

Nature of Petition	Appropriate Service/Officer	Summary of Information	Status of Petition
<p>Petition 296</p> <p>Weight Limit on Lowes Barn Bank</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b>                      Petition received                      11.11.16                      No. of signatures – 13</p>	<p>David Battensby                      Traffic Asset Senior Engineer</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to introduce a weight limit on traffic using Lowes Barn Bank.</p> <p>All road users including Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) have a legal right to use the highway. The Council has the power to impose weight limits to prohibit HGVs under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is a risk of structural damage to the highway, for example to protect a weak bridge; and</li> <li>• There are environmental issues and a more suitable route exists nearby that would not incur additional excessive mileage to HGVs.</li> </ul> <p>Weight limits are particularly difficult to introduce as many businesses and residential areas are dependent upon HGV deliveries for goods and services. Introducing an exception for access only makes the restriction difficult for the Police to enforce and this often leads to access only weight restrictions becoming ineffective.</p> <p>The Council also has to consider the wider effects of introducing weight limits on the economy and the impact on the highway network as a whole.</p> <p>There is no risk of HGVs causing structural damage to the highway on Lowes Barn Bank and whilst there may be some environmental issues unfortunately there is not a more suitable route.</p> <p>Introducing a ban on HGVs using Lowe’s Barn Bank would</p>	<p><b>Petition CLOSED</b></p>

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		<p>exacerbate an existing road safety issue at Neville’s Cross traffic signals. It is known that articulated vehicles and large HGVs have difficulty in negotiating the left turn from the A167 northbound onto the A690 Neville’s Cross Bank. In addition, these vehicles can generate delays at the Neville’s Cross traffic signals when making a right turn in heavy traffic. These issues are further compounded by the low bridge at Langley Moor reducing the opportunity of this being used as an alternative route.</p> <p>Therefore, for the above reasons the County Council cannot introduce a weight limit on Lowes Barn Bank.</p> <p>A request for a weight limit has also being raised recently by local residents and the local member who met with team to discuss their concerns. At the meeting it was agreed that the Council would engage with the company which was identified as causing most concern due to their early morning HGV traffic.</p> <p>Following negotiations, the company have been sympathetic to making changes to their vehicle routes to assist the residents on Lowes Barn Bank. The outcome of the meeting was that they would be instructing their drivers not to use Lowes Barn Bank in the early mornings by sending them up Neville’s Cross Bank instead and also where possible reduce the use of this road at other times. This may take a few weeks to put into practice while all the drivers are educated on the new routing requirement and it becomes customary to them. They will continue to use Lowes Barn Bank for the return journey to avoid the difficult</p>	

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<p>Petition 297</p> <p>A692 Stanley Road Safety Concerns</p> <p><b>E-Petition</b></p> <p>Petition received 28.12.16</p> <p>No. of signatures – 17</p>	<p>Adrian White</p> <p>Head of Transport and Contract Services</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to address safety concerns on A692 Stanley Road to make the road safer and introduce possible pedestrian access restrictions. A review of the road marking on the approach to the South Moor Traffic Lights has also been requested.</p> <p>e-petition ran from 5 January to 8 February 2017</p> <p>The Council receives more requests for road safety schemes than it is able to fund from limited road safety budgets. Therefore, resources are prioritised at the locations with a proven record of accidents resulting in serious personal injuries.</p> <p>Having checked the accident recording database shared with Durham Constabulary, there have been two recorded ‘personal injury’ accidents between the two junctions in the past four years this being our standard search criteria. The causation factor in both of these incidents was attributable to pedestrians not looking properly before crossing the road. Whilst DCC would wish to see no accidents, compared to many other locations within the County, this represents a favourable accident record and unfortunately a road safety scheme could not be justified at this location.</p>	<p>Petition <b>CLOSED</b></p>

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		<p>The A693 between Wear Road roundabout and Park Road traffic signals is served by a subway at the Wear Road end and the traffic signals incorporate a pedestrian phase at the other end. All pedestrians that need to cross the road are encouraged to use these safe crossing facilities.</p> <p>The road markings along this section of road have been reviewed and they comply with the current regulations and guidance issued by the Department for Transport.</p>	
<p>Petition 298</p> <p>Introduce additional traffic calming at Low Pittington &amp; call upon Durham Police to enforce current speed restrictions</p> <p>Petition received 28.12.16 No. of signatures – 61</p>	<p>Adrian White Head of Transport and Contract Services/ John Reed, Head of Technical Services</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to introduce additional traffic calming at Low Pittington and asking Durham Police to enforce current speed restrictions.</p> <p>Highway Officers had worked closely with local County Councillors, Pittington Parish Council and Durham Constabulary to address concerns about speeding through Low Pittington.</p> <p>As part of a wider traffic calming scheme in May/June 2011, a permanent speed visor was installed on Front Street, Low Pittington for eastbound traffic, where a contribution to the cost of the scheme was made by local businesses.</p> <p>More recently, in early 2016, a road safety scheme was implemented on Lady’s Piece Lane and at the Low Pittington crossroads in response to accidents at these locations. This scheme comprised improved signage, anti-skid surfacing and road markings aimed at highlighting the road layout and assisting in driver control.</p>	<p>Petition <b>CLOSED</b></p>

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		<p>Other than the accidents at the crossroads, prior to the road safety scheme being introduced, there was only one other recorded personal injury accident recorded for Low Pitington in the last 4 years. Whilst Durham County Council would wish to see no accidents, this was a favourable accident record compared to many other locations.</p> <p>A site meeting was held in April 2016 attended by representatives from the Council, Pitington Parish Council, Durham Constabulary, County Councillors and local residents. At this meeting, traffic issues were discussed and it was agreed that they would be jointly investigated by Durham Constabulary and the Council.</p> <p>The investigation, determined that there was no suitable position for physical traffic calming measures due to the position of bus stops and accesses. These findings were reported back to the County Councillors and the Parish Council concluding that all possible engineering measures had been considered and had already been implemented, where appropriate.</p> <p>Durham Constabulary undertook speed enforcement during the course of September 2016 and that no speeding offences were detected.</p> <p>As a way forward, it was suggested that residents and the Parish Council raise their on-going concerns with Durham Constabulary through their local Police and Communities Together (PACT) meeting and discuss what could be</p>	

**Petition Table – Active Petitions**

**Appendix 2**

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		<p>progressed with the Community Speed Watch initiative at this location. DCC would carry out a new traffic survey at this location to assist with the progression of enquiries through the PACT.</p>	
<p>Petition 299 Bedroom Tax-Discretionary Housing Payments  <b>E-Petition</b> Petition received 11.2.17</p>	<p>Paul Darby Head of Finance – Financial Services</p>	<p>Petition asking the Council to amend the criteria for DHP if you need a one bedroom property and there are none you should not have to pay the bedroom tax or have to apply for a DHP.</p>	<p>E-Petition to collect signatures from 11.2.17 – 21.3.17</p>
<p>Petition 301 Limit North Road Works to Daytime Hours  <b>E-Petition</b> Petition received 26.2.17</p>	<p>John Reed Head of Technical Services</p>	<p>Petition asking to Council to limit North Road works to daytime hours.</p>	<p>E-Petition to collect signatures from 26.2.17 – 9.4.17</p>