

**ORIGINATING DIVISION:** HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA  
**REPORT TO:** BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL  
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE  
**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016  
**TITLE:** PETITION – DUNSOP STREET, BLACKBURN  
**WARD:** BASTWELL  
**COUNCILLORS:** Parwaiz Akhtar  
Iftakhar Hussain  
Shaukat Hussain

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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 removal of bollards from the footways at Dunsop Street, Blackburn.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

A petition has been received from residents of Dunsop Street, Blackburn, requesting that the council remove the bollards from the footways of the street as they are ‘...causing accidents, damage to vehicles and health and safety issues on our street to elders and children....’

The petition was signed by 22 residents of 19 properties from a total of 31 properties on Dunsop Street.

### **3.0 DETAIL**

Dunsop Street and the adjacent Snow Street were last constructed as block paved carriageways and flagged footways. In order to minimise damage to the flags from parking on the footways, bollards were installed at approximately 10 metre centres.

Earlier this year, the residents of Snow Street lobbied their ward councillors for the removal of these bollards. Coincidentally at that time there were problems within the ward at Whalley Range where the opening of a new ice cream parlour was causing parking issues and the ward councillors had requested the installation of bollards to alleviate the issue. It was agreed therefore that a low cost solution was to remove the bollards from Snow Street and relocate them at Whalley Range.

There is currently no such situation within the borough where bollards are required and the cost of the removal of the bollards on Dunsop Street cannot therefore be justified. For this reason, it is recommended that the petitioners request for the removal of bollards be refused.

### **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 the petitioners request for the removal of bollards be refused
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

**6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Petition

**7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:** George Bell

**8.0 DATE PREPARED:** 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2016