

**Decision Session –
Cabinet Member for Transport,
Planning and Sustainability**

18th April 2013

Report of the Director of City and Environmental Services

Heslington Lane Area Petition

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a petition (see Annex A) representing 55 properties in the Heslington Lane / Heath Moor Drive area requesting co-ordinated action to resolve parking problems due to the local schools, businesses and University.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member approves the following:
 - That the lead petitioner be encouraged to identify specific sites of concern so that they may be considered in the next review of waiting restriction requests in the area.

Reason:

To tackle regular ongoing instances of highway obstruction by vehicles where they occur.

Background

3. The area in question is largely residential on the outskirts of the built up area. A few years ago an outline residents parking scheme near Fulford School was circulated to residents who had express a desire for this option to be considered. There was little support for the proposals due in part to the cost for residents to be part of the scheme.
4. The main aim of restrictions is to ensure the safe movement of people and vehicles and to enable traffic to flow relatively freely. Hence the aim is not to eliminate parking from the highway as this would cause unnecessary problems for residents and businesses alike. From time to time problems relating to parking are raised and these are dealt with as appropriate during a regular review of such requests. These investigations also consider the potential knock on effects of parking relocating within the local community and as such do not always result in restrictions being put in place.

5. As part of the University development agreement was reached for the University to monitor the growth in parking in areas around their campus. If the parking levels rise beyond an agreed baseline of parking they will fund works aimed at tackling this increase. So far works have only been required in the Badger Hill area and there are no current plans for additional restrictions for the Fulford area.

Options -

6. **Option 1** - take no action.

This option does not progress resolving local residents concerns regarding parking and is not the recommended option.

7. **Option 2** – carry out an in depth review of the current parking situation in the area and develop a programme of restrictions for implementation.

This does not make best use of the limited resources available for investigating parking restrictions and is not the recommended option.

8. **Option 3** -.That we continue to deal with sites as part of a regular review of requests for restrictions across the city or as part of the agreement reached with the development of the University if their parking is demonstrated to have breached agreed levels.

This is the recommended option for the reasons outlined above.

Corporate Strategy

9. Considering this matter contributes to the Council Plan building strong communities by engaging with all members of the local community likely to be directly affected by traffic management proposals.

Implications

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Legal	There are no legal implications.
Financial	There are no financial implications.
Human Resources	There are no HR implications.
Crime and Disorder	There are no crime and disorder implications
Sustainability	There are no sustainability implications
Equalities	There are no equalities implications at present
Property	There are no property implications

Risk Management

11. In compliance with the Council’s risk management strategy there are no risks associated with the recommendations in this report.

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**Report
Approved**

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Wards Affected: Fishergate and Fulford

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Annex A Front page of Petition

Background Information

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Petition from Cllr Aspden: I/we support Keith Aspden's campaign to get coordinated action to solve the parking problems on the Heslington Lane and Heath Moor Drive areas.

Further detail - Residents have multiple problems with parking. These are caused by a number of factors, one being Fulford School which the council are partly trying to address, and others such as businesses, the primary school and further along the road increased University parking. Local residents feel the best way forward is for the Council, Police and University to consider tackling the issues together, before the parking problems continue to increase.

As previously requested, residents would welcome, for example through an investigation or report, council officers considering what actions could be taken to ease the problems experienced by residents in this whole area of Fulford. If we do not take this approach, parking will continue to be displaced and we will continue to cause problems by dealing with small problems as they arise.

