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## **Decision Session – Executive Member for Transport 19 September 2019**

Report of Assistant Director Transport, Highways & Environment

### **Residents Parking Petitions: Bishopthorpe Road (part), Rectory Gardens, Kilburn Road, Wellington/Gordon/Willis/Wolsey Streets, Longfield Terrace (part), Lower Ebor Street (part) and the Revival Estate**

#### **Summary**

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

#### **Recommendation**

2. It is recommended that:
  - Option 3 –Bishopthorpe Road (part) and Rectory Gardens - approve the addition of these areas to the waiting list, but combine with the consultation for Balmoral Terrace which is already on the waiting list.

Reason: Because this will respond to the residents concerns over a wider area in a more timely fashion.

- Option 3 –Kilburn Road - approve the addition of this area to the residents parking waiting list and consider the extent of the potential consultation area 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 3 – Wellington/Gordon/Willis/Wolsey Streets - approve the addition of this area to the residents parking waiting list and consider the extent of the potential consultation area 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 2 – Longfield Terrace and lower Ebor Street - approve the advertising of extending the existing zones that surround these 2 small areas on the same terms as the existing schemes.

Reason: Because these small areas are entirely within existing zones and the extension to those zones will be on the basis of the existing restrictions and this has the potential to resolve this matter in a more timely fashion.

- Option 3 –The Revival Estate - approve the addition of this area to the residents parking waiting 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.

## **Background**

3. Bishopthorpe Road (part) and Rectory Gardens - There are 53 and 21 signatures respectively on the petitions requesting that the streets become residents parking zones. The petition front sheets are shown in Annex A along with a plan showing the location and existing residents parking zones. Because Balmoral Terrace (indicated on the plan) is already on the waiting list it is suggested that these requests be considered as a single item and that they be added to one or more of the existing adjacent zones.
4. Kilburn Road – There are 48 signatures on the petition requesting the area become a residents parking zone. The petition front sheet is shown in Annex B along with a plan showing the location and existing residents parking zones. Because Alma Terrace (indicated on the plan) is already on the waiting list it is suggested that these two requests be considered as a single item and that they be added to the existing adjacent zone R20
5. Wellington/Gordon/Willis/Wolsey Streets – There are 54 signatures on the petition requesting the area become a residents parking zone. The petition front sheet is shown in Annex C along with a plan showing the location and existing residents parking zones. It is suggested that consideration be given to expanding an existing residents parking zone to include these streets plus any others in the immediate area if thought appropriate when consultation takes place.
6. Longfield Terrace and Lower Ebor Street - There are 11 and 38 signatures respectively on the petitions requesting that these parts of streets become residents parking zones. The petition front sheets are shown in Annex D and E along with plans showing the location and existing residents parking zones. These locations are oddly not part of the

existing residents parking zones that surround them. It is thought likely that when the existing zones were introduced there must have been a strong representation made by the residents at that time to not be included. Time has now moved on and it is appropriate to consider expanding the zones to include these two small areas on the same conditions as the existing zones.

7. Revival Estate – information has been provided (see Annex F, also includes a plan of the area) to indicate there is a strong interest in taking a residents parking scheme forward for the area.
8. There has been a flurry of interest in becoming part of a residents parking zone in the last 2 to 3 years. This increase in demand has resulted in a waiting list (see Annex G) for investigating new requests. The process and likely timescales for investigating and implementing a scheme is also outlined on the waiting list in Annex G. Each request will be investigated in the order the request was made, except in unusual circumstances (as indicated in Paragraph 6 above) or where 2 or more requests are adjacent to one another and can be taken forward as one.
9. In addition, depending on circumstances at the time, the extent of the consultation area may be extended beyond the area the petition came from. However, if this is done we would still respect the majority view of residents in the extended area before recommending to take a scheme forward or not for those residents.
10. Because of the increased desire to become part of the residents parking system additional funding of £30k has been made available to progress the backlog of requests.

### **Options for Consideration**

11. Option 1 – Note a petition but take no action. This is not the recommended action for any of the petitions because it does not address the residents concerns.
12. Option 2 – Approve a formal traffic regulation order consultation where the petition area is within an existing zone and the restrictions would be consistent with the existing zone, making the usual initial consultation not required. This is a recommended option because it has the potential to speed up the resolution of the concerns raised by residents without unduly affecting the progress of other items on the waiting list.
13. Option 3 – Approve the addition of the street/area to the waiting list and investigate the possibility of expanding the existing adjacent zone to incorporate the new street/area when it reaches the top of the waiting list.

This is a recommended option because it is consistent with the approach taken when we have a waiting list due to more requests than resources.

14. Option 4 – Approve the start of the consultation process for these requests ahead of those already on the waiting list. This is not a recommended option because it would not be seen as fair or reasonable by those already on the waiting list.

### **Consultation**

15. If option 2 is approved then the formal legal Traffic Regulation Order consultation will be carried out.
16. If option 3 is approved there is no consultation until the areas reach the top of the waiting list then 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. If approval to proceed is granted then the formal legal Traffic Regulation Order consultation is carried out.

### **Council Plan**

17. 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**

18. 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**

19. None.

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**Specialist Implications Officer(s)**

None.

**Wards Affected: Clifton, Dringhouses & Woodthorpe,  
Micklegate, Fishergate,**

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**Background Papers:** None.

**Annexes:**

- Annex A Bishopthorpe Road (part) and Rectory Gardens petition front sheets and location plans.
- Annex B Kilburn Road petition front sheet and location plan.
- Annex C Wellington/Gordon/Willis/Wolsey Streets petition front sheet and location plan.
- Annex D Longfield Terrace (part) petition front sheet and location plan.
- Annex E Lower Ebor Street petition front sheet and location plan.
- Annex F Revival Estate information and location plan.
- Annex G Residents parking waiting list.