

## **Proposed Waiting Restrictions: Barnfield Residents Parking Scheme**

Report of the Head of Highways, Capital Development and Waste

***Please note that the following recommendations are subject to consideration and determination by the Committee before taking effect.***

**Recommendation: It is recommended that:**

- (a) the content of this report be noted;**
- (b) the proposed traffic regulation order, as detailed on plan no. TE/EX/67/2014/1, is approved for advertising; and**
- (c) if no objections are received the traffic regulation order is made and sealed as advertised.**

### **1. Introduction**

The report considers the results of the informal consultation for the proposed changes to the residents parking scheme within the Barnfield area.

### **2. Background/Introduction**

The Barnfield Residents Parking Scheme was introduced in 1990 and has worked to the advantage of residents and other permit holders.

The original scheme generally consisted of residents parking bays (for permit holders), limited waiting (for short term visitors) and unrestricted parking (for long term visitors). Experience has shown that the unrestricted parking is generally used by those visiting and working in the City Centre (commuter parking).

In 2005 the Exeter HATOC agreed to advertise changes to the restrictions in the Barnfield Area as part of a pilot. After considering the representations the HATOC resolved to drop the scheme.

Since 2007 officers and members have received increasing pressure from residents to review the parking. In March 2014 a public exhibition was held at the Pyramids Leisure Centre to display draft proposals for the area.

### **3. Proposal**

The aim is to reduce the demand for parking, make enforcement simpler and make it easier for residents and visitors in the area to park. It is proposed to modify the waiting restrictions by removing all unrestricted parking and introducing pay & display with exemptions for permit holders, double yellow lines to protect junctions and private accesses.

### **4. Consultation**

Letters were sent to all properties within the existing Barnfield Residents Parking Scheme area to invite them to a public consultation on the proposals. This proposal was held on 6 March 2014 at the Pyramids Swimming & Leisure Centre, Heavitree Road. Plans showing

the proposals were available for inspection and officers were present to answer questions. The information was also available online.

## **5. Discussion**

Following the consultation we received 54 responses and a petition. 83% of those responding indicated they were in favour of the proposed scheme. (See Appendix I.)

The additional comments received can broadly be summarised into 3 main areas for discussion:

### *Business permit usage*

Residents feel that businesses are abusing business permits, as they are not being used for vehicles essential to the day to day operation of the business, also that some have been issued with too many. They would like to see less business permits issued, or tighter regulation of the permit use.

Officers recommend a review of the permits issued to businesses in the Barnfield Area to ensure that each business is entitled to permits including that vehicles are essential for the day to day operation of the business.

### *Concerns that local businesses and services will be affected if customers and service users cannot park*

The proposals should provide much more opportunity for customers/patients to park and this view is supported by some of the businesses in the area. However, in light of the request to cater for very short stay visitors, picking up/dropping off children at the nursery and for prescriptions at the surgery etc, it is proposed to add a 15 minute ticket to the proposed pay & display tariff at the rate of 20p. (Appendix II.)

### *Requests for specific spaces/restrictions or complaints about specific roads*

Several respondents have commented on specific restrictions changes they would like to see in place. A number of these concerns have been included in the revised scheme.

- Removing one parking space outside no. 1 Denmark Road and extend the parking bay opposite by one space to improve visibility when exiting the service road.
- Introduction of additional pay & display in Spicer Road to remove all limited waiting that would potentially become a target for those wishing to avoid paying and therefore adding to the congestion as traffic circles to find a space.
- Introduction of a doctors bay & disabled bay in Denmark Road, pending the successful application from the surgery.
- Introduction of an additional disabled bay outside Barnfield Surgery.

## **6. Financial Considerations**

The estimated cost of the scheme is £50,000. £6,000 is being funded from developer contributions, the rest will be funded from the On Street Parking account.

## **7. Equality Considerations**

There are not considered to be any equality issues in regards to this scheme.

## **8. Legal Considerations**

The traffic order will be advertised in line with the legal requirements.

## 9. Risk Management Considerations

There is a risk that some parking may displace. However the neighbouring streets do not have any unrestricted parking so displacement will take place across a much larger area or to the off-street car parks.

## 10. Reason for Recommendation

The proposed restrictions are supported by a large majority of those that responded to the consultation and modifications have been made to resolve some of the comments submitted. The public still have the opportunity to comment on the revised proposals as part of the statutory consultation before a final decision will be made.

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## Electoral Division: Newtown and Polsloe

Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Ref.
Nil		

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**Appendix I  
To HCW/14/67**

**Summary of Responses**

	<b>In favour of proposals</b>		
	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>Lives in the area</b>	34	2	
<b>Lives &amp; Works in the area</b>	9	2	
<b>Works in the area</b>	2	2	
<b>Unknown</b>			3
	<b>45</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>83%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>6%</b>

**Appendix II  
To HCW/14/67**

**Proposed Pay & Display Tariff**

<b>8am-6pm Mon-Sat</b>	
<b>15 mins</b>	£0.20
<b>30 mins</b>	£0.70
<b>1 hour</b>	£1.50
<b>2 hours</b>	£2.30
<b>11am-5pm Sun &amp; Bank Hols</b>	
<b>1 hour</b>	£1.00
<b>2 hours</b>	£1.70

Summary of Comments

Comment	Response	Count
<b>Unknown location</b>		
No Comment		2
Feels the residents permits are too expensive.	The price of the permit is to cover the cost of issuing the permit and administration and enforcement of the scheme.	1
Would like pay and display costs to be lower.	The pay & display tariff is set to match those in the area. However a cheaper 15 minute tariff is now proposed.	1
Would like to know how much money will be raised and where it will be spent.	The amount of money that would be raised by introducing this scheme is unknown but it would be paid into the on-street parking account which funds enforcement, public transport and other traffic management schemes.	1
Does not feel tradesmen/contractors should have special dispensation to park.	Noted. Due to the nature of their work some require easy access to their vehicles. Dispensations are not granted just to provide parking for those commuting to work.	1
In favour of proposals.		2
Would like things to remain as they are.		1
Number of permits have increased or situation has got worse since online permit applications.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	2
Would like permits for trustees and workers.	Business permits will be issued in line with the councils policy. All other vehicles will need to find an alternative location to park when restrictions apply.	1
Feels there are too many business permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	2
Would like a 'business permit zone' for business permit holders to use.	Business permits are issued to those vehicles that are essential for the operation of the business so it is appropriate for them to be able to park as close to the business as possible. The new restrictions will provide much more opportunity for permit holders to park.	1
Would like option to pay by phone.	This can be included.	1
Why are restrictions on a Sunday when all the businesses are closed?	The proposals apply all week to correspond with the restrictions in the adjacent areas. If they did not then the area would become a target for parking on a Sunday making it difficult for residents to park on those days.	1
Concerned that service users (users of the GP/Dentist/Counselling service/Nursery etc) will be unable to park.	The proposals should provide much more opportunities for these service users and a 15 minute tariff is proposed to cater for very short stay.	1

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b>Archibald Road</b>		
Would like pay and display costs to be lower.	The pay & display tariff is set to match those in the area. However a cheaper 15 minute tariff is now proposed.	1
Proposals should improve the situation.		2
Number of permits have increased or situation has got worse since online permit applications.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Feels there are too many business permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Concerned about the state of the road surface.	This has been noted and passed on to the relevant department.	1
Proposals will not resolve the traffic seeking a space.	It would not be an appropriate use of the public highway to remove all non-residential parking. So it is accepted that there will always be vehicles driving to find a space. However there should be much more opportunities to park and therefore reduce the amount of driving required.	1
<b>Athelstan Road</b>		
No Comment.		2
In favour of proposals.		1
Would like things to remain as they are.		1
Concern about the clarity of signing of No Through Road.	The No Through Road is signed at the most appropriate location.	1
Concern about abuse of permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Permits should not be issued to camper vans.	It would not be appropriate to stop issuing permits to these vehicle types as they are vehicles belonging to residents.	1
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	3
Feels there are too many business permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	4
Would like a 'business permit zone' for business permit holders to use.	Business permits are issued to those vehicles that are essential for the operation of the business so it is appropriate for them to be able to park as close to the business as possible. The new restrictions will provide much more opportunity for permit holders to park.	2
Suggest businesses should park in the Triangle Car Park.	See above.	2
Concerned that service users (users of the GP/Dentist/ Counselling service/Nursery etc) will be unable to park.	The proposals should provide much more opportunities for these service users and a 15 minute tariff is proposed to cater for very short stay.	1
<b>Barnfield Hill</b>		
No need for residents parking outside 14 & 16 Barnfield Hill.	The parking in this area has been reviewed and changes have been made to the revised proposals.	3
Would like all limited waiting in the area converted to pay & display.	This has been included in the draft proposals.	3
Would like pay and display costs to be lower.	The pay & display tariff is set to match those in the area. However a cheaper 15 minute tariff is now proposed.	1

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>
Would like a disabled bay outside property.	This has been included in the revised proposals.	1
In favour of proposals.		1
Concerned that local jobs will be affected if shoppers/service users cannot park.	The proposals should provide much more opportunities for these service users and a 15 minute tariff is proposed to cater for very short stay.	1
Has witnessed problems with moving traffic in the road.	Noted. These proposals should deter a large number of vehicles from driving into the area.	1
Would like things to remain as they are.		2
Feels there are safety issues in the area due to the speed of vehicles from Spicer Road into Barnfield Hill.	This has been passed to the relevant department.	3
Concerned that service users (users of the GP/Dentist/Counselling service/Nursery etc) will be unable to park.	The proposals should provide much more opportunities for these service users and a 15 minute tariff is proposed to cater for very short stay.	3
<b><u>Barnfield Road</u></b>		
In favour of proposals.		6
Concern about the clarity of signing of No Through Road.	The No Through Road is signed at the most appropriate location.	1
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Feels there are too many business permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	2
Concerned about unsightly signs.	Signs will be kept to a minimum but must be erected to provide an enforceable restriction.	1
<b><u>College Road</u></b>		
No Comment		1
Number of permits have increased or situation has got worse since online permit applications.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Permits should not be issued to those properties with off-street parking.	The aim of a residents parking scheme is to make things easier for residents to park. Removal of such properties from the scheme would require a change to DCC policy & traffic regulation order and would be costly to manage and administer and likely increase the cost of the permit to those properties that would continue to be eligible.	1
Too many permits issued to HMOs.	Permits are issued to those properties registered for council tax when the rationing of permits were introduced. Some HMO's are registered as 1 dwelling, some are registered as individual dwellings.	2
Too many residents permits issued for the area.	Due to the limited number of parking spaces in College Road and the high number of properties this is likely to be correct. However this is why the residents parking scheme covers a much larger area. A permit can never guarantee a parking space outside a persons home or even in the same street.	1
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Feels there are too many business permits.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Count</b>
<b><u>Denmark Road</u></b>		
No Comment.		4
Would like a disabled bay outside property.	This has been included in the revised proposals.	1
Would like a doctors bay outside property.	This has been included in the revised proposals. However it is still subject to a successful application from the surgery.	1
In favour of proposals.		3
Would like junction markings at the Denmark Road/Athelstan Junction.	Markings have been deliberately left off of the junction as a safety feature to add confusion over priority and slow the drivers down. The safety at this junction will continue to be monitored.	1
Would like junction markings at the Denmark Road/Barnfield Junction.	See above.	1
Would like the limited waiting converted to residents only.	The limited waiting bay in question is proposed to be residents only.	1
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
Feels there are issues with visibility on the road and would like this considered in the parking review.	The revised proposals include changes to the parking bays to improve visibility from the service road.	2
<b><u>Magdalen Road</u></b>		
Believes business permits being used for commuting/abusing system.	Noted. Please see the statement in the report.	1
<b><u>Raleigh Road</u></b>		
Too many residents permits issued for the area.	Due to the limited number of parking spaces in Raleigh Road and the high number of properties this is likely to be correct. However this is why the residents parking scheme covers a much larger area. A permit can never guarantee a parking space outside a persons home or even in the same street.	1
<b><u>Spicer Road</u></b>		
Would like SYL not to apply on Sunday to allow parking for services at Maynard School.	It is considered that Maynard School has sufficient off-street parking for any service that may take place in the school.	1
Concerned that service users (users of the GP/Dentist/ Counselling service/Nursery etc) will be unable to park.	The proposals should provide much more opportunities for these service users and a 15 minute tariff is proposed to cater for very short stay.	1