2. Recommended actions/decision

Council is recommended to consider the petition and make any recommendations in accordance with paragraph 5 below.

3. Scrutiny / stakeholder engagement

It is a standard part of the petition response process for the investigating officers to engage with the lead petitioner and consult ward councillors.

4. Background and options with supporting evidence

A petition and electronic petition with 1,854 valid signatures and 22 signatures on the e-petition were presented to the Council meeting on 23 February 2022 requesting the Council for safeguards including a 20 mph zone, barriers and speed cameras along Hungarton Boulevard.

5. Detailed report

The petitions are in the following terms:-

“We the undersigned petition the council to Residents demand the following safeguards before someone is killed: 1. A 20 mph speed limit along Hungarton Boulevard (LE5 1DF and 1HT) - in line with the amended speed limit in Humberstone Village; 2. Barriers along the bend to protect homes and keep residents safe when vehicles leave the road; and 3. Speed cameras to issue penalties to speeding drivers, acting as a deterrent and enforcing the speed limit.”

The Council’s Petitions’ Scheme (amended by Council in January 2022) states that if any petition receives 1,500 or more valid signatures, the lead petitioner may ask that it be subject to a debate at Full Council. The lead petitioners have indicated that they wish their petition to be subject to a debate.

The lead petitioner has been invited to speak on their petitions for five minutes to be followed by a Councillor debate for a maximum of 15 minutes.

Following the debate, the Council can decide how to respond to the petitions and may decide to:

- Recommend to the decision maker to either take or not take the action the petition requests.
- Recommend to the decision maker a different course of action as a result of the debate.
- Commission further investigation into the matter, for example by a relevant committee.

Following the Council meeting the petition organisers will receive written confirmation of this decision.

6. Financial, legal, equalities, climate emergency and other implications

6.1 Financial implications

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report.

Colin Sharpe, Deputy Director of Finance, 374081

6.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Kamal Adatia, City Barrister and Head of Standards, 371401

6.3 Equalities implications

There are no equality implications arising from the report, but any decision made in response to the petition should think about the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under the Equality Act 2010 and the potential impact on people with a protected characteristic. The PSED outlines the statutory duty to pay due regard to the need to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who don't.

Kalvaran Sandhu, Equalities Manager, Ext 37 6344

6.4 Climate Emergency implications

Any positive effects from the implementation of a 20mph scheme to address congestion will result in lower emissions and improved air quality. Furthermore, the City Cycle Action Plan sets out 20mph zones as a strategic priority to meet its target of doubling every day cycling numbers by 2024. If 20mph zones and traffic calming in the city are successful in reducing congestion and improving road safety, this may have a positive impact on people's travel choices, leading to substantial numbers of current car trips changing to cycling and walking trips.

Aidan Davis, Sustainability Officer, Ext 37 2284

6.5 Other implications (You will need to have considered other implications in preparing this report. Please indicate which ones apply?)

7. Background information and other papers:

None applicable

8. Summary of appendices:

None

9. Is this a private report (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)?

No

10. Is this a “key decision”? If so, why?

No