

Executive Member Decision Session: Transport & Planning: Written Representations

Thursday 16 November 2017, 2:00pm, Thornton Room, West Offices

Received from	Agenda Item	Comments
M. Maguire Resident, Nunthorpe Grove	Agenda Item 4: Consideration of the objections received to the advertised proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include Residents' Priority Parking in the Micklegate Ward. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• South Bank Avenue	Please could you reiterate my opposition to the scheme as it stands? I would be in favour of option 2c; Re-advertise an alternative scheme; As I've said in my previous email, the only fair way to implement this parking scheme is to have a separate zone for each street. I would support that as an alternative suggestion. Thank you. Kind regards Martha Maguire
Cllr A D'Agorne Fishergate Ward Councillor	Agenda Item 4: Consideration of the objections received to the advertised proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include Residents' Priority Parking in the Micklegate Ward.	Re Residents Parking for Butcher Terrace area, I support the proposals but request that the knock on effect on Fulford Cross and Danesmead Estate is noted, since currently some parents of children at the Steiner School and workers on Hospital Fields Rd park in this area and walk across the Millennium Bridge. These Fishergate ward streets have requested a Respark but been told that there is no budget to do the work. I would therefore request that this work is noted for survey action in April 2018 to follow on from the February/ March implementation of the South Bank/ Butcher Terrace respark scheme.

<p>K. Dickson, resident</p>	<p>Agenda Item 4: Consideration of the objections received to the advertised proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include Residents' Priority Parking in the Micklegate Ward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Bank Avenue 	<p><u>Objections to proposed extension of R57 (Nunthorpe Grove) Respark area</u></p> <p>The R57 area has only been in force since 16 May 2016. It has greatly improved the previous longstanding traffic problems as people no longer park on Nunthorpe Grove when staying at the nearby guesthouses or when working and shopping in York. Neither are residents of nearby streets able to park here anymore.</p> <p>When the R57 area came into being, the Council notification letter of 8 April 2016 stated "Because the scheme will reduce the number of parked vehicles it should no longer be necessary to obstruct the grass verges by parking upon them". That has certainly been the case - many of the verges were in a dire state before May 2016 and are now back to being lovely and green again. So why should residents of adjacent streets park there and once more spoil them?</p> <p>A number of residents of Nunthorpe Grove have paid to improve their driveways or created hardstanding so that they can now park off-road. This but has greatly improved the street view along Nunthorpe Grove. Why should residents from adjacent streets now come and park there?</p> <p>We do know that some residents at the far end of Nunthorpe Grove have been parking for free on South Bank Avenue in order to avoid buying a parking permit and we can, of course, understand why the residents of South Bank Avenue are annoyed. <u>The solution should be for South Bank Avenue, 64 Nunthorpe Grove and 147-153 Bishopthorpe Road to be given its own Respark area.</u> Approximately one-third of the houses along South Bank Avenue already have drives on which they</p>
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can park.

Before the R57 area came into force, there were two cars in particular that used to park opposite us on Nunthorpe Grove. They were owned by people living on Russell Street who chose not to buy a permit to park there. The similar problem being experienced by people on South Bank Avenue can be resolved in the same way **by granting them a separate Respark area.**

If the R57 area is extended then there will be more on-street parking on Nunthorpe Grove. The Grove is not wide enough to allow two cars to park opposite each other without using and thus once again ruining the grass verges. Even if cars do stay on the road it turns the Grove onto a slalom course with not enough room for emergency vehicles and other large vehicles to access the houses. Parked cars also make it very difficult to enter and exit the driveways as well as blocking visibility when exiting.

It also becomes extremely awkward to use the turning circle at the junction with Southlands Road when cars are parked on either side right up to the turning area. If this scheme is allowed then the double yellow lines should be extended further down in to Nunthorpe Grove.

If this proposal is allowed then we would like to request that the Council set up a by-law to prevent people from parking on the grass verges.

<p>T Piper, resident, south bank avenue</p>	<p>Agenda Item 4: Consideration of the objections received to the advertised proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include Residents' Priority Parking in the Micklegate Ward.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Bank Avenue 	<p><u>Results from street survey:</u></p> <p><u>General observations</u></p> <p>The north side are larger houses; mostly semi-detached; <i>all</i> have drives.</p> <p>The south side are smaller; mostly terraced; none have drives.</p> <p>Most of the top end has houses on one side only.</p> <p>Many of these are buy-to-lets with transient residents.</p> <p><u>Residents' wishes</u></p> <p><i>The top end is mostly <u>against</u> or <u>no preference</u>.</i></p> <p>Most did not perceive parking to be a problem and objected to the imposition of an unnecessary charge.</p> <p>37 properties; 39 residences: 19 'no'; 4 'no preference'; 6 'yes', of which 3 have drives;</p> <p>7 vacant; 3 no response</p> <p><i>The bottom end is almost unanimously <u>for</u>.</i></p> <p>Many perceived parking to have deteriorated since introducing the Nunthorpe Grove scheme and complained of overspill from there, and elsewhere, including an abandoned car. Many were concerned about the dangers in exiting their driveways, due to tight parking causing visibility issues.</p> <p>40 properties; 23 'yes'; 3 'no preference'; 1 'no'; 1 vacant; 12 no response.</p>
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Recommendation

Democracy would seem to suggest amending the scheme to exclude the top end: west of Nunthorpe Grove, on the north side; and Trafalgar Street, on the South side.

Other concerns and suggestions

Many were concerned that enforcement would be as ineffective as speed-limit control.

Several objected to a parking charge based on vehicle emissions. One knew of a case ruling a council's attempt to introduce such a charge as illegal! (Sorry, no time to look-up precedent)

Some concern was expressed about obstruction of driveways, and questions asked about appropriate road markings.

Some suggested the marking of parking bays to maximise available space.

Many were concerned about managing frequent short visits from family and carers.

Several at the top end raised a specific issue, which they would prefer the money spent on.

Roadside subsidence has left kerbstones excessively proud of the road surface, and loose in some cases. Car doors scrape on the pavement surface, and wheels are damaged.