

**DIRECTORATE OF CITY
& ENVIRONMENTAL
SERVICES**

**REQUEST FOR
DECISION**

Decision making level

Director

Date: 22 April 2015

Title: Monkgate Cycle Route

Decision Requested

Approval is requested to:-

- extend the existing residents only parking bay on the north side of the street, in accordance with the two plans in **Annex C**.
- consult on the removal of a parking space on the south side of the street to improve visibility for drivers emerging from the gated access near No 42, along with designating one extra parking bay on the other side of the street with “guest house and multiple occupancy” status, all as per the plan in **Annex D**
- consult on the removal of a parking space on the south side of the street to improve visibility for drivers emerging from Agar Street, as per the plan in **Annex E**

Reason

To improve road safety, whilst optimising local parking provision.

Background Information

The decision to install cycle lanes on both sides of Monkgate was made in December 2014, and the scheme is now largely implemented. However, some changes to the parking layout were also proposed at the time of getting the overall scheme approved, as shown on the drawing in **Annex A**.

This drawing shows extensions at either end of the existing residents parking space on the north side. This is to make full use of the available space for parking between two new build-outs.

The drawing also shows the removal of one parking space to improve visibility for drivers exiting the gated access at no 42.

Residents and businesses along Monkgate have been consulted on these proposed parking changes, and the necessary TRO amendment has been formally advertised. The feedback is presented and discussed below.

Consultation Results

The comments received, along with officer responses, are listed in **Annex B**. The main issues are summarised below.

There have been **no objections** to the proposed extensions to the residents parking bay on the north side.

Two objections have been received to the proposed removal of a parking space to improve visibility at the gated access near No 42. This bay is designated for “guest house and house in multiple occupancy” (GM) use only, and these permit holders are currently not allowed to park in the adjacent residents only bays. Two of the nearby guest-houses have objected on this point.

Two responses were also received local residents who feel that a parking space should also be removed on Monkgate to improve visibility for drivers exiting Agar Street.

Statutory Powers

The City of York Council, as Highways Authority of the area, has powers under the Highways Act 1980 and associated Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 to implement the measures proposed.

Ward Members Views

Cllr Looker supports:-

- the extension of the parking bay on the north side.
- the removal of a parking space to improve visibility near the gated access to No 42, in conjunction with the creation of a compensatory space just for GM use on the other side of Monkgate.
- the removal of a parking space to improve visibility at the Agar Street junction.

Cllr Watson has not responded.

Financial Programme Implications

The estimated cost of consulting on the new proposals, and then further amending the TRO and making the changes on the ground, is about £5K.

This can be met out of the 15/16 Transport Capital Programme, which includes an allocation of £50K for dealing with issues linked to previous year's schemes.

Options

Given that there were no objections to the proposal to extend the parking bay on the north-side, as per the plans in **Annex C**, this is being progressed.

The options now to be considered relate to the other possible parking layout changes.

The basic options are:

Option 1: Approve the removal of the parking space near No 42 as shown on **Annex A** (i.e. as per TRO advertisement and consultation), with no compensatory provision for the loss of one GM space.

Option 2: Approve further consultation on the removal of the parking space near No 42 with the creation of a compensatory GM space on the north side of the street, all as shown on **Annex D**.

Option 3: Approve consultation on removing a parking space near the Agar Street junction, as shown in **Annex E**.

Option 4: Leave the existing TRO unchanged

In light of the objections received about the removal of the “GM” bay near No42, officers recommend that a decision on this is deferred to allow consultation on a revised proposal that does provide a compensatory GM space nearby.

Also, in light of comments received, it is recommended that consultation take place on removing one parking space on Monkgate to improve visibility for drivers exiting from Agar Street.

Based on this analysis, the recommended way forward is a combination of both options 2 and 3.

Level of Risk

1-3 Acceptable		16-20 Action Plan	
4-8 Regular Monitoring	4	21-25 Registered as a corporate risk	
9-15 Constant Monitoring			

Internal Consultation

Principal Engineer Streetworks – is satisfied with the proposed works.

Implementation Status

The cycle lane scheme is now largely implemented.

Given that there have been no objections to extending the parking bay on the north side, the necessary lining will be carried out soon as part of the process of re-marking the street after re-surfacing.

On the two parking spaces that might be removed following further consultation, in the short term these will be marked in a material that could be easily removed or made more permanent at a later date.

Recommendations

Ratify the extension of the residents parking bay on the north side of the street, in accordance with the two plans in **Annex C**.

Approve consultation on the removal of two parking spaces on the south side of Monkgate to improve visibility for drivers emerging from the gated access at No 42 and at the Agar Street junction, as per the plan in **Annex D**.

Approve consultation on establishing one extra parking bay with “guest house and multiple occupancy” (GM) status, as per the plan in **Annex E**.

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**Report
Approved**



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Wards Affected: Guildhall

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Annexes

Annex A: Drawing showing TRO changes as advertised.

Annex B: Table of respondents' comments and officer responses.

Annex C: Drawings showing TRO changes on north side of Monkgate.

Annex D: Drawing showing proposed TRO changes linked to the gated access near No42.

Annex E: Drawing showing proposed TRO changes at the Agar Street junction.