

SUBJECT: PETITION – TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JUNCTION OF B4293 AND R46 (Junction by Troy Toll House)

MEETING: CENTRAL MONMOUTHSHIRE AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 28th September 2016

DIVISION/WARDS AFFECTED: Mitchell Troy

1. PURPOSE:

To receive a petition titled 'Toll House Traffic Lights' and to decide what further action, if any, members would wish to take.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That members receive the petition and allow the request to be assessed and prioritised in line with other demands upon the Highways capital budget.

3. KEY ISSUES:

- 3.1 Recently works to address subsidence in the road at Troy corner (adjacent to the Toll House) required lights to control flows.
- 3.2 The lights were in position for several months and criticism was received about the delay to traffic.
- 3.3 However some comments were received that a benefit of the temporary traffic lights was improved access from the B4293 (Trellech road) onto R46 (Old Monmouth Road).
- 3.4 Motorists may acknowledge that for those travelling from the Trellech road (B4293) onto the Mitchell Troy road (R46) extra vigilance is required due to traffic travelling Northwards on the R46 towards Monmouth approaching the junction around a 'blind bend' in close proximity to the junction.
- 3.5 Some years ago representation resulted in some limited works being done to alter the alignment of the junction but given the overall alignment of the roads and the Toll House it is difficult to improve the junction without the acquisition of land and a major realignment of the B4293 to move the junction away from the Toll House and bend.
- 3.6 There is no accident history associated with traffic at the junction but it is acknowledged that the junction does require extra vigilance and particular care by those travelling towards Monmouth from the Trellech direction.
- 3.7 Although an accurate cost requires a detailed survey it would be reasonable to assume a budget of £80,000 to carry the necessary lighting installation, signing etc.

4. REASONS:

- 4.1 Any petition received by the authority must be reported to members at a committee or possibly directly to Cabinet (or individual Cabinet member). This petition is being reported to this committee due to its local interest. The petition has been signed by 82 people (and 2 signatories have suggested that a mini roundabout should be created).
- 4.2 The Council periodically receives petitions regarding highway matters and often about road safety matters. Even if members are supportive of the issue It is often not feasible or appropriate to respond on an ad hoc basis. As such the matter should be considered and prioritised along with other budget demands and funding available (*currently officers and members are establishing a working group to consider how, amongst other things, funding and projects are best allocated in the future given competing demands*).

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

None arising directly from the report but a scheme, if approved, may be estimated at £80,000.

6. CONSULTEES:

None

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

8. **SAFEGUARDING:** There are no safeguarding implications arising from this report.

9. FUTURE GENERATIONS AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This report asks members to consider a petition and that the matter raised by the petition be included amongst other demands upon the highway budget. At this stage it makes no recommendation about the priority or urgency of the scheme. As such an FG and E Impact assessment is considered unnecessary at this stage.

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