

**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 – Lilford Road One Way system

**WARD:** SHEAR BROW

**COUNCILLORS:** Suleman Khonat  
Hussain Akhtar  
Shiraj Vali

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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition from residents of Shear Brow, Park Avenue and Shear Bank Rd, Blackburn regarding a proposed One Way order on Lilford Rd.

## **2.0 BACKGROUND**

A petition was received on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2015, opposing to the implementation of the One Way system for the following reasons:

- There has not been any consultation undertaken with the local residents for this to be approved
- This road is a vital link from Park Avenue to the main road (East Park Road) and is used frequently by local residents as well as other road users
- There is a larger issue of cars from outside the area being parked all day on Park Avenue & Lilford Road but this has gone unaddressed
- The position of the No Entry sign does not make sense. Has it been needed, surely it would be better suited at the junction of East Park Road & Lilford Road
- As this has been paid for by the public purse, we would like to know who requested it and on what grounds. Furthermore, who will meet the cost of putting it back to its original state
- The layout appears to be conveniently beneficial for a small section of residents as opposed to the majority

The petition was signed by 58 residents from Shear Brow, Park Avenue, Shear Bank Road and Langham Road.

The lead petitioner indicates that ‘ *we ask that these works are halted immediately and a public consultation is carried out in line with regulation.*’

## **3.0 DETAIL**

Lilford Road is located in the Shear Brow ward, linking Shear Bank Road to East Park Road.

The exact cause as to why this petition has not been reported earlier is unknown. As such this report captures this petition in order to record for future record purposes.

The Lilford Road one way scheme was part of the a wider package of works for a casualty reduction scheme, which included a one way system and junction narrowing at both East Park Road and Shear Bank Road.

Officers had been involved in dialogue with local councillors during 2015 to resolve the issues, which had resulted in a series of site meetings. The outcome of these meetings resulted in the scheme being abandoned and reverting to the previous state.

As a consequence the petition and objections have been resolved through these meetings during the later stages of 2015.

Officers would now consider this matter closed.

#### **4.0 IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Customer</b>	None
<b>Financial</b>	None
<b>Anti-poverty</b>	None
<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	None

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that:

- the Committee support the officer recommendations that the petition has been resolved
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

<b>6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:</b>	Petition
<b>7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:</b>	Stuart Scott
<b>8.0 DATE PREPARED:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016