

Committee: Council

Date: 2 February 2022

Subject: Petitions

Lead officer: Louise Round, Managing Director South London Legal Partnership

Lead member: Leader of the Council, Councillor Mark Allison

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Recommendation:

1. That Council receive petitions (if any) in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.
 2. That Council notes the responses provided to the petitions submitted at the meeting held on 17 November 2021.
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1 PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. This report invites Council to receive petitions in accordance with Part 4A, paragraph 18.1 of the Council's Constitution.

2 DETAILS

- 2.1. At the meeting held on 17 November 2021, the petitions listed below were submitted and the responses are set out below. Any petitions received by Council are referred to respective departments with responsible officers asked to advise the presenting member in each case of the way in which the petition is to be progressed.

A petition was submitted by Councillor Gould entitled Cannon Hill Lane Zebra Crossing to Joseph Hood Recreation Ground. The petition requested the installation of a zebra crossing on Cannon Hill Lane to and from Joseph Hood recreation ground. The officer response is copied below:

Officer Response

We do take safety extremely seriously and under normal circumstances we have a robust programme in dealing with accessibility and road safety issues. Regrettably due to the high level of demand for intervention throughout the borough and lack of funding, the Council must prioritise. Additionally there are a number of factors such as low footfall; plenty of gaps between traffic flow; no reported accidents (apart from the hit and run which would not have been prevented by a zebra crossing); physical constraints such as the number of crossovers, the bus stop and the bridge structure, which would mean that the zebra crossing would not be within the desired line, makes it difficult to give priority to this request at this time.

- 2.6 Members are invited to present petitions at this meeting, and a response will be provided to the next ordinary Council meeting in July 2022.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 3.1. None for the purposes of this report.

4 CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN OR PROPOSED

- 4.1. None for the purpose of this report.

5 TIMETABLE

5.1. None for the purpose of this report.

6 FINANCIAL, RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None for the purpose of this report.

7 LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None for the purpose of this report.

8 HUMAN RIGHTS, EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHESION IMPLICATIONS

8.1. None for the purpose of this report.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

9.1. None for the purpose of this report.

10 RISK MANAGEMENT AND HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

11 APPENDICES

11.1. None

12 BACKGROUND PAPERS

12.1. None.