



North Area Committee

28 March 2023

Title	Petition(s)
Report of	Head of Governance
Wards	East Barnet Barnet Vale High Barnet Underhill Totteridge and Woodside Mill Hill Edgwarebury Whetstone
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	None
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Summary

This report informs the North Area Committee of the petition(s) received. The Committee is requested to consider the petition(s) and make a determination on its desired course of action in accordance with its powers.

Officers Recommendations

1. That the Area Committee notes the petition(s) detailed in section 1.

2. That the Area Committee decides whether it wishes to:

- a) Take no action
- b) Refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written response to the Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or
- c) Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1 The following petitions from Barnet residents have been received prior to the deadline for submission of petitions.

Petition: The Public Footpath – Moxon Street and South Close, High Barnet, EN5 5TP

Lead Petitioner: Keith Walsh

Ward: High Barnet

Number of signatures: 66

Details:

Background: Motorcycle/Moped riders ride along this footpath, illegally, to deliver items, usually takeaway meals, to addresses in South Close, East View and other roads in this area.

The number of instances have increased since COVID, and especially so when there are roadworks on the High Street between its junctions with Wood Street and St Albans Road.

This footpath is regularly used by the local residents, such as families with young children, the elderly and dog owners. All are at risk from this illegal activity.

Request: We the undersigned petition Barnet Council to implement measures to stop/deter motorcycle/moped riders from illegally riding on this public footpath

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Committee is requested to make a determination in respect of the petition(s) received in accordance with its powers as set out in the Council's Constitution.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1.1 Post decision implementation depends on the decision taken by the Committee.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.1.1 N/A

5.2 Social Value

- 5.2.1 N/A

5.3 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.3.1 Council Constitution, Article 7, Section 7.5 Responsibility for Functions details that the Area Committee has responsibility for all constituency specific matters relating to the street scene including parking, road safety, transport, allotments, parks and trees.

- 5.3.2 Article 3 of the Council's Constitution, section 3.6 states that where the petition relates to the functions and responsibilities of an Area Committee it will be reported to the relevant Area Committee. The Lead Petitioner will be given three minutes to present the petition to the committee for petitions with 25-1,999 signatures. For Petitions with over 1,999 signatures the speaker will be given five minutes to present the petition. Following the presentation the Chair and Committee Members have an opportunity to ask the Lead Petitioner questions. After the debate the Committee will decide to:

5.3.2.1 Take no action

5.3.2.2 Refer the matter to a chief officer to provide a written respond to Lead Petitioner within 20 working days; or

5.3.2.3 Instruct an officer to prepare a report for a future meeting of the Committee on the issue(s) raised with a recommended course of action

5.4 Risk Management

5.4.1 None in the context of this report.

4.6 **Equalities and Diversity**

4.6.1 N/A in the context of this report.

4.7 **Corporate Parenting**

4.7.1 None in the context of this report.

4.8 **Consultation and Engagement**

4.8.1 N/A

4.9 **Environmental Impact**

4.9.1 N/A

5 **Insight**

5.1 N/A

6 **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 Petitions submitted via email to Governance Service, prior to deadline for petitions to the Area Committee.