

Decision Session
Executive Member for Transport & Planning

23 July 2015

Report of the Director of City and Environmental Services

Petition – Residents Parking on Aldreth Grove

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to consider a 17 signature petition (attached at Annex A) representing 54% of the properties in Aldreth Grove requesting that City of York Council consult with residents on introducing a Residents' Priority Parking Scheme (ResPark). After this petition was received, the Council also received comments from properties on Bishopthorpe Road to be included in any proposed scheme and to also extend the proposed zone to include Cameron Grove and St Clements Grove. However, they have not been included in the initial petition from residents.

Recommendations

2. The Executive Member is asked to approve:

Option 1; a formal consultation with Aldreth Grove (petition received) and also the surrounding streets (currently not signed a petition). This includes Cameron Grove, St Clements Grove and Bishopthorpe Road (part).

Reason: Although this is not common procedure when dealing with requests for new Residents Parking Schemes, due to the location and consequent concerns from nearby residents, currently not petitioned, it would be more practicable on this occasion to consult with both Aldreth Grove and the surrounding streets at the same time.

Timescale: The consultation can be prepared and delivered to properties in August 2015.

Background

3. In October 2014, a Residents' Priority Parking Area was implemented opposite Aldreth Grove in Nunthorpe Drive, Nunthorpe Crescent, Nunthorpe Gardens and Nunthorpe View. The timing of this petition suggests there may have been some commuter vehicles displaced onto Aldreth Grove with its close proximity to the city centre and Rowntree Park.
4. The additional parking on Aldreth Grove has caused some residents to consider the amount of non-residential parking taking place to be unacceptable. Residents of Bishopthorpe Road have also advised the Council that parking to the front of their properties is difficult and they are often forced onto the side streets.
5. It must be highlighted that if ResPark is implemented on Aldreth Grove only, due to the nature of the street with a row of terraced houses on both sides, it is likely that there may still not be enough on street parking available for each property to park a vehicle on street. As such, residents may continue to resort to parking on surrounding streets, which are currently unrestricted, hence the recommended option to consult the surrounding area as a whole.

Consultation

6. Information about Residents Parking would be hand delivered to all properties. Information would include the cost of permits for residents together with a plan outlining the proposed zone boundary (Annex B). Residents would be asked to return a ballot sheet in the freepost envelope provided. The result of the ballot would be reported to a Director Decision Session in order that an outcome could be formally recorded on the Council's website.
7. The Director's decision would be premised on moving to formal consultation for a new Traffic Regulation Order. This would only happen if a 50% return of ballot sheets was achieved with the majority in favour of introducing a resident parking scheme.

Options

8. The options available are:
 - 1 To undertake a formal consultation with a wider area including Aldreth Grove, Cameron Grove, St Clements Grove and Bishopthorpe Road (part) (Annex B);

2 To consult with Aldreth Grove residents only (Annex C);

3 To consider the level of support is not sufficient at this time to warrant further consultation.

Analysis

9. Option 1 gives a better indication of the level of support in the area. The ballot is confidential and residents will be able to express an opinion without fear of reprisal. A consultation will better inform officers of any special needs of residents which may have to be considered within a final draft scheme. Although this option is not common procedure for considering such requests, as usually requests to be consulted on ResPark should be resident driven, on this occasion it would be deemed necessary to gain a better prospective of the area concerned as a whole.
10. Option 2 is in line with the well established process for considering such requests. However, Aldreth Grove is a terraced street in the middle of an unrestricted area and implementing ResPark on Aldreth Grove alone would not fully resolve the parking situation as a whole.
11. Option 3 does not adequately meet the expectations of the local residents. Hence this is not the recommended option.

Council Plan

12. Considering this matter contributes to the Council Plan building strong communities by engaging with all members of the local community.

Implications

13. **Financial** There are no financial implications

Human Resources (HR): There are no HR implications

Equalities: There are no equalities implications

Legal: There are no legal implications

Crime and Disorder: There are no crime and disorder implications

Information Technology (IT): There are no IT implications

Property: There are no property implications

Other: There are no other implications

Risk Management

14. 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
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Wards Affected: Micklegate

All

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Copy of front page of petition

Annex B – Plan of extended area to be consulted showing existing ResPark zones

Annex C – Plan of Aldreth Grove only