

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 9 JUNE 2010

**PETITION: REQUESTING THE PROVISION OF A FOOTPATH BETWEEN
THE VILLAGES OF COSBY AND BROUGHTON ASTLEY WITH 326
SIGNATURES – INITIAL RESPONSE**

**BRIEFING NOTE OF THE DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND
TRANSPORT**

Background

1. The above petition will be presented to the Commission by Mr. D. Jennings CC and Mr. W. Liquorish CC as local members. There are 326 signatures on the petition:
2. The petition was received on the 25th March 2010, the lead petitioner being Natalie Hunter of Green Acres, Cosby Road, Broughton Astley. The reasons for submitting the petition are:
 - (a) Children from Cosby go to the secondary school in Broughton Astley, many of these choose to walk this route in the mornings so to have to walk down this busy fast road;
 - (b) In the evenings, if children stay to after school activities or go to the park again they have to walk along this route;
 - (c) The provision of a footpath would also benefit the wider community in both villages.
3. The present School Travel Plans for schools with pupils that may wish to use this route do not identify either a need or aspiration for the provision of a footpath.
4. From the available information along this road there has been one accident involving a pedestrian in the last five years.
5. The distance between the two villages is approximately 1.5 miles, the initial investigation suggests that there may not be sufficient verge width to achieve the minimum 1.8 metres footpath width. A budget cost for the provision of the footpath would be £210,000.

Position

6. A full assessment of this petition will now be carried out, which will be the subject of a future report to the Commission.

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