



REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

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Title:

RESIDENTS PETITION - SCALEGATE ROAD

Report of:

Head of Commercial and Technical Services

Report reference: CTS 08/03

Summary

A Petition has been received from the residents who live in the cul-de-sac (Nos. 134 to 172) on Scalegate Road. The residents are requesting widening of the cul-de-sac to improve access and parking. Highway improvements such as this are the responsibility of the County Council, however, as land acquisition will be required to widen the road it will be necessary to involve private property owners and Carlisle Housing Association who own the properties along the street. It is therefore proposed that this report be forwarded to the County Council for discussion at the Carlisle Area Transport Advisory Group and also to CHA so that these organisations can identify possible funding sources.

Recommendations It is Recommended that:

a) A copy of this report be forwarded to the County Council for discussion at the Carlisle Transport Advisory Group, a copy also to be forwarded to Carlisle Housing Association for them to consider what action to take.

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Head of Commercial and Technical Services

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Note: In compliance with Section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None CTS 08/03

RESIDENTS PETITION - SCALEGATE ROAD

BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 A Petition has been received from the residents who live in the cul-de-sac (Nos. 134 to 172) on Scalegate Road. The residents are requesting widening of the cul-de-sac to improve access and parking. A copy of the Petition is attached together with a plan showing the restricted width of the cul-de-sac.
- 1.2 On the pre-war housing estates in the City there used to be many narrow cul-de-sacs of this type. The majority of these have been improved over the years mainly funded by the Housing Improvement programme. In order to widen this cul-de-sac on Scalegate Road, it would be necessary to acquire some of the front gardens of the houses in the cul-de-sac to provide the necessary space for parking.
- 1.3 Highway Improvements such as this are the responsibility of the County Council. However, the private property owners in the cul-de-sac and Carlisle Housing Association also have an interest as their land would be required to enable any improvements to take place. These groups may also be willing to contribute to the cost of any improvements.
- 1.4 The City Council has no direct involvement in this issue and can only encourage other organisations to co-operate in funding a solution to the problem. It is proposed that this report be forwarded to the County Council for discussion at the Carlisle Area Transport Advisory Group. It is further proposed that a copy of this report be forwarded to Carlisle Housing Association so that they can consider how they wish to progress the issue.

CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation to date No consultation has taken place to date.
- 2.2 Consultation proposed It is assumed the County Council and CHA will wish to consult further on this issue.

STAFFING / RESOURCES COMMENTS

Not Applicable.

4. HEAD OF FINANCE COMMENTS

Not Applicable.

LEGAL COMMENTS

Not Applicable.

CORPORATE COMMENTS

Not Applicable.

RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

Not Applicable.

8. EQUALITY ISSUES

Not Applicable.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The present layout of the cul-de-sac does make parking and access for Emergency services very difficult.

10. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

11. RECOMMENDATIONS - It is Recommended that:

11.1 It is recommended that a copy of this report be forwarded to the County Council for discussion at the Carlisle Transport Advisory Group, a copy also to be forwarded to Carlisle Housing Association for them to consider what action to take.

12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 The issue cannot be resolved by the City Council and is being forwarded to these organisations responsible for dealing with the issue.



From Councillor:
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25 February, 2003.

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City Councillor for: Upperby Ward

Dear Keith

SCALEGATE ROAD CUL-DE-SAC - NOS 134 TO 172

I have received the attached petition from most of the residents of the above culde-sac asking that it be widened to allow better parking and access, in particular to service and emergency vehicles.

I can confirm that the cul-de-sac is extremely narrow, and obviously when the road was first laid out very few residents, if any, had cars. I know that this request has in fact been on 'the books' for many many years, but now that we have been able to obtain funds to widen the smaller cul-de-sac further along Scalegate Road, the residents between 134 and 172 feel somewhat neglected.

I realise that funding for these improvements is always difficult, but it may be that the Council can liaise with the Carlisle Housing Association, who do have funds for improvements on the estates. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could bring this petition to the attention of the Executive in the hope that the relevant Portfolio Holders can discuss the matter with CHA and/or Cumbria County Council.

Yours sincerely

M J Martlew (Miss)

