

Appendix A

Public Petitions and Questions –Transport, Regeneration and Climate Policy Committee– 15th November 2023

N.B - Please note that a period of up to 30 minutes shall be allocated at meetings of Policy Committees and other appropriate bodies for members of the public to present ordinary petitions or to ask questions of Members and officers present.

Petitions Received from Members of the Public x 2

	Petitions – Name and petition text	Member’s notes
1.	<p>Kristian Middleton</p> <p>PETITION TO SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AT THE BOTTOM OF MARLCLIFFE ROAD.</p> <p>The crossing area at the bottom of Marlcliffe Road is an accident waiting to happen. It is only a matter of time before a child gets hit by a car here due to a combination of factors including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Blind spots for pedestrians due to the very tight angle of Marlcliffe Road. 2. Further obstruction of pedestrian view due to no double yellow lines in place on the east side of the bottom of Marlcliffe Road. 3. High numbers of speeding motorists coming down Marlcliffe Road (>20mph) and no enforcement of the speed limit. 4. High numbers of speeding motorists turning into Marlcliffe Road from Wadsley Lane (>30mph) and no enforcement of the speed limit. 5. High numbers of young children crossing due to the presence of both a nursery and primary school nearby, creating an even higher risk of a serious accident happening. <p>Installing a pedestrian crossing and double yellow lines at this crossing would make this area much safer for pedestrians who need to cross here, including many parents and toddlers. It would also have the knock-on effect of slowing down speeding motorists on both Marlcliffe Road and Wadsley Lane.</p>	<p>Thank you for submitting the petition for a pedestrian crossing and double yellow lines at Marlcliffe Road at the junction with Wadsley Lane. It is always positive to receive petitions from members of the public</p> <p>As you will appreciate, we receive many requests for parking restrictions and road safety and highway improvements, including improvements to assist pedestrians crossing roads. A lack of funding, after 13 years of a Conservative government in London means that we have to assess and prioritise locations for measures according to certain criteria and are currently only able to progress a small number each year. Having this approach helps us prioritise improvement according to need. Some of our most serious road safety issues are often in our most deprived communities in Sheffield, where people may be less likely to be able to amplify their voices.</p> <p>To make you and others aware, the criteria for pedestrian improvements set by the Council includes the pedestrian accident history; the degree of fear and intimidation; as well as how much any improvement would assist access to any local amenities/centres..</p> <p>Our collision data base shows there has been 1 slight injury road collision in the last 6 years in the vicinity of this location which was a vehicle-vehicle</p>

We understand that the council's budget is stretched and that road improvements have to be prioritised. However, this crossing is so potentially dangerous that we believe the council should act in this case before a child gets seriously hurt. Both Gill Furniss MP and Councillor Toby Mallinson agree that this particular crossing is potentially very dangerous and that action is required. Councillor Mallison suggested in an email to the author of this petition that a local residents' petition would help to bump this particular issue up the Council agenda. Therefore, we local residents hereby petition Sheffield City Council to install a Pedestrian Crossing and double yellow lines at the bottom of Marlcliffe Road as shown below in this visual representation:

[Petition · Install a Pedestrian Crossing & Double Yellow Lines at the bottom of Marlcliffe Road · Change.org](#)

collision. There have been no collisions within this time period involving pedestrians at this junction.

As my colleagues here will tell you, the sad reality is that there are many other areas in the City with higher accident records that must be treated as a priority with the limited funding that is available. That is why we were briefed as councillors earlier today about plans for a city wide Road Safety Action Plan, to improve road safety across Sheffield.

Your request for double yellow lines at this location has also been separately assessed, scored and recorded on the city wide double yellow line request list and your requests for both pedestrian improvements and double yellow lines will be considered, with the other assessed sites, when future programmes of work are being developed for each scheme.

We would encourage you to raise community concerns about speeding issues and requests for short-term enforcement at a particular location should be reported to South Yorkshire Police's Local Policing Teams (formally the Safer Neighbourhoods teams) by ringing their non-emergency 101 number or online at <https://smartcontact.southyorkshire.police.uk/advice/driving-complaint/> These will be directed to the correct Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT) for them to resolve.

I know you have been in contact with my colleague who has asked the LAC to consider installing bollards to protect the tactile paving from parking. You should also ask your local councillors to see whether they would support the allocation of Community Infrastructure Levy funds in their ward, which is within their gift to allocate to projects.

Whilst we don't have an immediate solution to the issues that you have identified, I hope that my answer has set out our thinking and given you ideas about where next to take your petition.

2. Tabitha Ward

Petition the Council to provide a safe crossing for students from Oasis Academy, Don Valley on Wilfrid Road, S9 3ES

Details -

We the undersigned petition the council to position a zebra crossing on Wilfrid Road S93ES as there's no safe place on either side of Worksop Road for students from Oasis Academy Don Valley to walk to/from home. This is probably the best place to have the crossing.

The e-petition ran from the 24/8/23 to the 5/10/23.

It has collected 12 signatures.

Dear Tabitha,

Thank you for your petition for a zebra crossing to be implemented on Wilfrid Road, to increase the road safety of school aged children walking to and from Oasis Academy Don Valley.

We receive many requests for road safety and highway improvements including improvements to assist pedestrians crossing roads. Much as we would like to be able to respond to most of them, limitations on resources mean that we have to assess and prioritise locations for measures according to certain criteria and are currently only able to progress a small number every year.

These criteria for pedestrian improvements set by the Council includes the pedestrian accident history; the degree of fear and intimidation; as well as how much any improvement would assist access to any local amenities/centres. Having these criteria enables us to focus our attentions effectively on locations where measures are most urgently needed. All requests that we receive are recorded on a city-wide requests list and your request for a zebra crossing at Wilfrid Road will be recorded on this list which will then be assessed in the next rounds of requests. It will then be considered for prioritisation together with other assessed sites, when future programmes of work are being developed. Collisions involving pedestrians or cyclists are accounted for in the assessment scoring for pedestrian improvements. Our collision data for this location shows there has been 2 collisions within the last 5 years, both at or near the junction of Wilfrid Road and Darnall Road. One of which involved a pedestrian and a vehicle and the other collision involved two vehicles. Unfortunately, there are many other areas in the City with higher pedestrian collision records that must be treated as a priority with the limited funding that is available.

Unfortunately, we are not able to confirm at this time if and when any future works for a pedestrian crossing will be carried out at this location as the

	<p>prioritisation of requests for the 23/24 Pedestrian Improvement Programme is complete and the selected locations are now progressing. Subsequently, we are unable to include any additional locations to the 23/24 Pedestrian Improvement Programme.</p> <p>We are sorry that we are unable to implement your request imminently but trust you understand the reasons for this.</p>
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Questions Received from Members of the Public x 2

	Question from Name, question	Member's notes
1.	<p>David Cronshaw Can you confirm after costs how much money has been made from The Clean Air Zone?</p>	<p>We have two questions related to the Clean Air Zone and I intend to answer both together, to avoid repetition and to make sure that there is no repetition in the answers given:</p> <p>Sheffield was mandated by government to clean our air in the city. Too many people's lives are blighted by the consequences of dirty air, with a significant number of early deaths, hospital admissions. Clean Air is a human right and approach the challenge to improve air quality in this city from this position.</p> <p>As a council we undertake air quality monitoring at a number of locations across the city. We do this in accordance with legal guidance to ensure accuracy of our results. The results of Annual Air Quality monitoring from the previous year are published on our website - on a map and in Annual Status Reports.</p> <p>The mapped monitored data are available on the air quality pages of the council website.</p> <p>The latest Annual Status Report, containing 2022 data, will be published on the council's website once national government have completed their review process on the document.</p>

		<p>Following UK legislative requirements and process, Air quality concentrations are not assessed in real-time, this has to be based on annual average concentrations using 12-months of data gathered across a full Calendar year.</p> <p>Air quality is subject to varying external factors such as weather, seasonal travel behaviour and heating use, therefore, air pollution concentrations vary day-by-day year-on-year. This why it is necessary to gather and assess data over a 12-month period to provide a more accurate picture over an extended period. We will be working with Government to review the performance of the Clean Air Zone and the air quality levels across the full 2023 calendar year. This process will commence in Spring 2024 once all data from 2023 is available and we currently expect that it will be complete in Summer 2024.</p> <p>With regard to questions raised about income from the Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>To the end of September 2023, the payments received totalled £3,285,600 and the expenditure incurred in running the scheme and committed costs such as decommissioning the scheme, equates to £4,258,746.</p> <p>This means that there is currently no surplus income received.</p> <p>However, this may not be the case in the future and that is why I am clear that we need to see a Clean Air Investment Plan for Sheffield, utilising any surplus CAZ income that may be generated, as well as other potential funding streams, in order to implement measures that help improve air quality in Sheffield.</p> <p>My view is that as a committee, we should prioritise measures like School Streets, that both protect young people on their way to school and encourage active travel. As a committee, we are set to discuss plans for any surplus that may be generated during our next meeting, and we would welcome your attendance at this meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Roy Morris "SCC has introduced measures to improve air quality in the city centre. Is the council planning to publicise improvements in air quality? Also, is SCC prepared to give a breakdown of charges received and of what will be done with those funds?"</p>	<p>See answer to Q1.</p>

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