

# Scrutiny Report

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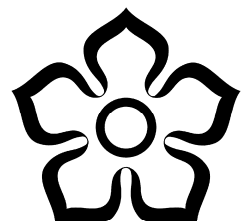
## **Petition – Requesting the Council to Review and Resolve the Traffic Chaos/Congestion Cause by the Various Improvements Made to Our City Centre and Surrounding Roads’ – Officer Evidence**

Name of scrutiny meeting: Overview Select Committee

Date of scrutiny meeting: 26th March 2015

Report of the Monitoring Officer

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Leicester  
City Council

## Useful information

- Ward(s) affected: Castle / Citywide
- Report author: Francis Connolly
- Author contact details: 454 6353

### 1. Summary

A petition has been received which asks the Council to review and resolve the traffic chaos/congestion caused by the various improvements made to the City Centre and roads in the surrounding area.

The Council's petitions scheme states that where a petition receives between 750 and 1499 verified signatures the lead petitioner may ask that a senior Council officer is summoned to give evidence at a public meeting of the Overview Select Committee..

### 2. Recommendations

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

### 3. Main Report

The petition has been received in the following terms:

Petition received from Mr Mark Radyski with 1,170 validated signatures submitted in the following terms:

*"We the undersigned, request the Council to review and resolve the traffic chaos/congestion caused by the various improvements made to our City Centre and the Surrounding Area Roads".*

In line with the Council's petition scheme, the lead petitioner has been invited to speak on their petition for five minutes to be followed by an officer response for five minutes, followed by a Councillor debate for a maximum of 10 minutes. In view of the nature of the petition it may be more appropriate to invite the relevant Executive Member to assist in the officer response.

Following the discussion, the Committee can decide how to respond to the petition, and may decide to:

- Request the Executive to undertake the action the petition requests, or not, for reasons put forward in the debate; or
- Recommend that further investigation is undertaken into the matter by the Executive.

Background

A further paper which details issues surrounding this petition is attached to this report.

#### **4. Financial, legal and other implications**

##### 4.1 Financial implications

There are no significant financial implications arising directly from the presentation of the petition – Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance. Ext 37 4081.

##### 4.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report – Hannah Price, Solicitor, ext. 37 1496

##### 4.3 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction implications

Leicester City Council has a target to reduce the city wide carbon footprint by 50% by 2025, based on 1990 levels. Connecting Leicester seeks to encourage walking and cycling in the city, and therefore if this combination of projects is successful in converting transport habits from driving to walking and cycling, this will contribute to a reduction in city wide emissions.

*Louise Buckley, Graduate Project Officer (Climate Change), 372 293.*

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

There are no other implications associated with this report.

#### **5. Background information and other papers:**

**None**

#### **6. Summary of appendices attached:**

Officer commentary on the issues raised by the report.

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

No