



SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 1 November 2005

Report of the Director of Corporate Services

Petition not to proceed with the Inner Ring Road and Ancillary Works

RECOMMENDATION

1. That Scrutiny Management Commission consider the request by the petitioner and either:
 - a) accede to the request to withdraw the petition and hear it at the Commission's meeting on 13 December 2005, or;
 - b) consider the petition at the Commission's meeting on 1 November 2005 in the absence of any representatives of Derby HEART

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 A chronology of events relating to the petition is contained in Appendix 2 of this report.
- 2.2 If the Commission accede to the request to withdraw the petition from the agenda of the 1 November meeting and hear it at the meeting on 13 December, representatives of Derby HEART will be able to make representations to the Commission. However there will be a further delay in considering the petition, and it may be that by 13 December decisions about Connecting Derby will have already been made by the Government Office for the East Midlands and the Secretary of State.
- 2.3 By considering the petition on 1 November, the Commission will minimise any delays but Derby HEART will be unable to make representations to members.
- 2.4 Members are reminded that the proposals for Connecting Derby have already been considered and agreed by Planning Control Committee.
- 2.5 A copy of the front sheet of the petition and the letter to Councillor Williamson are contained in Appendix 3. Complete copies of the petition have been placed in the Members Rooms

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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1. None arising from this report.

Legal

2. None arising from this report.

Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

Equalities impact

4. Connecting Derby will affect many people who live and work in the City.

Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities

5. This report links to the following Corporate Objectives, Values and Priorities:

Values

- Develop effective partnerships with all stakeholders, especially Derby's residents

Derby HEART petition - Chronology of events

- 1.1 Earlier this year in a letter dated 30 August 2005, Ms D wrote to Councillor Chris Williamson enclosing a 2000 signature petition from Derby HEART and requested the Council 'not to continue or proceed with Connecting Derby'.
- 1.2 The letter was acknowledged by Constitutional Services on 9 September 2005, and Ms D was advised that the petition was to be presented to a future Area Panel 3 meeting. Ms D responded to the Council's letter on 15 September. She pointed out that the scheme also affected Area Panel 5 and asked that the petition be referred to that meeting as well. She also asked when the petition would be presented and said that her diary for the next two months was already very full.
- 1.3 On 21 September 2005 Constitutional Services acknowledged Ms D's letter of 5 September and advised her that as the petition affected more than one Area Panel, it was classed as city-wide and would therefore be considered by the Scrutiny Management Commission at its next meeting, which would be on Tuesday 1 November 2005.
- 1.4 On 14 October 2005, the Chair, the Co-ordination Officer and Mr Powner of the Development and Cultural Services Division met to consider the actions that needed to be taken in respect of the petition prior to the Commission's meeting. At that meeting the Chair requested the Co-ordination Officer to write to Ms D in order to inform her of the arrangements of the 1 November meeting and to ask for some additional information about the petition. This letter was sent to Ms D on 14 October 2005.
- 1.5 On 17 October 2005, Ms D telephoned the Co-ordination Officer and said that neither she nor anyone else from Derby HEART would be available to present the petition on 1 November. She asked for the petition to be withdrawn and presented to the Scrutiny Management Commission meeting on 13 December 2005. The Co-ordination Officer asked Ms D to make this request in writing. She did this, and a copy of her letter (L1), dated 17 October 2005 and received on 19 October is attached.
- 1.6 On 19 October 2005, Ms D telephoned the Co-ordination Officer to find out whether her letter of 17 October had been received. The Co-ordination Officer confirmed that the letter had been received, but pointed out that it only asked for the petition to be temporarily withdrawn. To clarify this point Ms D wrote a further letter (L2) which is also attached. This letter formally asks for the petition to be withdrawn with a view to it 'being formally presented to the Commission on 13 December 2005.'

Appendix 3

Copy of the covering letter to Councillor Williamson and the front sheet of the petition