



Northumberland

County Council

PETITIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: 27TH APRIL 2023

UPDATE REPORT ON PETITION REGARDING COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TO AMEND THE USE OF MILITARY ROAD B6318 JUNCTION OF A68 TO HEDDON ON THE WALL

Report of: Service Director - Local Services, Paul Jones

Cabinet Member: John Riddle

Purpose of report

To update this committee on developments since the original petition was discussed at the 26th January 2022 meeting.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Petitions Committee note the content of this report and support the contents of the Road Safety Study which is attached as Appendix A.

Link to Corporate Plan

How - "We want to be efficient, open and work for everyone"

Enjoying - "We want you to love where you live"

Connecting - "We want you to have access to the things you need"

Key Issues

1. Following the petitions committee meeting of 26th January 2022, a route safety study of the B6318 between the Errington Arms and Heddon-on-the-Wall was included in the 2022/23 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme.
2. The report was completed in February 2023. In order to demonstrate a robust approach to the review, the 15km route was split into five route sections as follows:-
 - Section 1 – Heddon-on-the-Wall to Hollins Hill (3km)
 - Section 2 – Hollins Hill to Harlow Hill (3km)
 - Section 3 – Harlow Hill to West Deneside (3km)
 - Section 4 – West Deneside to Halton Shields (3km)

Section 5 – Halton Shields to A68 Roundabout (3km)

3. The route safety study has identified that Section 2, Hollins Hill to Harlow Hill is the highest priority route, followed by Section 1, Heddon-on-the-Wall to Hollins Hill.
4. A route action scheme for Section 2 Hollins Hill to Harlow Hill is included in the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan programme. Further priority sections will be included in subsequent years.
5. Potential collision remedial measures considered to be appropriate for implementation are listed in detail in the Route Safety Study, but may consist of:

enhancement of the existing provision of bend warning and junction warning signs;
improved directional and advanced direction signs;
new or enhanced “chevron” warning signs or marker posts;
general road marking improvements;
potential use of red surface treatment or High Friction Surfacing (HFS) where warranted;
provision of marker posts to identify accesses where appropriate: and
improved give way signage at junctions where required.

Background

See previous report for all background information which is attached as Appendix B.

Implications

Policy	The response to the issues raised in the original petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
Finance and value for money	The implementation of the route action scheme for Section 2 – Hollins Hill to Harlow Hill is being funded through the 2023/24 Local Transport Plan (LTP) programme. Further priority sections of the route (beginning with Section 1 – Heddon-on-the-Wall to Hollins Hill, will be considered for inclusion in future LTP plans.
Legal	None
Procurement	None
Human Resources	None
Property	None

Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	n/a
Crime & Disorder	n/a
Customer Consideration	Original petition identifies excessive speeds and HGV traffic affecting quality of life of residents along this route
Carbon reduction	n/a
Wards	Ponteland West, Ponteland South with Heddon, Corbridge, Bywell

Appendices

Appendix A - B6318 Heddon-on-the-Wall to A68 Errington Arms Roundabout Route Safety Study

Appendix B - Original Petition Report

Report sign off

	Name
Finance Officer	N/A
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Procurement	N/A
I.T.	N/A
Director	PJ / RM
Portfolio Holder(s)	JR

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