

**Residents Parking Schemes in Barnstaple
Report of Comments and Objections Received to Advertised Traffic Regulation
Orders**

Report of the Local Service Officer (Barnstaple)

Please note these recommendations are subject to confirmation by the North Devon Highways and Traffic Orders Committee before taking effect.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the County of Devon Orders be made and sealed as set out in this report as follows:

- (a) (Various Streets, Pottington Area, Barnstaple) (Parking Places and Control of Waiting) Order – be implemented as advertised;
- (b) (Various Streets, Pilton and Pottington Areas, Barnstaple) (Parking Places and Traffic Regulation) Order – be implemented as advertised;
- (c) (Various Streets, Hillsvie Area, Barnstaple) (Parking Places, Control of Waiting, Loading and Unloading Order) – be implemented as advertised subject to a review after 6 months of operation;
- (d) (Various Streets, Coronation Street Area, Barnstaple) (Parking Places and Control of Waiting) Order – be implemented as advertised;
- (e) (Various Streets, Grosvenor Street Area, Barnstaple) (Residents' Parking Places and Control of Waiting) Order – be implemented as advertised;
- (f) (Derby Road, St Mary's Road, St George's Road and Adjoining Streets, Yeo Vale Area, Barnstaple) (Parking Places and Control of Waiting) Order – be implemented as advertised ;
- (g) (Litchdon Street and Various Streets, Barbican Area, Barnstaple) (Parking Places and Control of Waiting) Order – be determined through the delegated powers procedure or considered by this committee if there is a significant level of objection

1. Summary

The report covers the responses to recent advertisements of a series of proposed changes to the Residents Parking Schemes in Barnstaple and some minor associated Traffic Regulation Order changes (as outlined in Appendix I).

2. Background

During 2005 the County Council revised the policy covering Residents Parking Schemes in Devon. In Barnstaple there were already a number of changes, additions and new schemes planned prior to the policy changes.

An extensive consultation exercise was carried out last year with residents of the existing and proposed new schemes in the town. This was to ensure as far as possible that the revised schemes met the needs of the residents in each different area. The consultation included letter drops to all residents, questionnaires and an Open Day with Local Members and Officers.

The schemes for each zone were developed following the consultation and advertised in the usual way between the following dates:

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| Pottington Zone | 21 Dec | 25 Jan |
| Pilton Zone | 21 Dec | 25 Jan |
| Hills View Zone | 18 Jan | 9 Feb |
| Coronation Street Zone | 8 Feb | 1 Mar |
| Grosvenor Zone | 8 Feb | 2 Mar |
| Yeo Vale Zone | 8 Feb | 3 Mar |
| Barbican Zone | currently being advertised | |

The schemes were advertised under the dedicated powers procedure.

The cost of making the changes has been allowed for in the current year's Devon Local Transport Plan budget, the inclusion of new areas of On-Street Pay & Display Parking within the Barbican zone and proposed scheme at Sticklepath Terrace will contribute additional funds to the running of these schemes.

3. Responses to Advertised Traffic Orders

Pottington Zone

The Pottington Zone covers 3 streets Mill Road, Rolle Quay and Pottington Road. A shared scheme similar to the existing scheme there but with the new policy additions was advertised.

The scheme attracted only one response, a letter of support from the Road Haulage Association. It is therefore recommended that this scheme be approved and implemented as advertised.

Pilton Zone

This zone includes Abbey Road and Fairview within an existing residents parking scheme. The opportunity was taken to introduce some additional restrictions at Bradiford, close to its junction with Chaddiford Lane, along Pilton Street and also part of Lower Raleigh Road and Green Meadow Drive.

There were a total of 12 written responses. Objections were received concerning the Residents Parking Schemes changes. The change to include Sunday restrictions in Pilton Street resulted in 12 objections. The reasons given were that it would unfairly affect church goers, that Sunday parking should be free and that prior consultation was insufficient. A number were wrongly under the impression that the whole of Pilton Street was to be restricted at all times.

On the east side of Pilton Street the current 9.00am to 11.00pm restriction was to be changed to At Any Time. This was to reflect actual parking practice, to minimise traffic congestion and to comply with current Traffic Signs Regulations. This change attracted 4 objections on the grounds of being unreasonable, a breach of consultation process and that it was only introduced to boost car park income.

The addition of a short section of double yellow lines close to the Chaddiford Lane junction on Bradiford was progressed in order to keep the visibility area clear for emerging drivers from Chaddiford Lane, there were three letters of objection and one of support for this change. Those objecting were concerned that parking was at a great premium in Bradiford and any would result in hardship to residents who had nowhere to park their cars.

As there was some misunderstanding of the advertised proposals and comment concerning the consultation process the Local Member is carrying out some further consultation. He will report to the meeting any feedback he receives.

Hills View Zone

This new zone covers Hills View, Sunflower Road, Fort Street, Sunset Heights and Ashleigh Road and Bear Street.

There were no objections received about the Fort Street, Sunflower Road or Hills View, Bear Street proposals.

There were a total of 12 letters received for the rest of the scheme.

In Sunset Heights 3 residents and the North Devon District Council Waste Collection Service asked for double yellow lines to replace the proposed 8.00am to 6.00pm restriction.

The owners of one property with multiple occupancy in the private street section of Hills View considered that the street and its residents should be included in the scheme and not excluded as proposed.

In Ashleigh Road 5 residents raised objections, one thought the lay-by near the Tennis Club should be included as residents only, one resident asked that a shared scheme rather than exclusive scheme be introduced. One resident asked for an extension of the double yellow lines. A request to relax the two vehicle permits per household rule be relaxed as they had more than 4 cars at their address.

In considering these objections weight should be given to the extensive and long term consultation that has taken place before this scheme was recommended.

To comply with the suggested changes would mean re-advertising the whole order with consequent delay to the implementation of long standing requests for a scheme for this area. It may well result in objections to the changes as the majority of residents are clearly satisfied with the plans as proposed.

However in order to meet some concerns it is recommended that the scheme be implemented as advertised but its operation be reviewed after 6 months operation.

Yeo Vale Zone

Covering 8 streets in the Yeo Vale and Derby area on the edge of the town centre, the scheme attracted no objections.

Coronation Street Zone

This was the first scheme to be introduced in Barnstaple over 10 years ago. A number of additions to the zone were already planned and were advertised with the agreed policy changes.

The zone covered 9 town centre streets with the addition of 3 new area.

There was only one letter of objection. This was from a Town Councillor of a neighbouring ward objecting to the loss of free short term parking for shoppers. It is recommended that the scheme be implemented as advertised.

Grosvenor Street Zone

This small zone which covered 2 streets attracted no objections.

Barbican Zone

This scheme is centred around Litchdon Street and the Barbican area. It is proposed that the present shared scheme be changed to an exclusive scheme in accordance with the resident's feedback at the consultation. In addition two areas of pay and display parking are planned. These will provide for income to support the parking schemes. Residents will be exempt from charges.

Responses may not be available at this meeting and therefore it is recommended that the matter be decided under the Delegated Powers Procedure through the Chairman of this Committee and Local Member. This being subject to there being no significant level of objection.

4. Alternative Options and Reasons for Reaching the Recommendation

As part of the consultation process residents were presented with a number of options for the way in which schemes could operate in their area. These were considered before proceeding to advertise the changes to each scheme. Although the County Wide Policy allows for differences in schemes there are number of policy matters which have been decided at a County Wide level and are not therefore a matter for this committee to amend. These include such matters as permit fees, visitor and business parking, limited permits per household and eligibility criteria.

In reaching recommendation for each zone, consideration has been given not only to the letters received at the advertising stage but to the much wider level of response at the earlier consultation stage. Comments and feedback received by local county and district members, officers and the police and traffic wardens during the development and consultation on these schemes has been reflected in the recommendations.

5. Sustainability Considerations

Residents Parking Scheme improve parking availability for local vehicles, reduce congestion and obstruction of streets and generally improve the environment of the area.

COPIES OF ALL LETTERS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO THE ADVERTISED ORDER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR MEMBERS TO INSPECT AT THE MEETING.

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List of Background Papers

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| Background Paper | Date | File Ref. |
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| 1. Letters and petitions in response to advertised order | November 2005 – March 2006 | |
| 2. Consultation responses to residents parking questionnaires | Summer 2005 | |

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Schedule of Streets Included in the Proposed Changes

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| Pottington Zone | Pilton Zone |
| Mill Road Pottington Road Rolle Quay | Bradiford Fair View Green Meadow Drive Lower Raleigh Road Pathfield Lawn Pilton Street Under Minnow Road |
| Hills View Zone | Coronation Street Zone |
| Ashleigh Road Barbican Lane Bear Street Fort Street Hills View Sunflower Road Sunset Heights | Charles Street Coronation Street Gaydon Street George Street Magdalene Lawn New Buildings Vicarage Lawn |
| Grosvenor Zone | Yeo Vale Zone |
| Bear Street (Ebberly Terrace, Grosvenor Terrace, Richmond Terrace) Grosvenor Street (including Grosvenor Court) Lower Gaydon Street Richmond Street Richmond Walk | Belmont Road Carlyle Avenue Derby Road Granville Avenue Heppenstall Road Kingsley Avenue Lethaby Road Park View Road Raleigh Meadow Riddell Avenue Silver Leat St George's Road St Mary's Road Yeo Vale Road |
| Barbican Zone | |