

## **South Bank Avenue Petition**

### **Summary**

1. To consider a petition submitted by residents of South Bank Avenue objecting to the introduction of a residents parking scheme on part of South Bank Avenue.

### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended:
  - To revise the decision to implement the residents parking scheme on the whole of South Bank Avenue and instead reduce the proposed boundary to that shown in Annex C.

Reason: To better reflect the wishes of local residents.

- To include the residents in an extended boundary of the new scheme if residents subsequently make an approach for inclusion in a residents parking scheme.

Reason: To be more responsive to residents needs.

### **Background**

3. The covering letter and front sheet of the petition are shown in Annex A. The petition was received after the decision taken to progress a residents parking scheme following the formal legal consultation process.
4. The scheme was initially started following a petition from half of the street. Officers recommended consulting the whole street due to concerns that there would be displaced parking and would likely be a further request from the other end of the street for inclusion in the scheme. Whilst there was a reasonable level of support, the outline consultation did not show a majority support for a scheme from this end of the street. However, officers recommended inclusion in the formal consultation in order to provide greater flexibility. The flexibility comes from if there had been a significant opposition to the plan the boundary could be reduced where we don't have the option of extending a boundary during the formal process.

5. Objections to the proposed residents parking scheme (extend shown in Annex B) during the formal process were very limited, hence the indications were that although this section of the street had not shown a high level of support earlier in the process the aims were broadly supported – possibly due to concerns of parking relocating. The recommendation was therefore to proceed as proposed.
6. The introduction of the Residents Parking scheme for South Bank Avenue was approved for implementation as advertised at the November Executive Member for Transport and Planning meeting. This is the final stage of the decision making process before the Traffic Regulation Order is made and works on street are carried out. The implementation of the scheme for South bank Avenue was put on hold following the receipt of the petition.
7. The petition and covering letter indicates quite strongly that the residents parking scheme is not wanted in this part of the street. Custom and practice in York to date has been residents parking schemes are only implemented where the majority of residents express a preference for the introduction; it is not un- reasonable to review the decision to implement the original scheme and omit this section from the new residents parking scheme.
8. Because we can't accurately predict where or how much there might be a relocation of parking, it also seems reasonable to reconsider the boundary of the scheme at a future date if residents request it so that the whole of the street is in the same zone. However, this would need to be re-consulted upon and added to the waiting list.
9. It should also be noted that there have been a couple of enquiries from residents from the section of South Bank Avenue that originally requested the scheme who are unhappy with the delay and keen to see the scheme implemented as soon as is practical.

### **Consultation**

10. We can implement a reduced set of restrictions (by way of a smaller boundary) to those advertised. Hence, no further consultation is required.

### **Options for Consideration**

11. Option 1 – Implement the residents parking scheme as proposed. This is not the recommended option because residents have demonstrated they do not want the scheme.

12. Option 2 – Drop the proposal in its entirety. This is not the recommended option because half the street is keen to have a scheme.
13. Option 3 – Implement a reduced scheme as indicated by the revised boundary in Annex C. This is a recommended option because it best reflects what residents would like.
14. Option 4 – review the boundary of the scheme in Option 3 if residents subsequently request a residents parking scheme. This is a recommended option because it enables us to be more responsive to residents needs.

### **Council Plan**

15. The above proposal contributes to the Council Plan of:
  - A prosperous city for all,
  - A council that listens to residents

### **Implications**

16. This report has the following implications:

**Financial** – None

**Human Resources** – None

**Equalities** – None.

**Legal** – None

**Crime and Disorder** – None

**Information Technology** - None

**Land** – None

**Other** – None

**Risk Management** – None

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**Wards Affected: Guildhall**

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report.**

**Background Papers:** Report to the Decision Session of the Executive Member for Transport and Planning, 16 November 2017: "Consideration of the objections received to the advertised proposal to amend the Traffic Regulation Order to include Residents' Priority Parking in the Micklegate Ward".



Consideration of  
the objection...

### Annexes:

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# Annex A

## Petition Covering Letter and Front Page

South Bank Avenue  
Nunthorpe Grove to Ovington Terrace  
Petition against Residents' Priority Parking Scheme

Dear Mr. Ferris

Firstly, I thank you for the time taken to prepare your full and fair response to my letter.

I apologise for the delay in submitting the attached petition. It has taken time to catch all the residents and, even now, we're short of one signature.

Petition stats are as follows:

Nunthorpe Grove to Ovington Terrace: evens 54 – 118 (56 & 58 don't exist); odds 27 – 37.  
38 properties divided into 42 residencies: 2 flats in 60 & 102; 3 flats in 108.

29 - 69.0% - against: 28 signatures, plus 1 currently away.

7 - 16.6% - in favour: only 3 would pay for scheme as 1 has no car and 3 park on their drive.

3 - 7.2% - no preference: 2 have no car and 1 parks on their drive.

3 - 7.2% - presently unoccupied.

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In retrospect, we wish the petition wording were slightly different. After speaking to residents, it is clear that the essential objection is having to pay for a scheme that no one believes will deliver any benefits. There are simply too many cars in these narrow, terraced streets in South Bank. There is very little parking of vehicles from outside the wider area so, if the proposed scheme gradually creeps into a wider parking zone, residents don't believe it will make *any* difference to available space. Should this happen, even those who voted *for* the scheme will become disillusioned.

Residents accept they may have to put up with overspill from the adjacent scheme, and wish it weren't there. In short, we believe that parking schemes can create more problems than they solve. Not least of these problems is divisiveness within communities.

This petition demonstrates that a 'consultation' process can end up reflecting the views of a noisy few, whilst ignoring a silent majority. There will be few, with time and patience, trying to see democracy prevail.

Sincerely yours

Enc. Petition

cc. Councillors Jonny Crawshaw; Jonny Hayes; Lars Kramm; & Ian Gillies. Rachel Maskell MP.

Residents' Priority Parking Scheme - South Bank Avenue - Nunthorpe Gr. to Ovington Tree.

We, the undersigned, object to an unwanted and unnecessary scheme being imposed on us. We think it unfair to charge us, and our visitors, for parking at home. We also think it unfair that half the street have driveways, so won't have to pay, yet voted for the scheme.

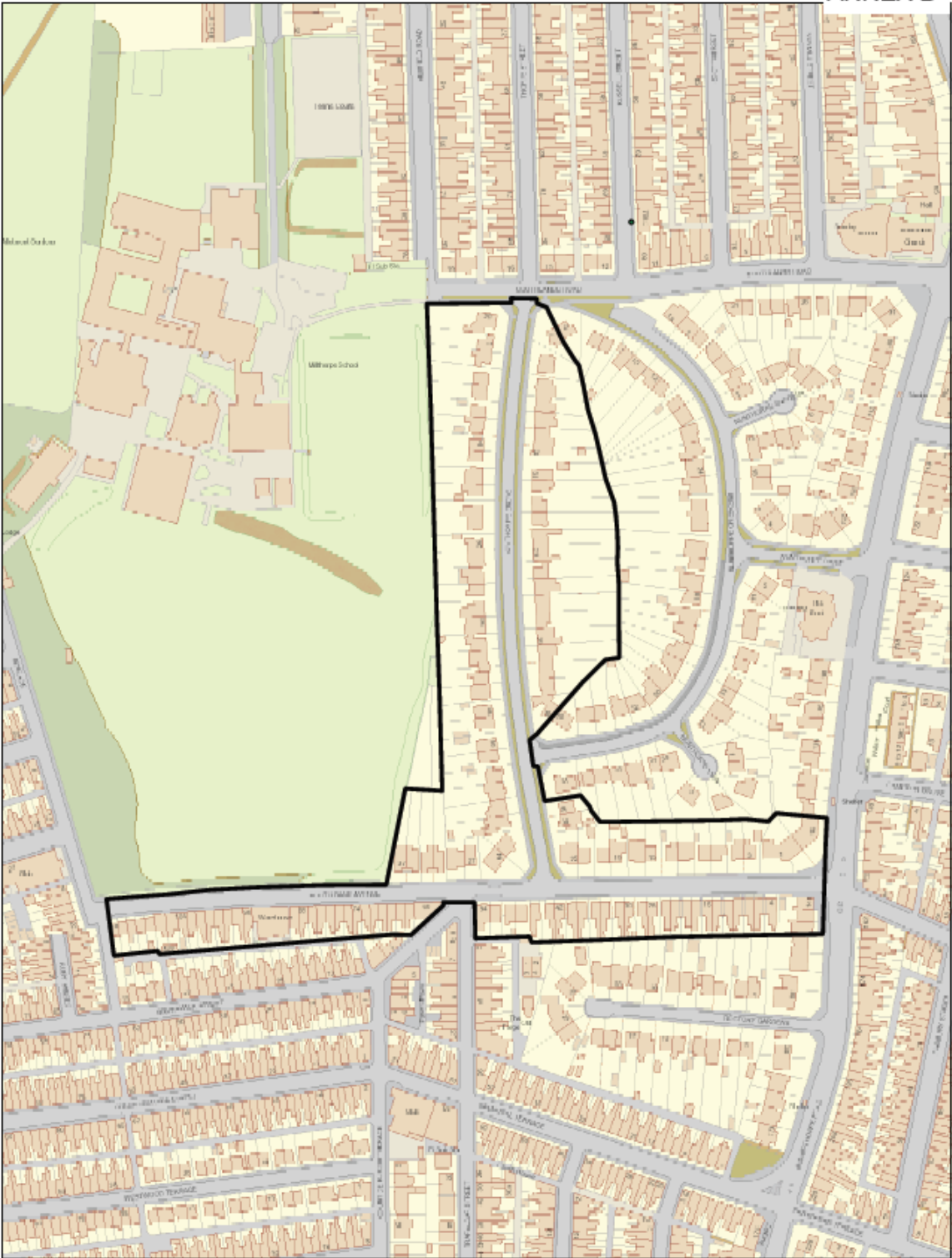
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Comments

Petition dated end of November 2017

# Annex B

## Proposed Residents Parking Zone Boundary



**R57C Proposed new extended boundary**

SCALE	1 : 2500
DATE	July 2017
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