

# Walsall M.B.C.

# Memorandum

To: SIMON NEILSON  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From: DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Your Ref:

My Ref: NP/DL

Date: 17.9.19

Ext: 4369

Please ask for: Neil Picken

**Council – 16 September 2019**

**Petition: A marked, safe route along National Cycling Route 5**

I attach the petition which was submitted to the above meeting by Councillor Worrall. The petition contains approximately 1285 signatures.

The Council's petitions scheme provides:

"If your petition contains at least 500 signatories the relevant senior officer will give evidence at a public meeting of one of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The authority has determined that the response to such petitions must be given by either the Chief Executive, Executive Directors, Assistant Directors or Heads of Service. The Committee may also decide to call the relevant portfolio holder to attend the meeting."

Can you investigate the issues contained in the petition and report to the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity.

Prior to responding to this matter, please ensure that the relevant portfolio holder is consulted.

**Please inform Councillor Worrall when you propose to give evidence at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.**

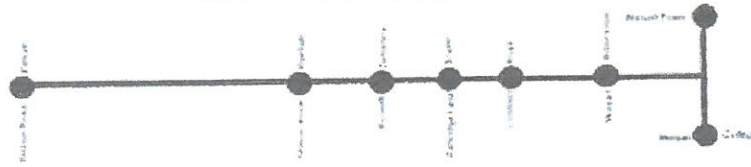
Thanks



Senior Democratic Services Officer

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# The Thin Blue Line



This petition was formed to show and prove to the parties involved Namely **Walsall Council**, **Sustrans** and **Travel for West Midlands (TfWM)** that the people of Walsall want a marked safe route down the existing National Cycling Network route 5 which stops at Rycroft Cemetery, to continue along Cartbridge Lane South and right along Lichfield Road down to **Walsall Arboretum** or along Butts St and Upper Forster St to the crossings adjacent to Queen Mary's School to the **Town Centre** or to pickup the existing cycle route to **Walsall College**.

Which in summary would link Pelsall up with Walsall Town Centre on a safe route for families, pedestrians and cyclists, improving their health and the environment which are two major contributions to the Councils and NHS targets.

In addition to make NCN5 accessible to Inclusive Cyclists, Mobility Aid users, Disabled and Able bodied pedestrians and dog walkers by installing 4 movable 'P' Posts (anti-motor cycle barriers) which can be unlocked and locked by a RADAR key lock, and are maintenance free and vandalism proof, at Station Rd – Pelsall plus 1 static 'P' Post, Station Rd - Rushall and Cartbridge Ln South, along with a cycle crossing at Station Rd - Rushall

We circulated the petition to the following locations of which the following responses were collected

Shelfield NISA	296
Pelsall Hub	17
Pelsall Village Café	234
Rushall Hub	11
Walsall College	58
Walsall Heart Care	29
Russell Cycles	31
C-R Cannock	16
NCN 5 Route (Mobile)	156
Cllr Worrall	<del>40</del> 30
Peter Hubbard	06
38 Degrees On Line Petition	134

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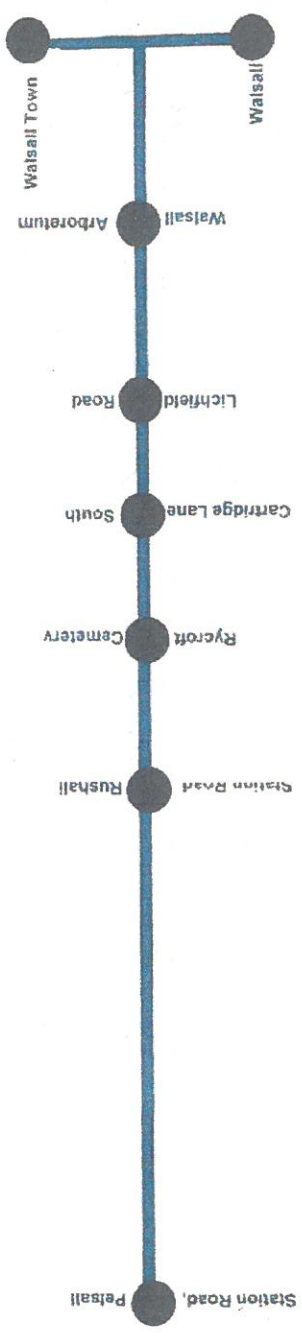
Totalling ~~1,028~~ signatures from the general public who strongly support this proposal.

We have submitted a **Better Streets Bid** to (TfWM) and we have presented the idea to the **Walsall Cycling Forum** headed by **Tim Philpot the Strategic Cycling Officer for Wolverhampton and Walsall**.

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Please would sign the petition overleaf to support the introduction of a marked safe cycle route (NCN 5) from Station Road, Pelsall to Walsall Town Centre and onward.

The disused railway track formally the rail link from Pelsall to Walsall.

This will be an accessible and safe unpolluted route to all, Cyclists, Dog Walkers, Pedestrians, Mobility aid users, family cycling. We need to raise over 1500 signatures for this to be debated at full council, in support of this community project. Petitions Located at Pelsall, Rushall, Walsall Library's, Walsall College and Russell Cycles on Stafford Street.

