

Exmouth Residents Parking Review

Report of the Director for Climate Change, Environment and Transport

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

1) Recommendation

That the Committee be asked to:

- (a) note the work on the Exmouth Residents Parking Review;
- (b) approve the advertising of the residents parking schemes in the Carter Avenue and Withycombe Road areas as shown on plans 70101430-WSP-GEN-001 & 70101430-WSP-GEN-002

2) Background

In 2019, following discussions with the local councillors, areas in Exmouth were identified and agreed for a consultation on the possible introduction of residents parking restrictions. This committee considered the results of the consultation in December 2020 and resolved to advertise detailed proposals for the Exmouth area.

Proposals were advertised in August 2022 for five areas of Exmouth. The results were considered in December 2022 and the committee resolved to implement residents parking in three areas and to carry out a review after those areas had been implemented.

Following the decision of this committee in December 2022, residents parking restrictions were introduced in the Colonies area, the St Andrews Road area and Albion Hill area in Summer 2023.

This report reviews the restrictions that have been implemented and recommends next steps.

3) Proposal

Following the implementation of restrictions last summer, members and officers have received a large amount of correspondence regarding issues with specific restrictions and requests for the scheme to be extended.

Considering the comments received regarding displaced parking, it is recognised that residents of the Carter Avenue and Withycombe Road areas may now wish to be part of a residents parking scheme. It is therefore recommended that a new traffic order is advertised with proposals for those areas. As part of the traffic regulation order consultation we would specifically consult residents to seek their views on whether they would now support the introduction of residents parking. Details of the proposed

restrictions are shown on the plans contained within the supplementary information to this report (70101430-WSP-GEN-001 & 70101430-WSP-GEN-002).

Following the traffic order consultation, it is proposed to bring a report back to this committee considering the responses, so that a final decision on whether or not to proceed with a residents parking scheme, or part of a scheme in these areas.

Following discussions with the local members, officers are also progressing a traffic order with a number of minor changes to restrictions related to the three existing residents parking areas, and to add in a number of properties into the scheme. A summary of these minor amendments can be found in Appendix 1 and were advertised between 29th May and 19th June 2024. The submissions received are being discussed with the Local Members and HATOC Chair.

4) Options

The option of not advertising any further changes would not be appropriate after considering requests from local residents. No final decisions are being made at this stage as they require a statutory consultation to advertise the traffic regulation orders.

The option of extending the scheme to the remaining roads in the Albion Hill area was discussed but ruled out as it was not considered there was sufficient call from local residents in these roads.

The option of extending the restrictions further to mitigate displaced parking has been considered however it is not deemed that these areas would be an attractive location to park for non residents given the distance to the local amenities.

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

Money has been set aside from the capital programme to fund Traffic Management Plans on a County-wide basis. It intended to draw upon this funding to progress the consultations and traffic regulation orders proposed in this report.

7) Legal Considerations

For highway schemes, there is a requirement for the council to give due consideration to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Traffic Management Act 2004, The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and all other enabling powers.

Specific consideration has been given to Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which states that it is the duty of the local authority in exercise of its functions under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe

movement of vehicular and other traffic and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities having regard, so far as it is practicable, to the following factors:

- (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
Officer recommendation: It is considered that a residents parking scheme would secure and maintain access for residents and visitors to their premises. Consideration has been given to other parking demands in these areas.
- (b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run.
Officer recommendation: It is considered that a residents parking scheme would better manage parking turnover for the local amenities. HCV access is not affected by the restrictions.
- (bb) the strategy prepared under section 80 of the Environment Act 1995 (national air quality strategy)
Officer recommendation: Not relevant to this proposal.
- (c) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles.
Officer recommendation: It is not considered that the proposals affect access to public service vehicles.
- (d) any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant.
Officer recommendation: other relevant matters for consideration are outlined in the body of this report.

8) Environmental Impact Considerations (Including Climate Change, Sustainability and Socio-economic)

The introduction of restrictions would remove commuter parking in residential areas. This will encourage sustainable travel and reduce traffic looking for a parking space and improve air quality.

Minor changes to Waiting Restrictions are designed to discourage obstructive parking, reduce congestion and to reduce traffic on street in the Exmouth Area.

9) Equality Considerations

No new policies are being recommended in this report, but an Equality Impact and Needs Assessment has been completed for new residents parking schemes.

10) Risk Management Considerations

No risks have been identified.

11) Reasons for Recommendations

It is recommended the council advertises the traffic regulation orders to formally reconsult local residents to gauge whether they would like residents parking introduced in their area.

It is recommended that the council carries out a formal consultation at this time to reduce the timescale to implement any agreed restrictions.

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Local Government Act 1972: List of background papers

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Appendix 1 to CET/24/58

List of Minor Proposals Being Considered

Albert Place	Introduce a length no waiting at any time
Albion Hill	Introduce a length no waiting at any time
Albion Street	Introduce a length of residents parking
Alexandra Terrace	Introduce a length of limited waiting
Bicton Place	Extend and add an exemption for permit holders to the limited waiting
Bicton Street	Amend the residents parking from a zonal restriction to marked bays
Bicton Villas	Introduce a length no waiting at any time
Camperdown Terrace	Add a few additional properties to the scheme Introduce a section of no waiting at any time
Carter Avenue	Revoke a section of no waiting at any time
Charles Street	Introduce a length no waiting at any time
Church Road	Introduce a length of limited waiting
Cleveland Place	Add a few additional properties to the scheme
Hartopp Road	Introduce a length no waiting at any time
Imperial Road	Introduce three lengths of limited waiting
Park Lane	Revoke a section of no waiting at any time
Southern Road	Introduce a length and revoke two sections of no waiting at any time
St Andrews Road	Add a few additional properties to the scheme
Victoria Road	Add a few additional properties to the scheme
Victoria Way	Add a few additional properties to the scheme
Woodville Road	Introduce a length of limited waiting