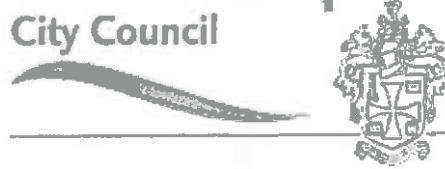


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Wolverhampton
City Council



DEMOCRATIC SUPPORT

23 OCT 2014

WOLVERHAMPTON

PUBLIC PETITION

(For official use only)
PUBLIC PETITION NO.

136-14

Should you wish to submit a public petition for consideration by the Petitions Committee please refer to the guidance leaflet **Petitions and E-Petitions Scheme** and the **Guidance Notes at the back of this form.**

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| 1. NAME OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER (If applicable, please specify the name of the organisation on whose behalf the petition is raised) |
| Mrs Sheila Redmond |
| 2. PETITION TITLE |
| Petition for a pedestrian crossing on Rushall Road, Bushbury. |
| 3. PETITION TEXT |
| We, the undersigned, call on Wolverhampton City Council to install a suitable pedestrian crossing on Rushall Road, Bushbury. |
| The opening of the supermarket and post office has led to a sizeable increase in traffic volume (including large delivery vehicles) and pedestrians crossing the road to reach the shops. Local residents are frightened for their safety when attempting to cross Rushall Road. |
| We request that any traffic/pedestrian footfall assessment takes into account the demographics of the local area and those using the shops – this includes young school children and older, disabled people (noting the nearby location of Broadway Gardens Very Sheltered Housing Scheme). |
| 4. ACTION TAKEN TO RESOLVE ISSUES OF CONCERN BEFORE SUBMITTING THE PETITION |
| This has been an ongoing issue of concern for many years. Residents have raised the issue with the management at Broadway Gardens, with previous councillors, and more recently with Councillor Angus and Emma Reynolds MP. No steps have yet been taken to improve safety for pedestrians wishing to cross Rushall Road. |
| 5. PETITION BACKGROUND INFORMATION |

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See 'petition text'.

It should be noted that a significant proportion of residents at Broadway Gardens Very Sheltered Housing Scheme are in their eighties and nineties (and the average age is increasing each year) and many have serious disabilities. However, residents are encouraged to live supported, independent lives and this involves them popping to the local shop and post office for essential daily items. Many residents cross with the support of walking aids and/or wheelchairs and mobility scooters.

Rushall Road is a critical crossing point for residents from Broadway Gardens and the Northwood Park estate to access the supermarket and post office on the former site of the Staffordshire Volunteer public house. It also serves a crossing point for parents and young children to access local schools. ^A 65

Since the development of the former pub site into a thriving local supermarket and post office, residents are faced with crossing a stretch of road which requires them to 'watch' multiple busy junctions. Anecdotal evidence suggests that traffic volume and speeds have both increased over recent years.

| 6. ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION (NOT FOR PUBLICATION) | |
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| Name | Mrs Sheila Redmond |
| Address | 19 Broadway Gardens Bushbury Wolverhampton WV10 8EA |
| Telephone nos. | Home: Mobile: N/A |
| E-mail address | N/A |
| No. of petition signatures | 53 52 |
| STATEMENT TO THE COMMITTEE: Should the Committee consider it necessary, in order to broaden its understanding of the petition, it may invite a petitioner to appear before and give an oral presentation and answer question. Would you wish, if invited, to appear? | |
| YES <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL PETITIONER: When satisfied that your petition meets all the criteria outlined in the Petitions and E-Petitions Scheme, the principal petitioner should sign and date below. | |
| Signature | |
| Date 14-10-14 | |
| Completed forms should be returned to— Democratic Support | |