

**Decision Session – Executive Member for
Transport and Planning**

19 October 2017

Report of the Corporate Director of Economy & Place

**3 Residents Parking Petitions; St. John’s Place & Chestnut Court,
Broadway West & Westmorland Drive and Pasture Farm Close**

Summary

1. To report the receipt of 3 petitions and determine what action is appropriate in each case.

Recommendations -

St. John’s Place & Chestnut Court

2. It is recommended that:
 - Option 1 - That the request is refused.

Reason: Because this is a new development which was removed from the residents parking zone during the planning process because of the impact it would have on the existing residents.

Broadway West & Westmorland Drive

3. It is recommended that:
 - Option 4 - That the area is added to the Residents parking waiting list, Danesmead Close item, and an investigation carried out when the item reaches the top of the list.

Reason: Because this will respond to residents concerns in the order they are raised and can be progressed depending on funding available each year.

Pasture Farm Close

4. It is recommended that:

- Option 6 - That the street is added to the Residents parking waiting list and an investigation carried out when it reaches the top of the list.

Reason: Because this will respond to residents concerns in the order they are raised and can be progressed depending on funding available each year.

- Option 7 - That the double yellow line request be progressed along with other similar issues when the situation has been assessed.

Reason: Because this will respond to residents concerns.

Background - St. John's Place & Chestnut Court

5. The petition is in the form of a letter signed by 10 residents, the details of which are in Annex A1.
6. St. John's Place and Chestnut Court are both new developments within an existing residents parking zone (see Annex B1) where on street parking is at a high premium. It is common practise during the Planning approval process for new development areas within an existing residents parking zone to be removed from the residents parking zone when the new development does not contribute additional on street parking provision that could be used by all residents within the zone. This approach is taken to help protect the limited parking opportunity of the existing residents and the new residents are aware at the time of deciding to buy their property of what parking there is available for them. It should also be noted that there is a third area, Grove Place, within the excluded area that is not represented in this petition.
7. When this area was developed it included garages and private parking areas available to residents of these developments (see photos in Annex B1a). The Monk Bar public car park is 150 to 200m away from the development.
8. The process for not allowing new developments into existing residents parking zones has been challenged in the past and considered by the Local Government Ombudsman. The outcome was determined in the city council's favour.

Background - Broadway West & Westmorland Drive

9. A petition consisting of 20 standard letters has been collected by Councillor D'Agorne – see Annex A2. A recent petition from residents of the adjacent Danesmead estate (see Annex B2) was recently approved

for adding to the residents parking waiting list. Hence it seems appropriate to add these two streets to that item for investigation in due course once it reaches the top of the waiting list

Background – Pasture Farm Close

10. The petition has been signed by representatives of all the properties in Pasture Farm Close and the Fulford Main Street properties immediately adjacent to the Close – a total of 13 signatures. A copy of the petition covering letter is shown in Annex A3 and a plan of the area Annex B3.
11. The request for double yellow lines would normally be added to the annual review of waiting restriction requests. However as the approval stage for this process has recently been completed it is suggested that officers be given delegated authority to determine an appropriate length of restriction to include in the next Traffic Regulation Order advertisement in order to respond more quickly to the concerns that have been raised.

Background – General information

12. There has been a flurry of interest in becoming part of a residents parking zone in the last 18 months or so and we are currently progressing 5 schemes. This increase in demand has resulted in a waiting list (see Annex C) for investigating new requests. Each request will be investigated in the order the request was made and will be dependant on funding availability.
13. The process and likely timescales for investigating and implementing a scheme is also outlined on the waiting list in Annex C. In the event of additional petitions being received from adjacent streets then they would be grouped together in the investigation and consultation in order to better represent the views of the wider community.

Options for Consideration

St. John's Place & Chestnut Court

14. Option 1 – Note the petition but take no action. This is the recommended action because it is in line with the existing practise for dealing with new developments in existing residents parking zones.
15. Option 2 – Approve for inclusion on the residents parking waiting list to consult on advertising a proposal to include St. John's Place & Chestnut Court in the existing residents parking zone. This is not the recommended action because it goes against the established practise and would likely

lead to other developments currently excluded from residents parking zones to expect similar treatment.

Broadway West & Westmorland Drive

16. Option 3 – Note the petition but take no action. This is not the recommended action.
17. Option 4 – Approve for inclusion these two streets on to the existing Danesmead Estate item currently on the residents parking waiting list because this responds to residents concerns and deals with a wider area of the local community at the same time.

Pasture Farm Close

18. Option 5 – Note the petition but take no action. This is not the recommended action.
19. Option 6 - Approve for inclusion on the residents parking waiting list because this responds to residents concerns.
20. Option 7 – Approve for advertising along with other similar items a length of double yellow lines to be determined by officers in due course. Because this responds to residents concerns in a cost effective manner rather than considering it as an individual item.

Consultation

21. At this stage there is no consultation but when the area reaches the top of the waiting list there will be a 2 stage consultation process. Firstly, information on how a scheme operates is sent out to all properties together with a questionnaire, the results of which are reported back to an Executive Member meeting for a decision on how to proceed.
22. If approval to proceed is granted then the formal legal Traffic Regulation Order consultation is carried out.

Council Plan

23. The above proposal contributes to the City Council's draft Council Plan of:
 - A prosperous city for all,
 - A council that listens to residents

Implications

24. This report has the following implications:

Financial – None.

Human Resources – None

Equalities – None.

Legal – before a residents parking scheme can be implemented the correct legal procedure has to be gone through.

Crime and Disorder – None

Information Technology - None

Land – None

Other – None

Risk Management

25. . None.

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Specialist Implications Officer(s)

None.

Wards Affected: Guildhall, Fishergate and Fulford

All

For further information please contact the author of the report.

Background Papers: None.

Annexes:

Annex A1 to 3 Petition letters

Annex B1 to 3 Location plans

Annex B1a Photos of Private Parking Areas

Annex C Residents parking waiting list

Annex A1

St. John's Place & Chestnut Court Petition Letter

St John's Place
Penley's Grove Street
York YO31 7RF

Chestnut Court
Penley's Grove Street
York YO31 7RH

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Parking Department
Council Offices
York

7 August 2017

Dear Sirs

We, the undersigned residents of the properties at St. John's Place, are all owner occupiers of the five family houses. The adjacent new development called Chestnut Court also comprises five properties, three of which are large family houses. According to the map (see attached) that shows which properties are entitled to apply for residents parking permits, our properties are virtually the only ones in this area not to have this entitlement. Our properties all have either a garage or parking space for our own use so that we can park one car within our curtilage, but none of the ten properties have any provisions at all for our visitors to park.

Everywhere else in The Groves and surrounding areas residents at the same address are able to purchase permits for up to three cars to park as well as visitor permits. It seems reasonable to assume that we pay similar levels of council tax to other properties, including the houses opposite to us in Penley's Grove Street, and could therefore expect our ten properties to be treated equally along with all others in the area. Instead we feel that we are being unfairly penalised by not being allowed to purchase permits that would allow our families and friends to park on the same terms as neighbouring properties.

We request, therefore, that the Council reconsider this arrangement and allow this small group of houses the right to purchase, at the very least, permits so that our visitors may park in this zone.

Yours faithfully,

Annex A2

Broadway West and Westmorland Drive Petition Letter

Dear Resident,

The residents of the Danesmead estate have recently petitioned their local councillor to put forward their area for resident's parking – the Respark scheme. In addition, this scheme is likely to include Fulford Cross. Meanwhile, the residents in the vicinity of Butchers Terrace (on the other side of the Millennium bridge) have had a Respark scheme approved, and this will be implemented in due course.

Whilst the parking on Broadway West and Westfield Drive is not currently a regular problem, the combined effect of these two proposed schemes is likely to have significant knock-on effect onto these roads.

I am writing to suggest that we, as residents of Broadway West and Westfield Drive, should petition our local councillor (Andy D'Agome, who lives on Broadway West) to be included in the consultation about Danesmead. This will enable us to have a voice in the consultation and potentially avoid being pushed to the back of queue if the knock-on effects of the proposed local Respark schemes lead to unwanted impact on our roads.

Please fill in the slip below and return to Andy D'Agome (10 Broadway West) if you'd like to see Broadway West and Westfield Drive included in the Respark consultation.

Dear Cllr. D'Agome.

I understand that a Respark scheme for the Danesmead estate is about to enter the consultation phase. I would like Broadway West and Westmorland Drive to be included in this consultation, as any such scheme would likely have significant impacts on these roads.

Yours,

Annex A3

Pasture Farm Close Petition Letter

Parking in Pasture Farm Close YO10 4PZ

I am writing to you on behalf of the residents of Pasture Farm Close, Fulford, York YO10 4PZ and the residents of 124 and 126 Main Street Fulford who also need to use this Close.

The residents request that York City Council provide double yellow lines for the eastern end of the Close where it joins Main Street and also residents only parking status for the remainder of the Close. Details and reasons are given below.

First please note that the residents mentioned above are unanimous in this request as shown by the signatures on the petition enclosed which is marked PFC#1.

The plan marked PFC#2 indicates in yellow highlighter where the residents would like the double yellow lines to be – the remainder of the Close to be residents only parking.

The reasons the residents believe that these parking restrictions should be implemented are:

1. Safety for pedestrians

Presently many cars park half on the footpath and half on the road. This obstructs people with wheelchairs or prams/pushchairs forcing them to go on to the road.

2. Safety for other road users

Parking on the north side of the road near the junction with Main Street forces drivers exiting the Close on to the wrong side of the road thereby blocking access from Main Street. Because the A19 is so busy at this point anyone turning right may have to wait 2-3 minutes before they can exit the Close.

Parking on the south side of the road forces incoming vehicles into the path of those exiting at a point where the road has an almost 90 degree bend.

3. General safety of the residents

Parking anywhere in the run up to the junction with Main Street prevents access by emergency service vehicles and forces all larger vehicles such as waste disposal and delivery lorries to mount the pavement causing a risk to pedestrians.

4. Health

Parking in the run up to the junction also causes larger and heavy vehicles to cut the corner potentially damaging the main drain beneath the road at that point.

The photograph marked PFC#3 shows a not untypical situation and illustrates the problems outlined in points 1-3 above and the photograph marked PFC#4 illustrates point 4 above.

For information an aerial photograph of the whole Close is appended and marked PFC#5.

Accordingly for the reasons outlined above, the residents would ask that the City Council accede to the above request and implement the parking restrictions as soon as is practicable.

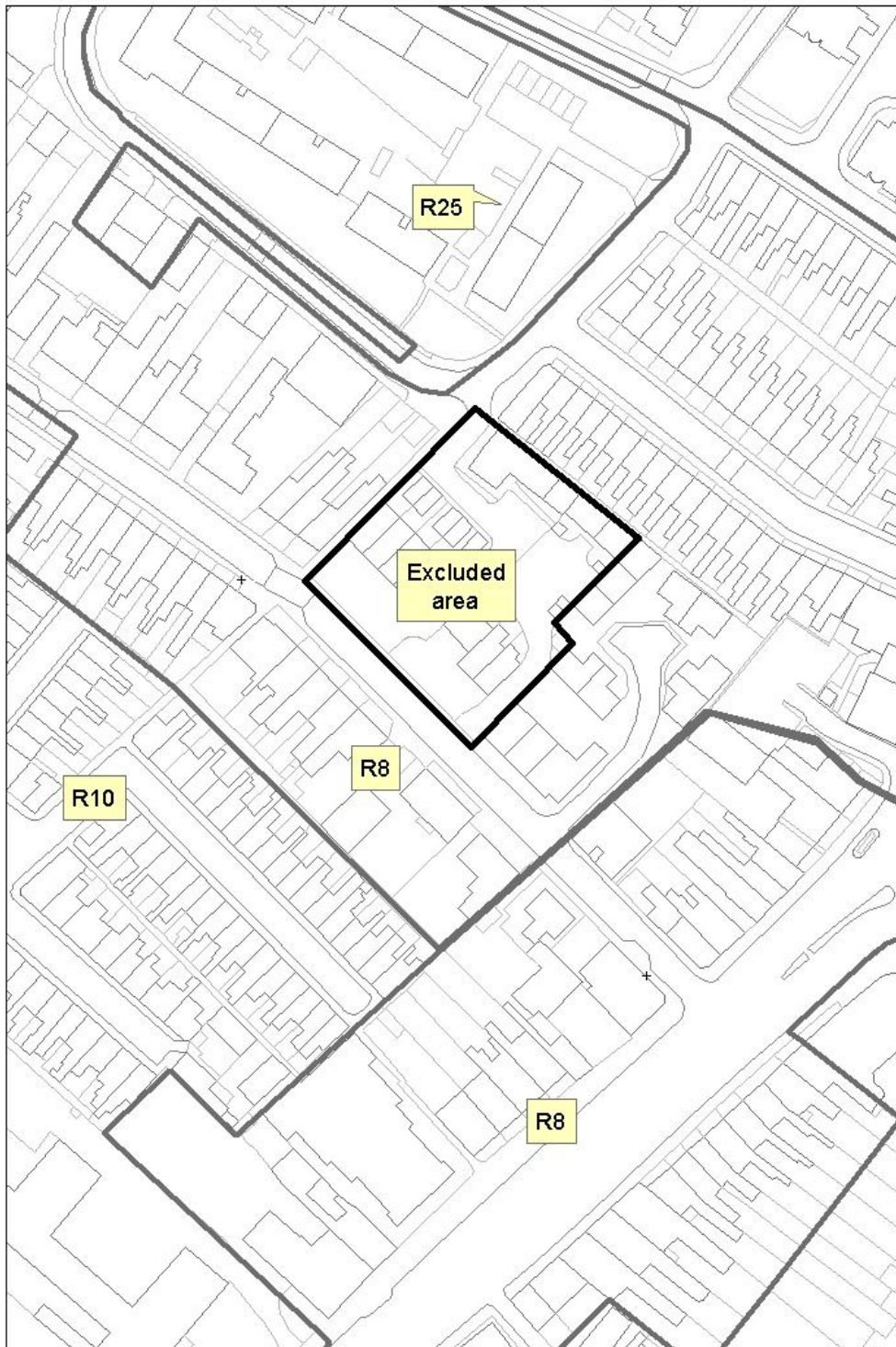
Should you require any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

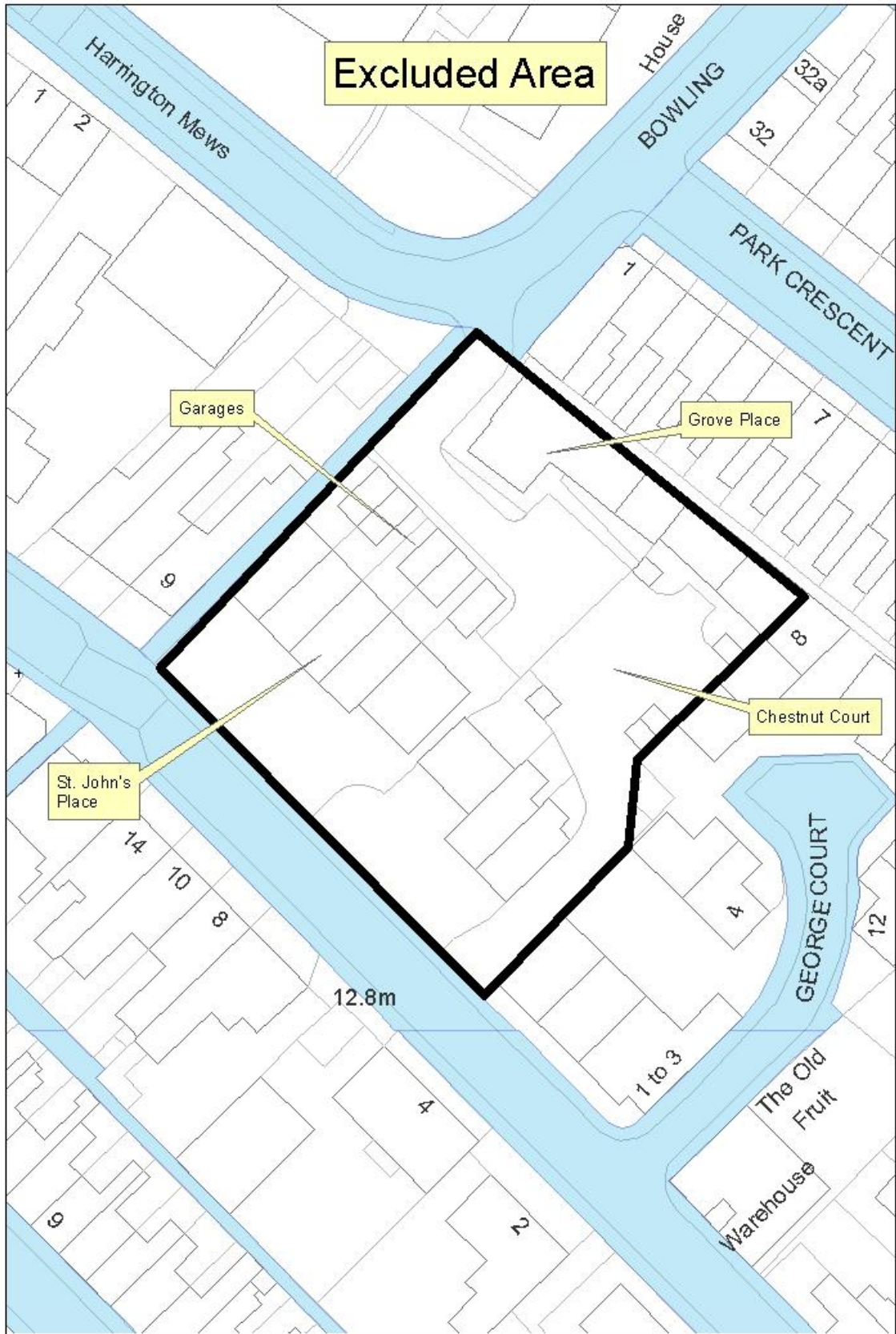
Yours sincerely

Annex B1

Location Plans

St. John's Place / Chestnut Court Area Plan





Annex B1a

Photos of Private Parking Areas



Chestnut Court parking area.

8 bays marked out.



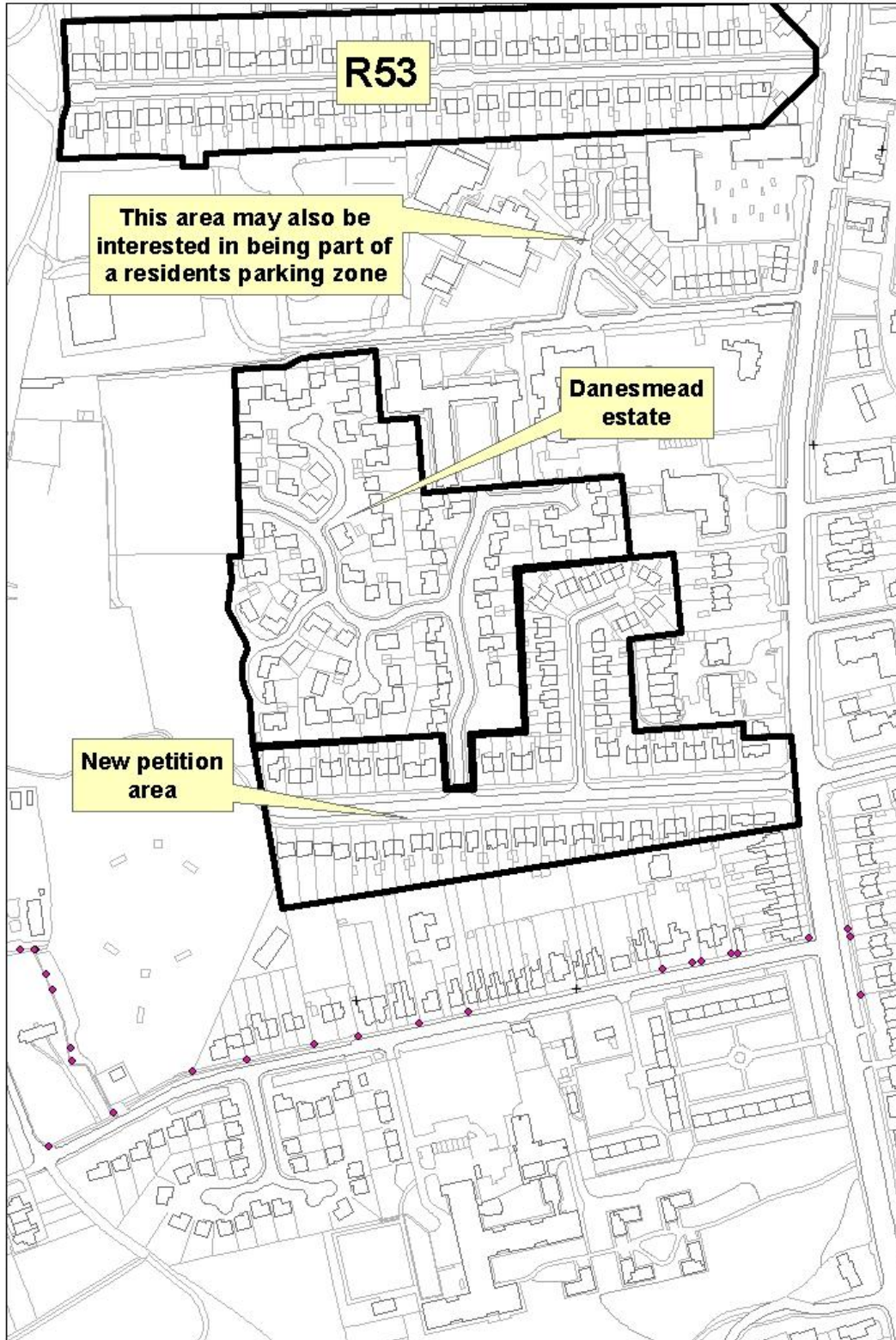
Private parking area to the rear of **St. John's Place** and Grove Place

7 bays marked out - beyond the 5 garages behind St. John's Place.



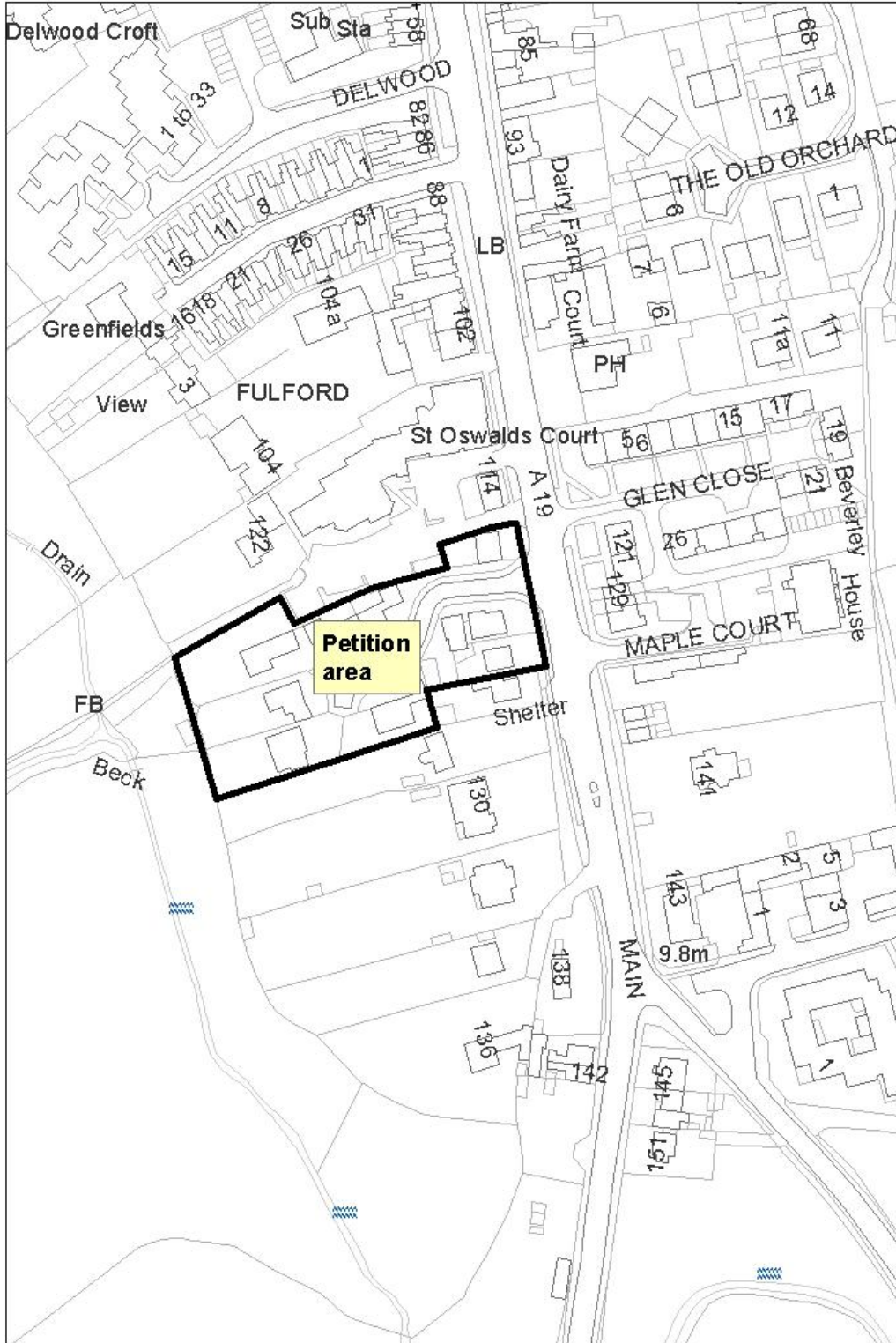
Annex B2

Broadway West / Westmorland Drive Area Plan



Annex B3

Pasture Farm Close Area Plan



Annex C

Residents Parking Waiting List

Residents parking schemes are dealt with in order of when they are received.

Typically 2 schemes might be introduced per year but this depends on funding and other workload priorities.

Process	Approximate timescale
<p>Stage 1 – initiation</p> <p>The request (normally by petition) indicating significant support in an area or street is reported for either approval to take forward or refuse.</p>	8 weeks

When the potential scheme reaches the top of the list work begins.

The time between stage 1 and 2 varies significantly depending on the length of the waiting list.

<p>Stage 2 – start of project</p> <p>A draft scheme and questionnaire will be sent out to all properties within the proposed area. A proposal will normally be taken forward if there is at least a 50% response rate and the majority of returns are in favour. Depending on circumstances, there is potential for individual streets to go forward from an area if the streets return is very positive whilst the areas is either low or opposed.</p> <p>The consultation is then reported along with a proposed scheme for approval to advertise a Traffic Regulation Order.</p> <p>TRO preparation and advertising</p> <p>Any objections to the proposed TRO are then reported for consideration.</p> <p>If the objections are overturned the scheme will then be implemented.</p>	<p>6 – 8 weeks</p> <p>8 weeks</p> <p>4 - 6 weeks</p> <p>8 weeks</p> <p>12 - 15 weeks</p>
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Once work on a scheme begins it will normally take 9 months to complete.

Waiting List

Area	Date received	Progress (NOTE: not all will get through to implementation)	
South Bank Avenue Petition	Summer 2016	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes Yes Yes Yes In progress
Butcher Terrace area Petition	Summer 2016	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes Yes Yes Yes In progress
Phoenix Boulevard Petition	Summer 2016	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes Yes Yes Yes In progress
Railway Terrace / St Paul's area Petition	Summer 2016	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes Yes Yes Yes In progress
St. Alban's Place	February 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes Yes Yes Yes In progress
Rosedale Street Petition	April 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes

Danesmead estate Petition	April 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes
Sussex Road petition	May 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes
Clifton Dale	June 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	Yes
St. John's Place and Chestnut Court	August 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	
Broadway / Westmorland Drive	Sept. 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	
Pasture Farm Close	Sept. 2017	Reported Consultation carried out Consultation report TRO advertised Objections report Implemented/dropped	