

**AREA PANEL 2 (ALVASTON, BOULTON, CHELLASTON AND SINFIN  
WARDS)  
17 JANUARY 2007  
MINUTE EXTRACT**

**48/06     *Petitions***

**Petitions received since the last meeting**

There were no new petitions presented.

**To consider responses to petitions received**

**a) Parking on Nightingale Road**

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation, in response to the petition regarding parking on Nightingale Road.

Councillor Chera expressed his disappointment with the proposed action and that Rolls Royce had not been invited to comment. Councillor Turner considered that it was an issue of judgement and not numbers and that the removal of waiting restrictions was needed where the houses were and not the Rolls Royce buildings. He considered the emergency services would not be hindered.

Councillor Wynn commented that initially he would have liked the restrictions to be removed sooner. However, when he considered the possible impact it could have on the emergency services and that it could hinder a response to an accident, then he did not consider we should remove the waiting restrictions at the moment.

A resident commented that parking on both sides of a road impedes emergency vehicles elsewhere in the city and suggested that removing restrictions from one side should be considered.

The panel supported this suggestion and asked that the report is referred back to consider removing restrictions on one side or in front of the houses only.

**Agreed to refer to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to consider removing restrictions from one side of Nightingale Road or in front of the houses only.**

**b) Request for a pedestrian crossing on Crayford Road**

The Panel considered a report from the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in response to the petition requesting a pedestrian crossing on Crayford Road.

The lead petitioner responded that the petition had not requested a

pedestrian crossing but had actually asked for 'help to cross the road'. She asked when the surveys were completed because they record only half the numbers recorded in the residents' survey and one of the school access gates was now closed which meant more pupils would need to cross Crayford Road. She asked if the observers wore yellow jackets – because they would influence driving habits and whether they spoke to those crossing to learn how fearful even the year 11 students were. She asked if 'red strips' on the road, similar to those used near to Alvaston School, could be considered as a way to slow down traffic.

Councillor Jackson considered that something must be done to support the residents.

Councillor Wynn apologised for the misunderstanding about the petitioners' specific request for help to cross the road and that he would look into why it was misinterpreted. He confirmed the traffic survey staff did wear yellow jackets which could influence driving habits. He would ask officers to re evaluate the junction in light of the information about the recently closed gate and the fact that the petitioners were not specifically asking for a pedestrian crossing. He confirmed that he would be asking officers to take more note of what the residents were requesting.

Agreed to refer to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation to reconsider the specific requests of the petitioner and report back to a future meeting of the Area Panel.