

Councillor Comments

Councillor Claire Douglas

I'd like to submit these comments based on the Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders for Heworth dated 23rd April 2021

I would like to submit an objection to the extension of ResPark R30, listed under items 2 and 3 of the Notice of Proposals document.

I have been contacted by a significant number of residents on East Parade letting me know they object to the proposed extension of ResPark scheme R30. The reasons below outline both my and their concerns. I am very concerned about the unintended consequences from extending the scheme to include the full length of East Parade. Those consequences would be;

- Displacement commuter, visitor and East Parade resident parking moving in greater numbers onto the, already busy, surrounding streets particularly First Avenue, Second Avenue and Main Avenue. These three streets being the initial area earmarked for consultation and not East Parade.
- decreased custom for local shops and businesses along East Parade.

The proposed scheme is not the scheme that residents believed they were being asked to consider, it represents an entirely different scheme. Some residents on East Parade were in favour of the whole area being subject to residents' parking as proposed in the consultation, however the report shows this was based on a lower than 50% threshold response rate (48%) with 57% of respondents in favour of a potential scheme. In total only 27% of all the households on East Parade indicated they were in support of the scheme. This equates to 24 of 88 households in favour.

I'm in favour of residents' parking schemes in a lot of areas, however only when carefully planned on an area impact basis and with significant support from residents. I do not believe this scheme has that support and would lead to rancour and parking issues in the surrounding streets.

Thanks for taking my comments into consideration.

Regards,
Claire

Councillor Bob Webb

Please take this as my formal objection to the scheme.

'As a local councillor I am very concerned about the unintended consequences from extending this residents' parking scheme to the rest of East Parade. Those consequences would be;

- an increase in parking in surrounding areas; areas with narrow roads by comparison
- commuter parking moving into new areas, again with narrow roads by comparison
- decreased custom for local shops and businesses along East Parade

This proposed scheme is not the scheme that any resident voted for or against last year and in fact represents an entirely different scheme. Some residents on East Parade were in favour of the whole area being subject to residents' parking as proposed in the consultation, however I believe this was only just 50% and I'm sure that if residents in surrounding streets had been consulted on what is proposed now then they would have definitely voted against.

Personally, I am in favour of residents' parking schemes in a lot of areas, however only when carefully planned and with the support of residents. I do not believe that this scheme has that support and would lead to parking issues in the surrounding areas.'

As a local councillor I'd like to submit a written comment regarding one aspect of the decision and I'm hoping that you can add this to any paper that you are producing.

'As one of the local councillors I have been made aware of the safety issues around the junction between Parade Court and East Parade by residents. Residents are struggling to enter and exit Parade Court due to cars parking over the end of the narrow junction. This makes the junction dangerous and at times inaccessible. Part of this decision is around adding double yellow lines at this junction to prevent parking of this nature and I fully endorse that this part of the decision is made in full and urge quick action for the benefit of the residents.'

Kind regards,

Cllr. Bob Webb