

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>DATE</b> 25.11.2020	<b>ITEM NO</b> 7
<b>TITLE</b> Petition Responses	<b>WARD (S)</b> N/A	
<b>CHIEF OFFICER</b> Director of Communities and Environment	<b>CABINET MEMBER(S)</b> Environment, Sustainability and Transport	
<b>DECISION CLASSIFICATION</b> Non exempt report	<b>IS THE FINAL DECISION ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT TO BE MADE AT THIS MEETING?</b> Yes	

1. **Decision Required**

- 1.1 The Council is asked to note the action taken in response to petitions presented at recent meetings of the Council.

2. **Summary**

- 2.1 Under the Council's Constitution, Part 4, A1.19, petitions presented to Council are required to be referred to the relevant Chief Officer and reported back to Council within two meetings.
- 2.2 Attached at the appendices are responses to petitions submitted at recent meetings of the Council.
- 2.3 Members are requested to note the action taken in response to the petitions.

3. **Comments of the Director of Legal Services**

- 3.1 Paragraph A1.19 of the Council's constitution provides that any Member of the Council may present a petition. Petitions will be referred to the relevant Chief Officer for investigation and response. The outcome of the investigation is to be reported back to full Council within two meetings. However, due to the disruption to normal Council business caused by the Covid-19 pandemic it may not always be possible to provide the petition responses within normal timescales.

## Appendices

### Appendix I - Call on Lewisham Council to reverse closure of South Row, SE3

## Background Papers

Minutes of Council meeting 23 September 2020

Report compiled by: Daniel Wilkinson – Committee Services Officer  
Tel No: 020 8921 5102  
Email: [daniel.wilkinson@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.wilkinson@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

Reporting to: Anthony Soyinka – Committee Services Manager  
Tel No: 020 8921 2230  
Email: [anthony.soyinka@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:anthony.soyinka@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

Chief Officer Katrina Delaney – Director of Communities and Environment  
Tel No: 020 8921 6101  
Email: [katrina.delaney@royalgreenwich.gov.uk](mailto:katrina.delaney@royalgreenwich.gov.uk)

Petitioner:	Councillor Charlie Davis
Petition:	Call on Lewisham Council to reverse closure of South Row, SE3
Number of signatures:	1645
The petition read as follows:	<p>We the undersigned believe that Lewisham Council’s attempt, without meaningful consultation, to close South Row to motor vehicles has a) been shown to be impractical and absolutely unacceptable to the vast majority of residents and b) to have been an improper use of the temporary power granted to local councils under the The Traffic Orders Procedure (Coronavirus)(Amendment) (England) Regulations 2020. These regulations may only be used during the coronavirus emergency to put in place “measures needed to deal with the effects of coronavirus”.</p> <p>We further note that when the two junior schools on Wemyss Road reopen, this proposal would seriously endanger the health of very young children. Any changes in the function of roads that feed into Blackheath village should be implemented only after extended and informed consultation with residents and local businesses</p>

Cabinet Member:	Environment, Sustainability and Transport
Ward(s):	Kidbrooke with Hornfair
Directorate:	DRES

Submitted to Council on:	23 September 2020
Presented by:	Councillor Charlie Davis

**I. Petition Response**

- I.1 Whilst the closure affects Royal Greenwich, it is within the borders of and made by Lewisham Council. The substance of the petition refers to the appropriateness and legality of the closure, which are issues which can only effectively be addressed by Lewisham Council.

- 1.2 The Royal Borough of Greenwich has already worked extensively with Lewisham Council, at both the Cabinet Member and Senior Officer levels, without results.
- 1.3 It is noted that Councillor Davis was submitting this petition to Lewisham Council, for the attention of their Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport. Cabinet Members and Officers would be grateful if Councillor Davis could share the response he gets, or has received, from Lewisham Council.