

Report

Report to:	Petitions Committee
Date of Meeting:	27 August 2019
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Petition Relating to Flooding and Deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ allow the Petitions Committee to consider a petition in relation to the flooding and deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that members of the Petition Committee give due consideration to the Petition Lodged in relation to Flooding and Deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang.

3. Background

3.1. A petition has been lodged with the Council which meets the Guidelines in terms of:-

- ◆ the matter has been raised with the Council prior to submission and relates to services provided by South Lanarkshire Council
- ◆ the numbers of Petitioners exceeds the minimum limit of 50

4. Petition Details

4.1. The petition relates to flooding and deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang and the statement by the lead petitioner states that:-

Despite pleas to provide a permanent and proper solution to the flooding and road deterioration on Gilbertfield Road, Cambuslang (near the War Memorial) nothing has been done.

The road is constantly closed and even shallow standing water hides massive pot holes that have damaged vehicles on numerous occasions.

It is not acceptable to suggest that this was only apparent after Dundas Estates started building here. The road has always had historic drainage issues and the relevant departments within the authority should have ensured that this was taken care of as part of the first building phase.

It is also unacceptable to kick this into the long grass in the hope that Dundas will provide a permanent fix IF they build another 2 housing developments on the adjacent fields. They have been locked in a dispute with the land owner for years and there remains no firm commitment or plan to build anything on those sites.

The Council needs to take ownership of this issue and come up with a solution instead of hoping that a private organisation will solve a problem on a public road. Additional information to support this statement are attached in Appendix 1.

5 Support for Petition

5.1 The Petition contains 337 names broken down as follows:-

- ◆ 93 names from Cambuslang specifically
- ◆ 131 names from Glasgow
- ◆ 58 from other areas within South Lanarkshire
- ◆ 17 from other locations in Scotland
- ◆ 37 from other locations in the UK
- ◆ 1 from abroad

6 Comments from Roads and Transportation Services

6.1 As further background on the terms of the Petition, Roads and Transportation Services have provide the following comments:-

- ◆ Construction of a new housing development appears to have severed a historical and uncharted drain
- ◆ In the absence of this drainage outfall flooding now occurs at a low point on Gilbertfield Road during/after heavy rain. This has required the road to be closed for extended periods (weeks at a time)
- ◆ An outline solution was developed which would have involved a replacement drain being constructed as part of an extension to the existing housing development (referenced at 1). However, this housing site is not currently progressing hence this solution is not currently available
- ◆ In the meantime efforts have been made to keep the local drainage system on Gilbertfield Road free of any accumulated silt and debris. However, as an interim measure, the drains are being inspected regularly and cleaned as necessary. This appears to have been successful to some degree as the locus has not flooded during recent heavy rainfall events. However, given the scale of the flooding experienced this is expected only to provide limited short term relief
- ◆ We have undertaken a topographical survey of the wider local area with a view to developing a feasible medium term solution which we can implement ourselves. Development of such a solution is ongoing at present. This will likely involve pumping water from the existing low point on Gilbertfield Road to a suitable watercourse. A professional services commission to design a solution is currently being tendered. It is expected this work will be awarded within the next fortnight with a solution hopefully being available some 8 weeks after the commission is awarded
- ◆ It should be noted that implementation of a solution will likely require the approval of an adjacent landowner through whose land a drainage outfall will require to pass. The landowner is the Ministry of Defence; however, the situation is complicated by a sub-let arrangement they have in place with a local landowner. Discussion with these parties are in hand
- ◆ The estimated cost of a solution is estimated to be of the order of £50,000

7 Options Open to the Committee

7.1 In terms of the approved Guidance, the Petitions Committee can:-

- ◆ agree the issues raised deserves further action and agree to refer the petition to another Council Committee, officer or other organisation with recommendations
- ◆ agree that the issue raised does not merit further action
- ◆ refer back to Resource with recommendations for further action

8 Employee Implications

8.1 None

9 Financial Implications

9.1 None at this time.

10 Other Implications

10.1 None

11 Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1 No requirement to carry out.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Ambition/Objectives

- ◆ None

Previous References

- ◆ Petitions Committee, 24 June 2019

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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