

PETITION: RE-OPEN CHAPEL STREET, NEWPORT

Submitted in line with requirements set out in the Isle of Wight Council Petition Scheme

by the following members of the Newport Conservative Team: Cllr Dawn Cousins, Cllr John Hobart, Cllr Richard Hollis, Matthew Price & Chris Whitehouse
on behalf of the Island residents listed further below.

We, the undersigned, as residents of the Isle of Wight are petitioning to request that Chapel St, Newport, be reopened to traffic flowing from New Street to St James' Street, and appropriate and safe one way measures are put into place.

- We recognise that the prohibition on entry to Chapel Street from New Street was introduced in light of concerns about potential rat-running through this route, following the decision to reverse the flow of traffic on a small section of Trafalgar Road (Nodehill end).
- However, we note that the introduction, two years ago, of a one-way stretch on Whitepit Lane (with traffic lights removed), between Elm Grove and St John's Road, is likely to have mitigated the adverse impact on Chapel Street as a potential rat-run from west to east. The one-way stretch on Whitepit Lane has provided an obvious contraflow to the one way section on Trafalgar Road, thereby providing a convenient west to east route for those wishing to exit Newport in the Sandown direction. The likely potential impact of traffic using Chapel Street to exit Newport in this direction is therefore reduced.
- In light of these changes, and the fact that no accident record actually exists for Chapel Street, we petition that Chapel Street is reopened for traffic entry from New Street, and that as an additional measure, appropriate and safe one way arrangements are put into place, with a particular focus on improving safety on the bend in the road.
- We formally request that this matter is considered at a meeting of the IW Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee (or the appropriate panel), with relevant officers from highways being invited to give evidence, along with representations being made by our local IW Councillors. We would ask that the outcome of this consideration is that a traffic order is published setting out the Council's intention to make such changes, and that following consultation, they are agreed for implementation in a delegated decision made by the Cabinet Member for Procurement, Fire, Highways & Transport.

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As the petition asks for the matter to be considered through our Overview & Scrutiny arrangements, the petition is due to be considered by the Economy and Environment Scrutiny Panel on 6 February 2013. This meeting commences at 5pm and is held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Newport, Isle of Wight.

At the meeting, the petition organisers will have a total of 5 minutes to address the Panel on the issues (in this case it may be helpful if one of you is identified as the lead spokesperson on the issue rather than all 5 of you speaking). The local Member, Cllr Jones-Evans, will then be able to make her comments (for a maximum of 3 minutes), this will then be followed by the relevant officer reporting on the issue to the Panel who will then make a recommendation to the Cabinet or relevant Cabinet Member for them to consider.