

12<sup>th</sup> February, 2016.

Dear Ms Gill,

**Re Residents Priority Parking: Trentholme Drive.**

Following a survey of the residents of Trentholme Drive we believe there is enough support to invite the Council to proceed towards establishing a Residents' Priority Parking zone in Trentholme Drive.

An information paper (based on the information you supplied) and a return slip, were distributed to all households fronting onto Trentholme Drive. (Copies enclosed).

There are 43 households in total, including 2 with addresses of Mount Vale and 1 with an address on The Mount. These last three all face onto Trentholme Drive, which is a cul-de-sac.

**32 households sent in returns (74%).**

**23 were clearly in favour of establishing Res Park. (72%).**

**5 had no particular view or had some reservations.**

**4 households were against introducing Res Park.**

I hope that you can now proceed to a formal consultation with all residents.

Yours sincerely,

The problems of people using Trentholme Drive as a "car park" are clearly on the increase. They often obstruct the footpaths, forcing people to walk up the road and cause difficulties for people exiting their drives. Delivery and service vehicles, such as the refuse lorry, find it very difficult to negotiate around the corners. Restrictions on parking which are planned for some nearby roads will only displace cars and put further pressure on Trentholme Drive.

One possible solution is to introduce a Residents' Priority Parking Scheme. Under such a scheme any residents of Trentholme Drive who wish to park on the road during the restricted days/times would need to purchase a Residents' Permit. The restricted days/times are up to us to agree but could be, for example, Monday to Saturday, 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

The annual cost of the permit is £93.00 for a standard vehicle, but £46.50 for a low emission car (mainly relatively new cars). Of course, if you don't need to park on the road during the restricted days/times you don't pay!

What about visitors, workmen, etc.? If they are calling for more than 10 minutes they require a Visitor Permit. These cost £5.50 for 5 permits, or £1.50 for 5 if you are over 60 or a Blue Badge holder. There are exceptions to the requirement for a Visitor Permit, such as blue badge holders, emergency vehicles, etc.

More information on charges are set out in the papers which each of us has available or which can be e-mailed to you (address below).

#### What happens next?

Firstly, we have to assess how much support there would be for introducing such a scheme. To this end, we are enclosing a slip for your comments. Please return this to one of us as soon as possible. If you want further information before filling out the slip, please ask to see the papers which we each have copies of, or e-mail [don@tretholme.org.uk](mailto:don@tretholme.org.uk) and Don will forward copies of the papers.

Secondly, if there is sufficient support for such a scheme, we have to demonstrate this to the City of York Highways' Department by raising a petition of a majority of residents of Trentholme Drive.

Such a petition would trigger a formal consultation by the Council, which includes them issuing ballot sheets to all of us in order that the Council is assured of support for introducing the Residents' Priority Parking.

Finally, if a majority of residents are supportive of the proposal, the Council will go through the formalities of adopting the Scheme and displaying the necessary notices. (This will all take some time!)

None of us want this proposal to lead to bad feeling between neighbours, or to lose the community spirit which is evident within Trentholme Drive, so please talk with one another and with any of us if you have concerns. Thankyou.

**RESIDENTS' PRIORITY PARKING SCHEME.**

**Please tick ONE of the following:**

I am IN FAVOUR of introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme .....

I am AGAINST introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme .....

I am UNSURE about introducing a Residents' Parking Scheme .....

I have NO PARTICULAR VIEW on the introduction of a Parking Scheme .....

**COMMENTS:**

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If "IN FAVOUR", have you any thoughts about days and times of restrictions?

DAYS: (e.g. Mon-Sat): .....

TIMES: (e.g. 9.00 a.m. – 5.00 p.m.): .....

Your name: .....

Your address: .....