

**Report Requesting Direction Following Receipt of Petition for
Residents Parking in Sail's Drive Estate**

Summary

1. A petition has been received which requests the implementation of residents only parking within the Sail's Drive estate. This area is included within the surveys undertaken as part of the University of York's (UoY's) expansion programme and action needs to be considered within these parameters.

Background

2. Sail's Drive is a small estate of three residential streets in Hull Road Ward. The area is in close proximity to the UoY's Science Park and is near enough to the new East campus development to have been included within the assessment procedure.

This procedure involves UoY employing an outside agency, AECOM, to conduct surveys in thirteen zones surrounding the campus. This assessment is in two parts. Firstly, surveys determine the number of parked vehicles in the area and compare these with the pre-development figures obtained. If the number recorded is 20% above the pre-development figure, the second survey is required. This is more in-depth and involves finding out the destination of those vehicles parked in the area. Following this secondary survey, if the additional 20% (or higher) is found to be associated with UoY staff or students, this triggers financial responsibility for remedial action to fall to UoY.

The areas where the latest secondary surveys took place were agreed by CYC and occurred in early November 2013. These surveys included Zone 7 which covers the full extent of the residential area referred to by the petition received.

The outcome of these surveys was made available to CYC officers in early January 2014 and demonstrated that there had not been a suitable increase in university related vehicle numbers to warrant action.

It is worth noting that residents parking can be installed independently of the UoY assessment process. However, should measures be consulted on and agreed by residents, the financial burden for permits would fall directly to them. Furthermore, taking action in this area would result in the Zone not being considered as part of future review. Therefore, at no point could the area be considered as requiring a financially obligated UoY response.

Whoever will eventually pay for the scheme, a consultation of all affected residents in the area will need to be carried out to ensure the views of all residents are considered. The response rate would ideally be above 50% with a majority of those in favour of action being taken.

Previous surveys have concluded that action was necessary in some parts of the nearby Badger Hill estate and following these results, action was carried out by CYC at UoY's expense. The incremental approach taken for this earlier scheme was consulted upon at a similar meeting and this could therefore act as a precedent.

From site visits to the area, it is considered that the problem is a localised one whereby contractor's vehicles were unable to park in the nearby Science Park and chose to use the Sail's Drive estate. This compounded existing limitations placed on available road space caused by renovation work to a residential property. The UoY were consulted and arrangements were made for the contractor vehicles which resulted in fewer vehicles being present. The contractor vehicles had been relocated prior to the secondary surveys being conducted.

Whilst the parking appears to have returned to usual levels, it is worth noting that vehicles which are associated with the Science Park are not considered to be 'university related' as although the area is owned by UoY, it is leased out to private parties over whom UoY have no control.

Consultation

3. No consultation has occurred at this time. The area has been independently surveyed (as outlined above) and a petition by residents has been raised on the matter, however, at this time, no further consultation is required. Having received the survey results, and upon conducting site visits to the area and the presence of fewer vehicles being noted, a wider assessment of the area and consultation is unlikely to become applicable.

Options

4. There are a number of options which can be considered. These range from taking no action at this time to conducting appropriate surveys for approval amongst residents and implementing a scheme.
 - a. Take no action at this time.
 - b. Consult residents and explain the financial implications of the survey results.

Analysis

5. Option A: this option does not resolve the requests set out by the petition.

Option B: this option involves CYC consulting residents upon potential measure where financial responsibility lies with residents. CYC would be likely to utilise the zonal residents parking scheme in operation in Badger Hill east area and once the appropriate legal work has been done, it can be introduced relatively quickly.

Council Plan

6. This scheme does not fall in line with any of the Council Plan agenda items.

Implications

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 - **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 & disorder implications
- **Information Technology (IT)** There are no IT implications
- **Property** There are no property implications
- **Other** There are possible implications for Highways schemes in the area.

Risk Management

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The primary risk associated with the outcome of this decision session is that all action should be aware of setting a precedent. Any action taken needs to be mindful of the existing procedure for assessment as agreed with the University of York. To introduce measures outside of this procedure could have wide-ranging implications on surrounding areas experiencing similar issues.

Recommendations

9. The Cabinet Member is asked to consider:

1) Option A

Reason: There does not appear to be a substantial problem with parking in the area and as the area is highly residential it is likely that many of the vehicles noted in the area are associated with nearby premises or with the short-term work undertaken by contractors. The surveys have determined that an insufficient number of vehicles are related to UoY, and so this situation will not be resolved with the introduction of a ResPark scheme. Furthermore, as the surveys have not revealed a problem, CYC should not encourage action to be taken.

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Annexes

Annex A- The petition received from residents of the Sail's Drive Estate