

WANDSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCILTRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2025Report by the Director of Environment & Community Services on the
Annual Review of the Traffic and Engineering PetitionsSUMMARY

At the Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 20th February 2018, the process for dealing with petitions from residents concerning traffic and parking related matters was updated (Paper No. 18-74).

This process meant that relatively straightforward issues could be dealt with by officers in accordance with the Council's approved traffic management policy (Paper No. 17-298 adopted in September 2017) without the need to formally report back with a report to Committee.

It was suggested that an annual report would be presented to this Committee annually with details of petitions submitted and the Council's response. The last report was from June 2023 to May 2024 and was presented to this committee in October 2024

This is the seventh annual update report which provides an update of actions taken in respect of some petitions reported on the last report and details of petitions received between June 2024 and May 17th 2025 together with actions taken.

The Executive Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications arising from the report.

GLOSSARY

- SSA - Shared Staffing Arrangement
- OSC - Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- TfL - Transport for London
- ATC - Automatic Traffic Counter
- SID - Speed Indicator Device
- TMP - Traffic Management Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. This report is submitted to the Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee for information. No decisions are required on it by the Council, the Cabinet or regulatory or other committees.

INTRODUCTION

2. The Council's Standing Order No. 12 states that a petition may be presented by any Member of the Council at any meeting of the Council, by handing the same to the Chairman and any such petition shall be referred to the Executive or to the appropriate Committee or sub-committee of the Council for consideration.
3. This process allows straightforward issues that can be resolved quickly and informally when dealing with routine traffic and parking issues to be dealt with.
4. Key issues are still brought to Committee, minor or routine issues can be dealt with by officers in accordance with the Council's approved traffic management policy (Paper No. 17-298).
5. Petitions follow a two-stage process as follows:

a) Stage 1

When a new petition is received, officers will consider it in accordance with the Council's traffic management policy (Paper No.17-298).

If the petition:

- i. does not meet the Council's traffic management policy criteria; or
- ii. is not a Wandsworth Council responsibility (e.g., on a TfL road); or
- iii. is a minor or routine issue that can be addressed in accordance with an existing policy, without the need for further investigation, then a response is sent to the lead petitioner with an explanation of the reasons why no further action is to be taken.

Once a petition is closed down, generally officers will not consider a new petition about the same issue in the same area for a period of 12 months, unless conditions in the road concerned have significantly changed.

Where a petition is received but the Council is not the responsible authority (e.g. request for a change on the Red Route) the petition is forwarded as appropriate and the petitioners informed without the need for a Committee paper.

b) Stage 2

- i. If the petition meets the approved traffic management policy criteria, as set out in Paper No.17-298, or a referral to Committee is requested by the Executive Member, then it shall be reviewed accordingly with a report

submitted to SPTOSC with recommendations to the Executive addressing the issues raised.

- ii. If a road/area fails to meet the traffic management criteria, then it can, in exceptional circumstances still be considered for low-cost minor amendments, if there are genuine reasons for intervention (such as significant new pedestrian movements nearby) at stage 3 of the traffic management policy (Paper No.17-298).

BACKGROUND

6. The list of petitions received which met the respondent criteria of 51% of residents, and then subsequently dealt with by officers since June 2024 has been attached to this report as Appendix A for information including one petition that was still in action from 2024.
7. There were 23 petitions presented to the Council for consideration during this time period. There were 13 that did not meet the criteria of 51% and these are therefore not included within the appendix.
8. Of these 23, 1 for highways maintenance for issues around resurfacing and footway treatments. These are included in programmed works with regular review and not included within the appendix.
9. There were a further 2 that were either duplications or were not Highways petitions, leaving 8 for consideration.

SUPPORTING THE WANDSWORTH ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (WESS)

10. The petitions process in general supports the objectives of the Walking and Cycling Strategy as the investigations and any subsequent interventions are in line with the Traffic Management and Council Policies for reducing traffic speeds, easing congestion and creating safer and more accessible walking and cycling routes.

COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

11. The Executive Director of Finance comments that there are no financial implications arising from the report.

Annual Review of the Traffic and Engineering Petitions

The Town Hall,
Wandsworth,
Services
SW18 2PU.

Paul Chadwick
Executive Director of Environment and Community

11th June 2025

Appendices

Appendix A – List of Traffic and Parking Petitions

Background papers

There are no background papers to this report.

All reports to Overview and Scrutiny Committees, regulatory and other committees, the Executive and the full Council can be viewed on the Council's website (www.wandsworth.gov.uk/moderngov) unless the report was published before May 2001, in which case the democratic services officer can supply it if required.