
Meeting of Executive Members for City Strategy and the Advisory Panel

10 September 2007

Report of the Director of City Strategy

PETITION FOR RESIDENTS PARKING – MALTON AVENUE & IRWIN AVENUE

Summary

1. This report advises the Advisory Panel of the receipt of a petition that requests the introduction of a residents parking scheme for Malton Avenue and Irwin Avenue.

Background

2. The lead petitioner raised this matter earlier this year with the Network Management team. Following this, to demonstrate a neighbourhood support for the introduction of a ResPark scheme, he initiated a petition. No formal survey has been carried out to determine the extent of the parking taking place.
3. A 66 signature petition from 46 properties (see covering letter and petition extract in Annex A) has been received from residents of Malton and Irwin Avenues requesting that their streets be made a resident's parking area as soon as possible. Streets are put on the list for consideration for residents parking if local residents demonstrate that there is significant support for such a scheme. There are 84 properties in the immediate area; therefore the petition represents 55% support for the idea in principle.
4. The plan (Annex B) shows the area of the scheme that has been requested by this petition. If taken forward this would be a new zone rather than an extension to any of the existing zones in the area.
5. Malton Avenue is accessed from Heworth Green, and Irwin Avenue from Dodsworth Avenue. The residents claim that many non-resident vehicles are parked on street, some are left for weeks at a time. Both roads are narrow and parked vehicles are making access and egress difficult both to the resident driveways and at road junctions. The junction of Malton Avenue with Heworth Green, and Irwin Avenue with Dodsworth Avenue are already protected with 17m of Double Yellow Lines.
6. The residents are particularly concerned that the large development of apartments on Heworth Green will add to their problems once occupied.
7. As there is a backlog of residents parking requests to be tackled it is intended to investigate other options to try and alleviate the access/egress problems at the road junctions under the Annual Review procedure due to take place later this year.

Consultation

8. The City of York Council has carried out no formal consultation.

Options and Analysis

9. The options available are set out below:
- A. Add this area to the list for investigation.
This option is in line with the current residents parking policy and the wishes of the petitioners; hence it is the recommended option.
 - B. Reject the request for inclusion in a residents parking scheme.
This is not the recommended option as there is considered to be strong support demonstrated for a residents parking scheme.

Corporate Priorities

10. Taking this matter forward improves our focus on the needs of customers and residents in designing and providing services.

Implications

11. There are no Financial, Human Resource, Equality, Legal, Crime and Disorder, IT, Property or other implications associated with the recommendations in this report. The cost of consultation with the residents and any necessary Traffic Regulation Order will be funded from the Residents Parking Budget.

Risk Management

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

Recommendations

13. That the Advisory Panel advise the Executive Member to:
- i) Include this area on the residents parking request list and begin investigations and consultation once it reaches the top of the list.
 - ii) Inform the lead petitioner of the outcome of this report.

Reason: To facilitate parking for residents and their visitors as requested and to reduce congestion

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Wards Affected: Heworth

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Annexes:

Annex A – An extract from the petition.
A copy of the lead petitioners letter.

Annex B – A plan of the existing waiting restrictions and residents parking zone.