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Meeting	Decision Session - Executive Member for Economy and Transport
Date	19 October 2023
Present	Councillor Douglas
Apologies	Councillor Kilbane
Officers in attendance	James Gilchrist - Director of Environment Transport and Planning Michael Howard - Interim Head of Highways and Transport Brendan Murphy - Senior Transport Project Manager

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## **16. Declarations of Interest (15:02)**

The Executive Member was asked to declare, at this point in the meeting, any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests or any prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in respect of the business on the agenda. None were declared.

## **17. Minutes (15:02)**

Resolved: That the minutes of the Economy and Transport Decision Session from 12 September 2023 be deferred to the next Committee meeting.

## **18. Public Participation (15:02)**

It was reported that there had been 5 registrations to speak at the session under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

Peter Chilman opposed proposals to remove parking on the grounds it would negatively affect the disabled, deliveries, and trades people. He stated that residents were on the lowest rung with LNER getting parking spaces and cyclists getting better cycle infrastructure.

Anna Semlyen asked that the Council introduce a 20 mph speed limit on Queens Street. She argued that the area in front of the station had many

pedestrians, cyclists and cars all moving through it and it would be safer at 20mph.

Virginia Leadley stated that the residents of Queen Streets needs had not been considered properly and no impact assessment had been undertaken. She highlighted that some residents that required care had moved away because of moving parking to Toft Green was too far. She noted that removing the bridge added more road space and asked that parking be maintained for residents.

Stuart Allen outlined that he had initially supported the proposal as a resident of Queens Street when parking was shown within the plans. However, now that parking bays were removed he asked the Council to rethink as Toft Green was too far for parking.

Mark Harris stated that the loss of parking would decrease the value of homes on Queen Street by about 13%. He noted that the loss of parking could create unplanned hazards for cyclists and pedestrians when delivery or trades people park.

### **19. The York Parking, Stopping and Waiting (Amendment) (No 14/58) Queen Street, York – Traffic Order 2023 (15:21)**

Officers introduced the item confirming that, an independent safety audit had been undertaken and had recommended the removal of parking spaces on Queens Street as outlined in the report. It was confirmed that this approach was in line with the Councils transport hierarchy which prioritised pedestrian and cyclists. Officers noted that as part of a residents parking scheme the current spaces did not guarantee parking outside of a residents home and that the proposal would see additional spaces added on Toft Green. Finally they confirmed that during construction works on Queen Street residents would be provided with parking on “ in the adjacent NCP car park”.

The Executive Leader enquired as to how these changes would affect blue badge holders, trades people, delivery drivers, and carers accessing the properties. It was confirmed that outside of loading hours blue badge holders could park for 3 hours on double yellow lines, delivery drivers could stop briefly for delivers, and trade work such as requiring a skip could be granted a permit to place a skip in front of the property. It was also confirmed that carers could apply for parking permits within the zone they required access. These are all in accordance with the existing resident permit area restrictions.

The Executive Leader acknowledged the determination of the safety audit which meant that original designs which included both parking and cycling would not be suitable. They also enquired about whether there was a case for a 20mph zone and officers confirmed they could review this. Finally the Executive Member asked that a minimum of 12 months access to parking during construction work was provided to residents to ensure no delay in construction work prevented residents to park.

Resolved:

- i. Approved Option 3a for the amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order as advertised (Annex J) including the revocation of residents' priority parking bays on Queen Street for use by R15SC permit holders and the introduction of Residents' Priority parking bays on Toft Green for use by R15SC permit holders as shown on the plan shown in Annex G.

Reason: In consideration of traffic and road safety concerns between pedestrian, cycles and motorised vehicles raised in an independent safety review and approved in the subsequent planning consent.

- ii. Approved alternative private parking for a minimum of 12 months, in the neighbouring NCP car park for all resident car owners to mitigate loss of residents' parking particularly for blue badge holders during scheme construction.

Reason: To provide ongoing residents' parking for permit holders during scheme completion.

Cllr Douglas, Chair

[The meeting started at 3.00 pm and finished at 3.39 pm].