

**COMMITTEE:** SOUTH LUTON AREA BOARD  
DALLOW, FARLEY AND SOUTH WARDS

**DATE:** 7 MARCH 2017

**SUBJECT:** PETITION – VARIOUS ISSUES – MEDINA ROAD

**REPORT BY:** SERVICE DIRECTOR – PUBLIC REALM

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**IMPLICATIONS:**

<b>LEGAL</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY</b>
<b>EQUALITIES</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>
<b>FINANCIAL</b>	<b>CONSULTATIONS</b>
<b>STAFFING</b>	<b>OTHER</b>

**WARDS AFFECTED: DALLOW, FARLEY AND SOUTH WARDS**

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**PURPOSE**

1. To report to South Luton Area Board the receipt of a petition requesting the Council to look into issues in Medina Road, Luton

**RECOMMENDATION(S)**

2. **South Luton Area Board is recommended to:-**

- (i) note receipt of the petition;
- (ii) note the contents of the report
- (iii) instruct the Service Director Public Realm to advise the petitioners.

### **BACKGROUND**

- 3. A petition has been received requesting the Council to look at various issues (detailed in the report) in Medina Avenue.
- 4. The petition is signed by 57 residents from 20 properties in Medina Road
- 5. There are approximately 26 properties in Medina Road.

### **REPORT**

- 6. *'The Council's inconsiderate policy of issuing licence to Food processing premises which has exacerbated the situation of rodent infestation in the area. An immediate action is required from the Council'*

**Environmental Enforcement officers have attended the site and found that there is no evidence that the food processing premises have exacerbated the situation with regard to rodents. Pest Control officers have also visited Medina Road and found no evidence of rodents. However, they can be contacted on 01582 510330 should a resident have a specific problem.**

- 7. *'Council has failed to perform its duties to keep the pavements clear of waste from the businesses in the area. Shops on Dunstable Road and Food processing premises in the Medina Road area leaving their waste in the trollies on the pavement causing Health and Safety issues for the Pedestrians. It is dangerous for the growing elderly population in the area. Business must be warned to keep their waste and dustbins inside their properties and only put out the day of the collection.'*

**Environmental Enforcement officers have attended and no waste trolleys were present at the time. They will be re-checking and action will be taken if waste trolleys are found.**

- 8. *Pavements are uneven and we request the Council to survey the area and eradicate any potential hazards.*

**A highway inspector will check the safety of the pavements. Any hazard deeper than 20mm will be repaired.**

9. *Also at the front of the food processing business, shutters has been broken for months leaving a detrimental effect on the residential property value and portrays an irresponsible attitude towards the environment.*

**The owner of the premises has fixed the shutters.**

10. *There may be a hygiene issue as the pavement in the front of this unit is becoming greasy.*

**Environmental Enforcement officers found no evidence of grease on footway.**

11. *With the increased number of visitors to the businesses and the medical centre at times it become impossible for Medina Road to function as a two way street. We request the Council to make Medina Road a one way street.*

**The Council receives a number of requests for traffic and safety work and does not have either the human or financial resources to deal with all of them immediately. A Request List is therefore maintained and requests such as this are added to the list as they are received. An item for a one way in Medina Road was added to this list in July 2016.**

**Towards the end of each year all outstanding requests are reviewed and prioritised and those of the highest priority are included in the next years' work programme subject to the budget provision.**

12. *We would appreciate it if Council remove yellow lines from the end of the street allowing residents a few more parking spaces.*

**There are only yellow lines in the area of Rabia Girls school. These are no waiting at any time at the junction to prevent parking on the junction and a bus stand for the school buses. There are currently no plans to remove any of these.**

13. *We request to the Council to unblock the drains in Medina Road*

**The gullies will be inspected and any blocked will be passed to the Highway Maintenance contractor.**

14. *We request to the Council to a comprehensive pruning of the trees in the street.*

**The trees in Medina Road were inspected in September 2016. Works to give the trees a light prune so that the branches are further away from the properties, overhead cables and to ensure statutory highway clearances are scheduled for Summer 2017.**

15. *If there is going to be a residential development at the Warehouse area, we request to the Council to only consider the plans, if and only sufficient number of parking places are included in the plan for the flats.*

**Any planning applications for development are considered against the policies contained in the adopted local development plan, which include parking among other things. There will also be a consultation process where local residents who may be affected by development proposals are notified and able to comment on the application. You are also able to register on [www.epolan.luton.gov.uk](http://www.epolan.luton.gov.uk) where you can carry out searches and save them which gives you the option of being notified automatically of any planning applications submitted within your search criteria (i.e. Medina Road).**

16. *Wide pavements in the front of the shops on Dunstable Road are often occupied by the cars/vans thus restricting the view for the emerging traffic.*

**The majority of the area outside the shops on Dunstable Road is private forecourt and therefore, as long as vehicle use the appropriate dropped kerbs and not drive on the footway the Council has no jurisdiction.**

**The Council is currently carrying out a study into banning parking on footways and verges except where specifically designated.**

17. *Life for the residents has become very dangerous since we have Tesco Express opened at the Dunstable Road. Lorries are delivering at the business of times making it impossible for the buses to stop at the bus stop. Thus making life difficult for the passengers, increasing risk and congestion in the area. Could deliveries be restricted to off peak hours only.*

**The bus stop has a bus clearway and no other vehicles are allowed to stop in them. The bus stop is of sufficient length for the bus to get past a vehicle loading/unloading on the double yellow lines adjacent and still stop adjacent to the kerb. Civil Enforcement Officer can and do issue Penalty Charge Notices.**