

**REPORT TO CRIME AND DISORDER
SELECT COMMITTEE**

28 APRIL 2016

**REPORT OF SCRUTINY
OFFICER**

REVIEW OF SCHOOL PARKING – PETITION

SUMMARY

The following report provides details of a petition received for consideration as part of the review of school parking.

DETAIL

1. A petition, dated 16 March 2016, was received by Stockton Borough Council which due to the ongoing scrutiny review of school parking it was considered appropriate for the Crime and Disorder Select Committee to hear and consider the concerns of the petitioners.
2. Residents of Kintyre Drive, Bute Close, Arron Close, and Cromore Close, Thornaby are experiencing a much increased problem with local congestion during the school drop-off and pick-up times and this was growing out of control.
3. The following list of concerns were supplied:
 - Speeding in the residential areas where the 20mph speed limit is totally ignored.
 - Cars are being parked on the pavement and on the grass verges.
 - Parked cars on one side of the road are obstructing entrances to drives on the other side of the road.
 - Some days parked cars are reducing access for the emergency services.
 - Some cars are parked for nearly three hours by people working in Bader Primary School.
 - Family and friends have difficulty to park when visiting us.
 - Also there is a dangerous corner on Kintyre Drive which has caused a few near miss accidents.
 - A number of drivers think they have the right to park anywhere including on zigzag lines.
 - The designated parking lay-by on Thornaby Road is very often half empty.
 - People using abusive language if they are asked not to park, also some cars are playing very loud music before 9 o'clock in the morning.
4. The residents did not specify what action they want Stockton Borough Council to take to address the concerns above. The lead petitioner was contacted and informed that a short representation could be made to the Committee as part of the discussion and evidence gathering procedure employed in a scrutiny review.

Next Steps

5. It is recommended that the report contents be noted.

6. The concerns are addressed as part of the scrutiny review recommendations that are made to Cabinet. (This aligns with the way in which a stand-alone petition with recommendations is dealt with by Cabinet as the decision making/determining body.)
7. The lead petitioner is informed of the final decision which will be published on the Council web site.

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