



Leicester  
City Council

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**COUNCIL**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**

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**PETITIONS FOR DEBATE BY FULL COUNCIL – KEEP CLARENDON PARK  
LOCAL – STOP TESCO**

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**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

A petition has been received which asks the City Council to keep Clarendon Park Local – Stop Tesco.

The Council's petitions scheme adopted in May 2010, states that any petition that receives over 1,500 signatures must be subject to a full debate at Full Council (unless it is a petition asking for a senior council officer to give evidence at a public meeting).

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Council is recommended to consider the petition and make any recommendations to the Executive in accordance with the Petitions Scheme.

**3. REPORT**

The petition has been received in the following terms:

Petition received by Councillor Patrick Kitterick and Mags Lewis with 2,264 validated signatures submitted in the following terms:

*"We the undersigned petition the Council to value our independent local shops, oppose proposals for a Tesco Express in the former Barclays Bank, and petition the Council to do everything in their power to prevent this.*

*We are a group of Leicester residents who have started a local campaign in Clarendon Park.*

*We are trying to prevent Tesco from opening an Express store in the ex-Barclays Bank branch in our area.*

*Until very recently, they denied explicitly that they were planning to do this.*

*This is one of the few remaining neighbourhoods where most of the businesses on our main street are small, local and independent, giving it a unique and friendly character. We want to keep it that way.*

*Clarendon Park is a close knit community, more akin to a village than a city suburb. We encourage as many people as possible who live, work or study in the area to join our campaign and help save our wonderful little corner of Leicester from the corporate behemoths”.*

The lead petitioners have been invited to speak on their petition 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 Executive to either take or not take the action the petition requests.
- Recommend to the Executive 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.

### Background

A further paper which details issues surrounding this petition will be circulated separately.

## **4. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1. Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **4.3 Climate Change**

There are no direct climate change implications arising from this report.

## **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within the Report
Equal Opportunities	N	
Policy	N	
Sustainable and Environmental	N	
Crime and Disorder	N	
Human Rights Act	N	
Elderly/People on Low Income	Y	Throughout – the petitions relate solely to older people.
Corporate Parenting	N	
Health Inequalities Impact	N	

**6. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None

**7. CONSULTATIONS**

None.

**8. REPORT AUTHOR**

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