

Council 20 April 2021

Petitions to be presented by Members (Standing Order No. 16)

1. Petition from Cllr Keating

Petition on changes to the A368 in Churchill

Banwell bypass is expected to be built during the next few years and this will significantly increase the amount of traffic using the A368 between Banwell and Churchill traffic lights.

The Dinghurst Road (A368) between the Churchill Parish Boundary, at Pye Cottage, and the traffic lights (A38) is already dangerous in many parts. When walking along the road pedestrians feel vulnerable and anxious about leaving their homes to walk to the shop or see friends. The signatures below indicate support for changes to be made to the road in Churchill before the opening of the Banwell bypass.

There are several suggestions for consideration and these are shown.

SPEED is the most important concern. The 30 mph originally started at the Parish boundary at Pye Cottage and extended to the lights. This was changed about 10 years ago with the 40mph was extended to 10 yards before the bottom of The Drive. The slower speed limit of 30 mph should revert to its original place at the Parish Boundary and consideration should also be given to it reducing to 20mph in line with proposals being considered by other villages along the line of route.

Lack of adequate pavements along the road are also a concern. From the lights to the Clock Tower is a very busy route for children of the village who go to Churchill Academy. This is a very narrow pavement and is heavily used at peak times. There have been incidents of pedestrians being brushed by the wing mirrors of vans. Between the Clock Tower and the Parish boundary at Pye Cottage it is very narrow in places which, in the main, can be helpful in slowing down traffic. There are a few places, however, where a pavement could be considered without it reducing the width of the road.

Those signing below are requesting that ***alterations be made to the A368 in Churchill to make it a safer road for residents and pedestrians.***



Signatures : supplied separately to officers

2. Petition from Cllr Gibbons

Rainbow Crossing for Weston-super-Mare



 Simon Harrison-Morse started this petition to [North Somerset Council](#)

Let's celebrate our amazingly diverse community with a 'walk with Pride' rainbow crossing in Weston-super-Mare town centre.

Rainbow crossings are popping up in towns and cities all around the world to promote inclusivity.

With thousands of visitors each year to Weston what better way to brighten up our High Street and champion our commitment to the LGBTQ+ community. The crossing on the High Street leading towards Grove Park is an ideal place because it is directly on our Pride march route, adjacent to the Italian gardens and close to Weston College so it will have a huge amount of visibility. It will be walked by hundreds of people everyday, reminding everyone that there is no place for hate in our beautiful town. However, if this location isn't acceptable it would be great at other locations too, so although I'm suggesting the top of the High Street it's open for discussion. It could easily be the other end of High Street by Superdrug or on the sea front by the Grand Pier - let's get the council to agree in principle and then talk about the location.

Unfortunately due to the COVID pandemic we haven't had the opportunity to come together as a town to celebrate so this colourful addition to our streets will be a loud positive message of inclusivity bringing us together and brightening up our town after such a gloomy year.


Weston will be the host of the UK Pride event in 2023, so let's get a Rainbow crossing ready for the biggest LGBTQ+ party Weston has ever had.


I call on North Somerset Council to not only agree but to fund the painting of the crossing in the colours of the Pride flag.

379 have signed. Let's get to 500!



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