



West Midlands  
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## TRANSPORT DELIVERY COMMITTEE

<b>Date</b>	7 January 2019
<b>Report title</b>	Petition Report
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<b>Report has been considered by</b>	Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group

### Recommendation(s) for action or decision

- Transport Delivery Committee (TDC) is recommended to note the contents of this report.

### Purpose

1. To report the outcome of the review of a Petition which was considered by the Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group on 12 December 2018.

### Background

2. The Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group has specific responsibility to consider Petitions submitted to Transport for West Midlands (TfWM) when the Petition has in excess of 50 signatories.
3. At its meeting on 12 December 2018, TDC members considered a Petition objecting to proposals to deliver Sprint along the A34 corridor. The Petition was signed by 586 signatories and was submitted on 4 October 2018 during the public consultation period which ended on 5 October 2018.

## **Details of the Petition**

4. The Petition was presented to TfWM Officers at a meeting attended by the Lead Petitioner representing the A34 Safety Action Group at Summer Lane on 4 October 2018. As the Petition contained limited information in respect of the basis for objections, the Lead Petitioner was invited to supply supplementary details to ensure objector's concerns could be better understood.
5. This feedback was provided on 15 October 2018 and covered a number of concerns including the following themes:
  - Concerns regarding the consultation process itself
  - Impact on parking and access to properties
  - Safety concerns
  - Increased congestion, pollution and impacts on health
  - The viability and value of the scheme itself
6. All of the feedback received has been recorded and will be considered as part of the consultation feedback and used to inform the detailed design stage of the scheme.

## **Outcome**

7. The Putting Passengers First Lead Member Reference Group agreed that the Lead Petitioner be thanked for submitting the Petition and that the arrangements for how the feedback accompanying the Petition would be considered should be confirmed in writing (this was provided 30<sup>th</sup> October). The outcome of this process will be communicated in writing to the Lead Petitioner.
8. Furthermore, TDC Members sought assurance the A34 Safety Action Group continue to be recognised as a key stakeholder for the purposes of engagement as the Sprint proposals are progressed further.

## **Financial Implications**

9. There are no financial implications arising from this report. Costs will be reviewed and financial implications evaluated as part of confirming and agreeing the detailed design stage of the scheme.

## **Legal Implications**

10. There are no legal implications arising from the contents of the report. However legal will provide support as required in order to consider the concerns raised in the feedback to the consultation

## **Equalities Implications**

11. Consultation information was communicated to a number of equality groups in the region. An Equality Impact Assessment on the A34 route will be completed in early January taking into account key equality and accessibility considerations and consultation feedback/input.