

Cabinet Member for City Services

4th June 2018

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor J Innes

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

Ward(s) affected:

Lower Stoke

Title:

Report - Petition – Request for Residents' Parking Scheme on Momus Boulevard

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 13 signatures has been received requesting a residents' parking scheme on Momus Boulevard outside houses 1-27.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to waiting restrictions, including requests for residents' parking schemes, are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered this petition prior to this meeting and in response to the issues raised requested that the petition was dealt with by letter (determination letter), rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

The determination letter advised of the action proposed and approved in response to the issue raised. Councillor R Singh, on behalf of the petitioner, has confirmed they do not wish the petition to be solely progressed by letter and want the request for parking permits to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing waiting restrictions is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

Recommendations:

Cabinet Member for City Services is recommended to:

1. Note the petitioners concerns.
2. Endorse that the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition spokesperson (as detailed in paragraph 1.5 of the report) are undertaken.
3. Approve that a reduction in the double yellow line (as detailed in paragraph 2.2 of the report) is advertised as part of the next waiting restriction review.

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Determination letter

Background Papers

Other useful documents:

None

Has it been or will it be considered by Scrutiny?

No

Has it been or will it be considered by any other Council Committee, Advisory Panel or other body?

No

Will this report go to Council?

No

Report title: Petition – Request for Residents’ Parking Scheme on Momus Boulevard

1. Context (or background)

1.1 An e-petition of 13 signatures has been received requesting a residents’ parking scheme on Momus Boulevard outside houses 1-27. The petition is supported by Councillor R Singh.

1.2 The petition advises:

‘Petition for parking permits – Momus Boulevard, Coventry, CV2 5LL – House numbers 1-27.’

1.3 Momus Boulevard is a residential street which runs parallel to the Binley Road, the houses are located on the northern side of the road only. Houses 1-27 are located in the short cul de sac end of Momus Boulevard, which is separated from the rest of the road by Anthony Way. Double yellow lines are located in the turning head of the cul de sac and at the junction with Anthony Way. A location plan is shown in Appendix A.

1.4 In accordance with the City Council’s procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response requested that the issue was dealt with by determination letter rather than a formal report being submitted to a meeting, to be able to deal with the matter more efficiently.

1.5 The determination letter (copy provided in Appendix B to the report) advised of the review undertaken and actions proposed and approved in response to the petition. This included that a parking survey had been undertaken along the whole length of Momus Boulevard, which showed the location did not meet the criteria for a residents’ parking scheme due to the level of available parking spaces. It also advised that the section of Momus Boulevard, where houses 1 -27 (odds) are located, is too small for a parking scheme of this type.

1.6 The Residents’ Parking Scheme criteria includes that a scheme will not be undertaken where on-street surveys demonstrate that there are sufficient spaces available i.e. if there are more than 40% of spaces available. The surveys on Momus Boulevard were undertaken at 3 different time periods, in the morning, afternoon and evening. During the daytime, the surveys showed that on the section outside numbers 1-27 more vehicles tended to park on the side of the road opposite the houses, leaving more spaces directly outside the houses.

2 Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended proposals in regard to the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (copy provided in Appendix B to the report).

2.2 Whilst the criteria for a residents’ parking scheme is not met, it is possible to increase the availability of on street parking by reducing the double yellow lines (by approx. 16m) on the side of the road opposite the houses at the junction with Anthony Way, this would still leave double yellow lines for junction protection in accordance with guidance in the Highway Code.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 Subject to approval, changes to the length of double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) on Momus Boulevard could be advertised in the next waiting restriction review, which is scheduled for July 2018.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

The cost of installing new or changes to existing waiting restrictions is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

5.2 Legal implications

The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 allows the Council to make a Traffic Order on various grounds e.g. improving safety, improving traffic flow and preserving or improving the amenities of an area provided it has given due consideration to the effect of such an order.

In accordance with Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, when considering whether it would be expedient to make a Traffic Order, the Council is under a duty to have regard to and balance various potentially conflicting factors e.g. the convenient and safe movement of traffic (including pedestrians), adequate parking, improving or preserving local amenity, air quality and/or public transport provision.

There is an obligation under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to advertise our intention to make Traffic Orders and to inform various stakeholders, including the Police and the public. The Authority is obliged to consider any representations received. If representations are received, these are considered by the Cabinet Member for City Services. Regulations allow for an advertised Order to be modified (in response to objections or otherwise) before a final version of the Order is made.

The 1984 Act provides that once a Traffic Order has been made, it may only be challenged further via the High Court on a point of law (i.e. that the Order does not comply with the Act for some reason).

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to achievement of the Council's key objectives / corporate priorities (corporate plan/scorecard) / organisational blueprint / Local Area Agreement (or Coventry Sustainable Community Strategy)?

Changes to waiting restrictions contribute to the City Council's aims of ensuring that citizens, especially children and young people, are safe and the objective of working for better pavements, streets and roads.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

None

6.3 What is the impact on the organisation?

None

6.4 Equalities / EIA

No specific equalities impact assessment has been carried out.

6.5 Implications for (or impact on) the environment

None

6.6 Implications for partner organisations?

None

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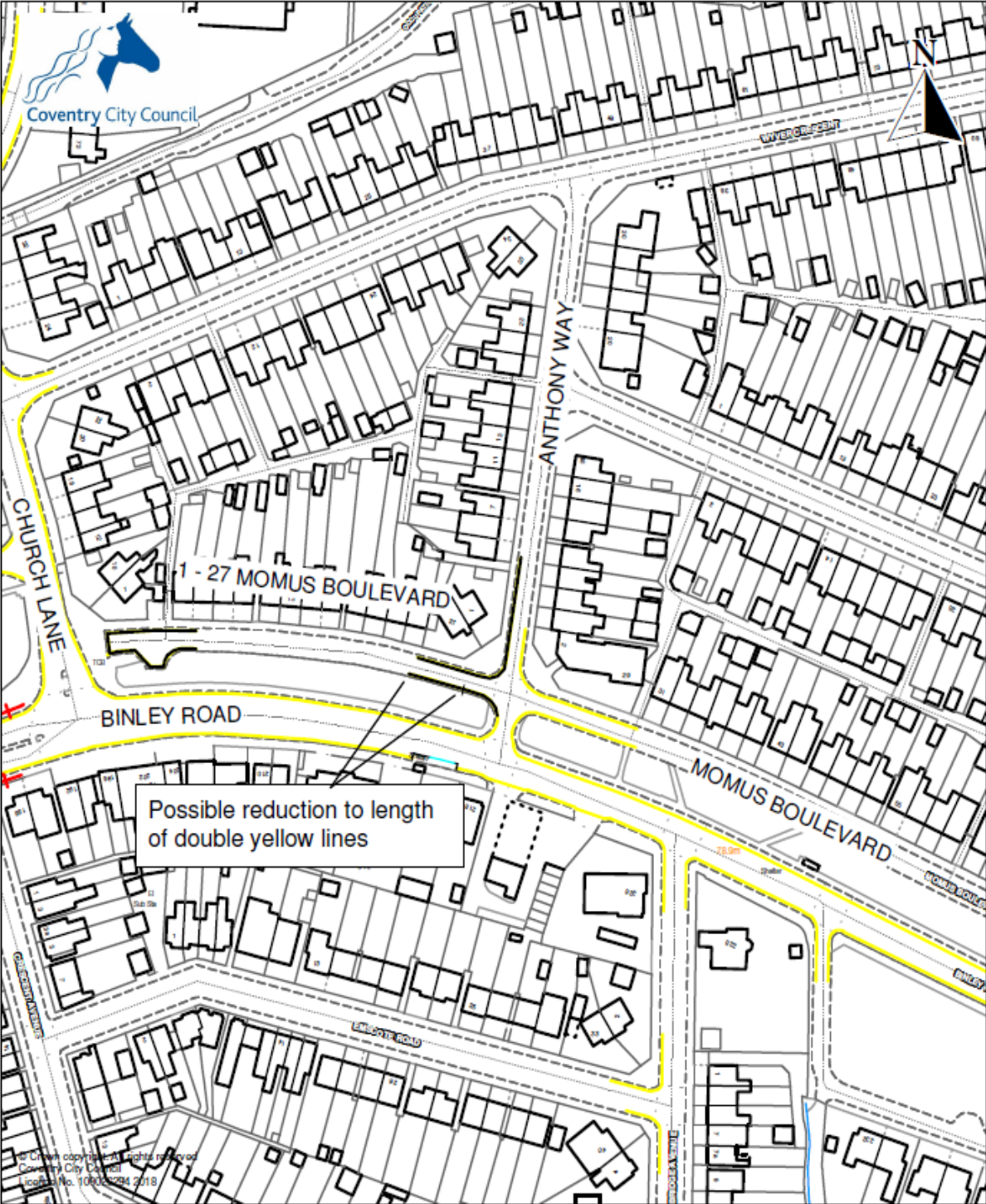
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Appendix A – Location Plan



Appendix B – Copy of Text of Determination Letter

Re: Petition submitted on 26 February 2018

Subject matter: Request for Parking Permits on Momus Boulevard

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a Residents' Parking Scheme for nos. 1-27 Momus Boulevard.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Innes, Cabinet Member for City Services, who has requested that this be dealt with by way of a letter rather than a formal report so it can be dealt with more quickly.

The section of Momus Boulevard for which a Residents' Parking Scheme has been requested is too small for such a parking scheme. A parking survey of the whole of Momus Boulevard showed that spaces were available to park on-street and due to the level of available spaces, it did not meet the criteria for a Residents' Parking Scheme. Therefore, no further action is proposed.

On hearing the above decision, Councillor Singh has advised that you would like a report to be heard in response to the petition. I can confirm that a report will be prepared for consideration at the next available meeting of the Cabinet Member for City Services which is currently proposed to take place on Monday 14 May 2018. You will receive an invitation to attend the meeting where you will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.