

Exeter Residents Parking

Report of the Chief Officer for Highways, Infrastructure 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) that the update on the progress on Exeter Residents Parking schemes is noted and**
- (b) that the priority of schemes is approved.**

1. Summary

This report is to prioritise the future roll out of residents parking schemes in Exeter.

2. Introduction

At the meeting of the Exeter Highways and Traffic Orders Committee on 18 January 2022, it was resolved that residents parking schemes would be designed and progressed for a number of areas in the city (Wardrew Road, Barton Road and Queens Road areas, including Edwin Road (St Thomas Area)).

A number of other areas were supportive of residents parking schemes and these proposals would be designed and progressed at a later date subject to the resources available.

- Cotfield Street Area
- Heraldry Way Area
- New Valley Road Area
- Southbrook Road Area
- Sweetbrier Lane Area
- Woodwater Lane Area – extension to Zone S7

3. Proposal

A. St Thomas Area

Due to the limited resources, it has not been possible to finalise the details for the St Thomas area and it is therefore recognised that these will remain the highest priority and the detailed design for these areas will be finalised and a traffic regulation order advertised this year and, if approved, it is proposed they would be implemented next year.

Subject to the available resources and funding, it is proposed that the remaining schemes are delivered in the following order:

B. Woodwater Lane Area – Extension to Zone S7

This is a small scheme and therefore likely to be quicker to design, advertise and implement (if approved). This would potentially allow another scheme to be considered in parallel.

C. Sweetbrier Lane Area

Due to the ongoing correspondence from residents in this area, and the recent consultation on Heavitree and Whipton Exeter Streets Consultation, it is considered that this should be the next highest priority. However, this will need to be considered in line with any other proposals for the area as they may impact the parking demands/requirements.

D. Cotfield Street Area

Again, this would be a small scheme with detailed consideration needed on what restrictions would be needed, but it is likely that another scheme could be considered in parallel with this one.

Of the remaining 3 areas, there is no discernible priority so it is suggested that they are considered in order based on the level of support indicated in the consultation

E. New Valley Road Area

44% of properties responded to the consultation, and 76% were in support, this equates to about 34% of properties in support of a scheme being progressed.

It is worth noting that there has been discussion with the local member about the extent of the proposals with a suggestion to include more of the Exwick area. This would need to be considered before a formal scheme could be progressed and this may affect the timeline for delivery of this scheme.

F. Southbrook Road Area

52% of properties responded to the consultation, and 56% were in support, which equates to about 29% of properties in support of a scheme being progressed.

G. Heraldry Way Area

Only 25% of properties responded to the consultation, and whilst 58% were in support, this equates to about 15% of properties in support of a scheme being progressed.

4. Options/Alternatives

Alternative priorities can be considered if the committee wishes.

5. Strategic Plan

The introduction of a residents parking scheme would help reduce commuter parking and improve congestion to help Devon respond to the climate emergency and encourage more sustainable methods of transport.

6. Financial Considerations

Delivery of the residents parking schemes will be funded from the capital budget for Traffic Management Plans as and when funding is available.

7. Legal Considerations

There are no specific legal considerations for the decisions in this report, however, traffic regulation orders will be required for a residents parking scheme and the statutory process will be followed before any final decisions are made.

8. Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change)

The introduction of residents parking schemes will better manage commuter parking in the residential areas and help reduce congestion in the city by encouraging drivers to switch to more sustainable methods of transport.

9. Equality Considerations

An equality impact needs assessment has been carried out on the impact of new residents parking schemes. Consideration will be given to each scheme as the proposals are designed.

10. Public Health Impact

It is considered that the management of parking may encourage some drivers to increase walking and cycling which would improve public health.

11. Reasons for Recommendations

The decision to progress the schemes was agreed at the HATOC meeting in January 2021 and the reasons for the proposed priorities have been detailed within the report.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of Background Papers

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Background Paper	Date	File Reference
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