

**COUNCIL**

**4<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

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**PETITIONS FOR DEBATE BY FULL COUNCIL – REQUEST TO REMOVE THE  
EVESHAM ROAD LINK FROM THE LOCAL PLAN**

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**REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

A paper petition and an electronic petition have been received simultaneously which ask the City Council to remove the Evesham Road link road from the Local Plan, completely.

The Council's Petitions' Scheme (adopted in September 2014) 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 indicated a figure of over 3,000 signatories on a paper and an electronic petition, however, the Council does not verify numbers of signatories once the 1,500 threshold is reached.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

**3. REPORT**

The petitions received from the End of the Road Campaign have met the criteria of 1,500 signatures of people who have provided an address in Leicester of where they live, work or study. The petitions are in the following terms and have been taken together as they are requesting similar outcomes:

Paper petition: *"We the undersigned, call upon Leicester City Council to remove the Evesham Road link road from the Local Plan, completely."*

Electronic Petition: *“Stop an East-West link road across Aylestone Meadows from Evesham Road to Aylestone Road.”*

The lead petitioner has 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.

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

##### **4.1. Financial Implications**

There are no immediate financial implications arising from the report.

Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, 374081

##### **4.2 Legal Implications**

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. Any legal implications which may arise out of the substantive issue will be considered as part of any subsequent decision, if any.

Kamal Adatia, City Barrister and Head of Standards, 371401

#### **5. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within the Report
Equal Opportunities	<b>TBC</b>	
Policy	<b>TBC</b>	
Climate Change and Carbon Reduction	<b>TBC</b>	
Crime and Disorder	<b>TBC</b>	
Human Rights Act	<b>TBC</b>	
Elderly/People on Low Income	<b>TBC</b>	

Corporate Parenting	<b>TBC</b>	
Health Inequalities Impact	<b>TBC</b>	

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

**None**

**7. CONSULTATIONS**

None.

**8. REPORT AUTHOR**

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