

ORIGINATING DIVISION:	HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION
REPORT TO:	BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE
DATE:	30TH July 2019
TITLE:	PETITION – ZEBRA CROSSING
WARD:	Shear Brow and Corporation Park Bastwell and Daisyfield
COUNCILLORS:	Parwaiz Akhtar Iftakhar Hussain Shaukat Hussain Hussain Akhtar Suleman Khonat Zainab Rawat

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition from parents of pupils of St James School, Blackburn.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition was received on 23rd July 2019, stating that the parents request the installation of a zebra crossing facility on Earl Street outside of St James Primary School.

The petition is signed by 50 parents.

3.0 DETAIL

St James Primary School is situated at the top of Earl Street, Blackburn.

The petition alleges that parents and children are having difficulty crossing Earl Street due to the number of parked vehicles on both sides of the road near the junction of Oozebooth Terrace. It is also alleges that there have been a few near misses where people have nearly been hit by vehicles.

The petition was accompanied by a letter of support from the Headteacher of St James School.

Despite the issues alleged in the petition there are no corroborating reports. A police

check for the last 12 months showed 12 recorded vehicle versus vehicle and street furniture collisions. There have been no recorded pedestrian collisions.

There are existing waiting restrictions on Earl Street outside the school in the form of school keep clear markings along with double yellow lines. There are also road narrowing points with priority give ways which effectively slow traffic down.

In terms of road safety, the Council, as with Council's nationally, prioritises road safety funding based upon collision data held by the Police, with priority being given to locations where there are incidents recorded that have led to a serious or fatal outcome. Whilst we appreciate this isn't the ideal approach to road safety interventions, it has become necessary to adopt this approach across Local Authorities nationally, within the context of limited funding being made available.

It is recommended therefore that the request for a zebra crossing facility be rejected.

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 zebra crossing on Earl Street is rejected.
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS:	Petition Letter of support
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7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS:	Gina Lambert
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8.0 DATE PREPARED:	30 th July 2019
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