

# BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report of the Chief Executive

## Petitions received under Standing Order 44

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To consider action in respect of petitions received by the Chief Executive under Standing Order 44.

### **2. Recommendations**

#### **2.1 That Cabinet agree the action to be taken in response to the petitions referred to in the report in line with the Council's Petitions Scheme.**

### **3. Background**

3.1 The Council's Standing Order 44 requires that "All petitions relating to a matter over which the Council ... has authority or which affects the Borough shall be presented to the Chief Executive who shall refer them to the relevant officer for investigation."

3.2 The Petitions Scheme, which was revised in April, 2013, requires petitions to be reported into Cabinet. This report sets out recent petitions received and the recommended response.

3.3 Whilst the report of petitions to Cabinet fulfils this duty requirement, Cabinet may wish to consider further action, such as referring any petition to the relevant Area Council.

### **4. Details of Petitions Received**

4.1 Details of the petitions received up to this meeting of Cabinet are set out in the appendix attached, including a recommendation of the action to be taken for consideration. Members should note that individual petitions will not be the subject of further reports to Cabinet unless this is specifically requested at the meeting when the petition is reported.

### **5. List of Appendices**

5.1 Details of Petitions received.

### **6. Background Papers**

Petitions presented to the Chief Executive. Available for inspection in the Council Governance Unit, Town Hall, Barnsley, except where the petitions contain Exempt Information.

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<b>Issue</b>	<b>No. of Signatories</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Action recommended under the Petitions Scheme</b>
<p>Request for:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the 'give way' sign on Staincross Common/Greenside to be changed to a 'Stop' sign; and</li> <li>• the Pedestrian Crossing points at the junction to be changed to Zebra Crossings.</li> </ul>	<p>289 signatories</p>	<p>09/02/2016</p>	<p>In recent weeks the lead petitioner has been involved in extensive dialogue with the Council regarding this request. The reasons for being unable to deliver have been fully explained in lengthy telephone conversations, namely:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The provision of a stop sign is governed by the requirements of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions and requires authorisation from the Secretary of State- This site does not meet the criteria. Therefore, will not receive approval.</li> <li>• The provision of a zebra crossing is governed by various Department for Transport design guides and advice notes. – This site does not meet requirements or design criteria for the provision of zebra crossings.</li> </ul> <p>It is recommended that the Service Director, Environment and Transport write to the lead petitioner to remind him of his previous dialogue with the Council regarding this matter and the reasons for not being able to accede to this request.</p>