

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- Carlisle City Council

Date of Meeting:- 3rd March 2009

Agenda Item No:-

Public

Title:- RESIDENTS PETITION - REQUEST FOR IMPROVED LIGHTING ON BORLAND AVENUE

Report of:- Director of Community Services

Report reference:- CS14/09

Summary:- This report presents a petition from residents around Borland Avenue, Botcherby, requesting lighting improvements. The Report sets out actions which officers propose to take.

Recommendation:- It is recommended that members endorse the actions which Officers proposed to take as set out in the report.

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Director of Community Services

20 February 2009

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

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

- 1.1 A petition has been submitted by 77 residents of the Borland Avenue area of Botcherby requesting improvements to the street lights. A sample page from the petition is attached together with a covering letter submitted with the petition.
- 1.2 The street lights on Borland Avenue are maintained by the City Council on behalf of the County Council. The lights on the public footpath are the responsibility of the City Council.
- 1.3 The City Council lighting engineer has inspected these lights and confirms that the level of lighting being provided at present is more than adequate. In fact these lamps have 70w bulbs which provides a higher level of lighting than many other streets in the City. There is scope to increase the level of lighting and/or install white lights but this would require the replacement of the existing bulbs and some of the electrical equipment, This expenditure cannot be justified from the maintenance budget, and improvements to lighting would need to be funded. Officers have advised Mr Betton, who submitted the petition, that no improvements can be carried out until funding has been identified. Local Ward Members may wish to consider funding improvements on this street. It has been agreed that this request for improved lighting will be added to the list of requests which officers maintain. It was recently agreed by the County Council Local Committee that City and County Officers would prepare a detailed report on lighting improvements as soon as sources of funding had been clarified. The report would seek to prioritise the various requests and seek members approval for a programme of work.
- 1.4 It is recommended that members endorse the actions which officers propose to take.

2. CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation to Date.

No consultation has taken place on this issue.

- 2.2 Consultation proposed.

As set out above in Section 1, a future report will be presented to Highways and Transport Working Group setting out a programme of lighting improvements.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members endorse the actions which Officers proposed to take as set out in the report.

4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

Immediate improvements to these lights cannot be justified as the existing lighting levels are considered to be adequate.

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16th February 2009

Right to be heard at full Carlisle City Council Meeting 3rd March 2009.

Dear Mr. Dixon,

The undersigned residents of Botcherby, Carlisle, request the right to be heard at full City Council meeting on 3rd March 2009 at Civic Centre.

They are requesting that brighter street lighting bulbs be fitted to replace the outdated old dull bulbs in two badly lit areas of Botcherby. The areas are the lower half of Borland Avenue and the public footpath between Botcherby Avenue and Borland running along Freshfields old peoples sheltered accommodation where residents are most vulnerable.

They would like their request to be included on the agenda for the above meeting and also have a person to speak for them to the City Council under the right to be heard, as they have a petition of over 30 signatures. Please see attached petition of support.

Thank you very much for your time and I await your written reply.

Yours sincerely
