

**ORIGINATING DIVISION:** HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA  
**REPORT TO:** BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016  
**TITLE:** PETITION – CHESTER STREET, BLACKBURN  
**WARD:** AUDLEY  
**COUNCILLORS:** Yusuf Jan-Virmani  
Zamir Khan  
Salim Sidat

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition received requesting the provision of a footpath at Chester Street, Blackburn.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

A petition was received in August last year from residents of Chester Street, Blackburn, requesting that the council provide a footpath across the grass verge to connect with a parking bay.

The petition was signed by 18 residents in total, 14 from 10 properties on Chester Street and by 4 residents from properties on adjacent streets.

The petition was supported by the ward councillors.

## **3.0 DETAIL**

When this area of Higher Audley was redeveloped in the 60's, Chester Street was designated a local link road with the adjacent properties having limited parking provided in the roads within the estate. This was at a time of relatively low car ownership.

Since that time with the increase in car ownership a car parking bay has been constructed along this length of Chester Street with an adjacent footway which connects to the existing footway at either end. Due to the length of this bay and also with the location of a path midway between the block of properties the residents wish to have a path provided across the grass verge at this point.

Officers agree that this is a reasonable request and neighbourhood and highway officers have worked with the ward councillors to see if funding could be found for this proposal.

Unfortunately whilst there was some Section 106 money available it was not enough to provide a DDA compliant path and, in the absence of any other funding, it is recommended that the request be denied at this time.

## **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

Customer	None
Financial	None
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

## **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- the committee support the officer's recommendation that a footpath is not provided at this point in time
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

**6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Petition

**7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:** George Bell

**8.0 DATE PREPARED:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016