

## **Report of the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.**

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### **Subject:**

**Petition regarding parking and access issues on Stead Road, Toftshaw Lane and Thorverton Drive, Tong.**

### **Summary statement:**

This report highlights a petition of 43 signatures requesting that consideration be given to developing parking and access restrictions on Stead Road, Toftshaw Lane and Thorverton Drive

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### **Portfolio:**

**Housing, Planning & Transport**

### **Overview & Scrutiny Area:**

**Environment**



## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report highlights a petition of 43 signatures requesting that consideration be given to developing parking and access restrictions on Stead Road, Toftshaw Lane and Thorverton Drive

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 A petition of 43 signatures was received via Committee Secretariat on 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2012 requesting the Council to develop measures to alleviate antisocial parking and inappropriate HGV routing in the area.
- 2.2 The petition has been collated by local residents.
- 2.3 A copy of the first page of the petition is included in Appendix 1. Addresses have been redacted for data protection purposes.
- 2.4 A presentation of the full copy of the petition will be circulated as supplementary papers on the day of the committee.
- 2.5 The lead petitioner has been invited to present their case to the committee.
- 2.6 A representative from the Next warehouse has been invited to the meeting to discuss the issue with the committee

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The provision of Access Only restrictions is problematical as such orders rely on the permanent presence of enforcement officers if they are to be effective. Such orders are not currently enforceable by the use of camera equipment.
- 3.2 A considerable number of properties in the area have off-street parking available in the form of either private driveways or stand-alone garages on Thoverton Grove.
- 3.3 Advisory signs to deter HGV access on a section of Stead Road may be installed.

## **4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

- 4.1 At present there is no funding allocated by the Area Committee to allow for investigations into the problems outlined in the petition, or for the implementation of any signage or traffic regulation orders that may be deemed necessary.

## **5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

- 5.1 There are currently no risk management issues relevant to this matter.



**6. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

6.1 Any investigations and works undertaken will be carried out within the requirements of statutory legislation.

**7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

7.1.1 There are no Equality & Diversity issues arising from this report.

**7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.2.1 There are no significant sustainability implications to this report

**7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

7.3.1 There is no greenhouse gas emission implication to this report

**7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

7.4.1 At present there are no community safety implications apparent with regard to this report.

**7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

7.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this matter.

**7.6 TRADE UNION**

7.6.1 There are no trade union implications arising from this report

**7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

7.7.1 The issue raised impacts on local residents and a major employer in the area

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

7.8.1 The development and implementation of any schemes proposed or included in this report support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2011-14.

**8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 Copy of full petition and petitioners presentations (to be circulated at the meeting)



**9. OPTIONS**

- 9.1 The Bradford South Area Committee may choose to accept the petition and authorise further investigations by the Area Traffic Team
- 9.2 The Bradford South Area Committee may choose to reject the petition and take no further action in this matter.

**10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee accepts the submitted petition.
- 10.2 That further investigations into the matters raised are undertaken in the 2014 financial year (commencing April 2014) when funding is available.

**11. APPENDICES**

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Statement from lead petitioner with address redacted.
- 11.2 Appendix 2 - First page of submitted petition with addresses redacted.
- 11.3 Appendix 3 - Full petition (to be circulated at the meeting)

**12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

- 12.1 None



## Appendix 1

Councillor John Ruding  
Bradford Council  
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Dear Sir

I am a resident of Stead Road adjacent to the Next Warehouse/factory shop in Toftshaw Lane Bradford. Over several years I and many of my neighbours have experienced an unnecessary amount of nuisance from workers and customers emanating from the Next factory premises. We have approached the various factory managers over the years with these problems and although they have been most sympathetic they seem unable to secure a lasting solution to the problem.

**We have parking problems to the point that large vehicles such as refuse collection has been hampered because of workers parking their cars on Stead Road causing the road to be less than 2 cars widths and I dread to think what this might do should emergency vehicles need access beyond my property.**

I personally had 2 cars parked outside my house the whole duration of a shift and at that time was having a tree felled directly above these cars,unfortunately the tree could only be partially pruned and I have to foot the bill for the cutters to come back and finish the job,in other words pay for the work twice. I tried to locate the workers by asking the security guard at Next to tell them to move, he put a call out for them over I presume a tannoy system sighting their registration but no one responded (presumably they didn't recognise their car registration numbers or didn't understand much English).

There is one individual who parks outside my house on a regular basis waiting to pick up spouse/girlfriend from 9.45pm-10.20am with a rather noisy engine making the large windows of my property vibrate. There are faulty car alarms going off for hours on end and lots of door slamming at unsociable hours.

At shift start and finish times the end of Stead Road is dangerous to negotiate by car because of right of way signs being ignored by workers eager to get home or start work and cars collecting workers badly parked in Toftshaw Lane and the end of Stead Road on yellow lines,taxi drivers stopped in the middle of the Road etc.

Litter is also a problem,workers dropping litter the full length of Stead Road and beyond down the snicket to the retail park in Weaverthorpe Road.

Another issue which I suspect is more aimed at Princess Foods (our neighbours further over in the adjacent industrial estate) is the fact that large articulated lorries frequently come down Stead Road and realise they have taken a wrong turn, and on one occasion knocked my neighbours wall down, to see them try and reverse back the way they have come is something frightening to watch and



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with small children playing it is only a matter of time before a serious accident happens (I counted 7 lorries 1 day reversing back down the road) I have asked the council at one meeting several years ago at the Next factory with a council member and a representative from the highways department to put signs up to stop this. I have been pursuing yellow lines outside my house to restrict parking but realise that what we really need is **NO ENTRY SIGNS *Except for Access*** (as attached) which should limit the amount of lorries but I doubt it would solve the parking problems as the offenders flaunt the law parking on Yellow lines outside the factory gates and the Police don't seem to be able or willing to enforce this.

Other firms conduct their business in a less obtrusive way building large car parks to accommodate their employees and drop off points and adequate parking for their employees and I have heard of certain companies in extreme cases actually have had their employees sacked because they refused to comply with local bye-laws and parking facilities.

**I find it negligent of Next to inflict these problems onto the residents of Stead Road and Thorverton Drive that NEXT are not good neighbours and I do not see why we have to put up with the nuisance.**

Is it their intention to move to larger premises or expand their facility in the near future because something needs to be done about this and soon. I have contacted Bradford council on this matter and if it is not permanently resolved then we the residents of Stead Road and Toftshaw Lane will not let the matter drop but take further steps to secure a lasting solution to this problem.

Stephen Firth

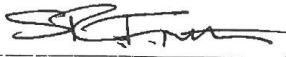
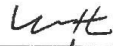
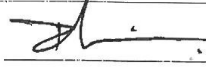

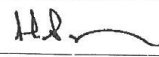

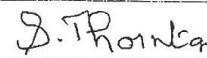

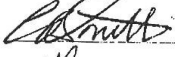
on behalf of the residents of Stead Road, Thorverton Drive and Toftshaw Lane



Appendix 2

Stephen Firth

on behalf of the residents of Stead Road, Thorverton Drive and Toftshaw Lane listed below:

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
STEPHEN FIRTH		
CAROL FIRTH		
BOB FIRTH		
B. Lennick		
H.B.		
H. S. Thornton (H.S. THORNTON)		
S. Thornton		
S. Sherriff		
CHRISTINE SMITH		
MICHAEL SMITH		