

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 3rd October 2018

TITLE: PETITION – ONE WAY STREET - BROOKFIELD STREET,
BLACKBURN

WARD: Shear Brow and Corporation Park ward

COUNCILLORS: Suleman Khonat
Hussain Akhtar
Mahfooz Hussain

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition from residents of Brookfield Street, Blackburn regarding their request to make Brookfield Street One Way from Whalley Street down to its junction with Carr Street.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition was received on 30th May 2018, stating that the residents of Brookfield Street, request, demand and require the whole of Brookfield Street to be made one way.

The petition was signed by 27 residents of 27 properties from a total of 43 properties on Brookfield Street. The signatories all reside at properties within no's 2- 43.

3.0 DETAIL

Brookfield Street is located in the Shear Brow and Corporation Park ward, linking Whalley Street to Carr Street, and is situated close to Randal Street and the Whalley Range Bazaar area.

The petition alleges that since the introduction of the one-way order on Blackburn street on the 18th January 2018 there has been an increase in traffic flows which have compounded issues being experienced by the residents in relation to non-residents parking on Brookfield Street.

It is also alleged that the following issues are being experienced:

- 1) Vehicles having to reverse up Brookfield Street due to on coming vehicles entering from Carr Street.
- 2) Heated arguments and near physical violence due to drivers refusing to give way to each other
- 3) Delays exiting and accessing Brookfield Street.
- 4) Increased noise levels due to car horns
- 5) Dramatic increase in traffic
- 6) Residents are scared to allow their children out on the street.
- 7) Increased litter and anti-social behaviour

The petition was preceded by a letter requesting residents parking from Mr Sadiq of 3 Brookfield Street in August of 2017 which was rejected due to budgetary constraints.

Despite the issues alleged in the petition there have been no corroborating reports received by Blackburn with Darwen BC.

Despite the issues alleged by the lead petitioner these are not solely affecting Brookfield Street but many streets in the immediate vicinity. Should the petition be approved it will only move the issues to surrounding streets and add to the existing issues being experienced by those residents.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

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

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- the Committee support the officer recommendations that the request for the introduction of a One-way system on Brookfield Street is rejected.
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Petition
7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:	Simon Littler
8.0 DATE PREPARED:	11 TH September 2018