

COMMITTEE: NORTH LUTON AREA BOARD

DATE: 20 JUNE 2016

SUBJECT: PETITION – GOOSEBERRY HILL, LUTON

REPORT BY: SERVICE DIRECTOR – PUBLIC REALM

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: ICKNIELD

PURPOSE

1. To report to North Luton Area Board the receipt of a petition regarding a traffic in Gooseberry Hill, Luton

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. North Luton Area Board is recommended to:-
 - (i) note receipt of the petition;
 - (ii) note that a consultation with residents is being held
 - (iii) instruct the Service Director Public Realm to advise the petitioners.

BACKGROUND

3. A petition has been received regarding through traffic using Gooseberry Hill signed by 23 residents.
4. Gooseberry Hill from number 108 to Grasmere Road is classed as an unadopted highway i.e. there is a right for traffic to pass and repass along it but it is not maintainable at public expense.

REPORT

5. Further meetings have been held with the residents, ward councillors and officers.
6. Residents feel that there has been an increase in traffic using the unadopted part of Gooseberry Hill as a through route which has been made worse by the recent change of Derwent Road into a one-way street. The additional through traffic is causing damage to the unmade surface and residents face large bills to repair the surface.
7. A consultation is currently being undertaken with residents giving them the following options:-
 - a) Installation of a lockable post in the narrow section of the unadopted part of Gooseberry Hill as a trial at residents at residents' expense.
 - b) Carry out works to bring the unadopted part of Gooseberry Hill up to adoptable standards at residents' expense.
 - c) To take no action