

REPORT TO: Petitions Committee

MEETING DATE: 11 June 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Petition PET1407 – Calling on East Lothian Council to close permanently Inveresk Road, Musselburgh to commuter traffic, allowing only residential access and through-access for emergency vehicles

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To present petition PET1407 – Calling on East Lothian Council to close permanently Inveresk Road, Musselburgh to commuter traffic, allowing only residential access and through-access for emergency vehicles - to the Petitions Committee for consideration.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the petition and takes action as required.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On online petition request was submitted by Mr Graeme Stuart, on behalf of local residents, on 11 December 2014. The request was deemed to be competent and the petition was made live on the Council's website on 2 February 2015. By its closing date of 25 May, it had 229 signatories.
- 3.2 Further details of the petition are contained in Appendix 1. Mr Stuart has provided additional information in support of his petition (also contained in Appendix 1) and he will attend the Committee's meeting on 11 June.
- 3.3 The petition can be viewed by contacting the Clerk to the Petitions Committee.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no immediate policy implications arising from this report. Depending on the action required and agreed by the Committee, there may be policy implications relating to particular issues arising from

competent petitions. These will be subject to a separate report to the relevant committee, as required.

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.
6.2 Personnel – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.
6.3 Other – dependent on the action agreed by the Committee.

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 East Lothian Council Standing Orders – Appendix 1: Scheme of Administration – Petitions Committee.
7.2 Appendix 1 – Summary of petition for consideration.

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EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL PETITIONS COMMITTEE

Petition Ref:	Subject of Petition	Date Received	Principal Petitioner	Number of Signatures
PET1407	<p>Calling on East Lothian Council to close permanently Inveresk Road, Musselburgh to commuter traffic, allowing only residential access and through access for emergency vehicles</p> <p>The online petition request was received on 11 December 2014 and the petition was live on the Council's website between 2 February and 25 May 2015.</p> <p>In his application, Mr Stuart stated that many residents in Inveresk Road and surrounding streets, and parents with children at local schools, agreed that action should be taken to eliminate dangerous volumes and speeds of commuter traffic.</p> <p>He claimed that complaints to the police, councillors and officers in the Roads Department had gone unheeded, and he was concerned about the potential impact of the Local Development Plan.</p> <p>Mr Stuart has asked that members view additional information in support of his petition via his blog (www.invereskroadinfo.blogspot.co.uk) and on the accompanying website www.invereskroad.co.uk.</p>	11/12/2014	Mr Graeme Stuart	229 (online)