

Report on Results of Feasibility Consultation

Registered Topic: Parking, Paving and Verges (No 140)

This topic was registered by Cllr Andrew D'Agorne in July 2006. The following officers and/or members have been consulted about these topics and have provided a response based on their professional knowledge.

Response from Policy Development Team

I'm not aware of any policy developments which might overlap with this scrutiny topic. I'm afraid I haven't seen any other information relevant to this scrutiny request but can see how it links closely to promoting York Pride

Response from Equalities Officer

The scrutiny request for highlights the important equalities issues associated with this topic. It will be important that the voice of disabled people, older people and people with young children is effectively incorporated into the discussions.

Response from Performance Improvement Team

This would not seem to have a strong direct link to CPA . There is one Performance Indicator in the CPA Environment block about the condition of footways. However our performance on this (BV187) is already well into the top quartile - so its an area of strength not weakness (of course Cllr D'Agorne may argue that its only a strength because we tarmac over everything!)

Indirectly one could make links to CPA Performance Indicators around public satisfaction with their area. Somebody who lived in a street where tarmac replaced paving and grass verges is likely to be very unsatisfied. Street environment has been a priority for this administration - and has been chosen as one of the new 13 corporate priorities.

Response from Neighbourhood Pride Team

This topic relates to the appearance of environment which fundamental to York Pride and also nuisance behaviour.

Some wards do suffer from parking problems on verges - this would include certain areas in Holgate, and Westfield Ward - residents have voiced concern. For example there were significant problems in the Tudor Road area but now much improved due to works carried out to accommodate the FTR (installation of crossings/bays/road widening). Chapelfields still has problems with parking and verge 'run over'. The Windsor Garth/Kingsway West area again has problems because of narrow roads, relatively high density of houses/flats making driving difficult (especially buses) and forcing parking on footways. We have had complaints about Askham Lane and elsewhere as well. Also have been recurring issues on Challoners

Road/Wains Road (again relatively narrow and nothing to prevent parking on opposite sides of the road). Tadcaster Road has had numerous complaints but often here due to construction traffic and tardiness in verge re-instatement.

The issue of parking has been raised at several ward committee meetings in the past year but not as far as I am aware in relation to using tarmac. Street Environment have tried to address these issues as part of the ward audits and have used some of their budget to assist where possible - utilising non tarmac methods.

No response received so far from Chief Officer

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