

Cabinet Member for City Services

17<sup>th</sup> June 2019

**Name of Cabinet Member:**

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

**Director Approving Submission of the report:**

Deputy Chief Executive (Place)

**Ward(s) affected:**

Cheylesmore

**Title:** Petition – Request for Changes to Existing Residents' Parking Scheme on Michaelmas Road and Installation of 20mph Speed Limit

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 63 signatures has been received requesting changes to the existing residents' parking/ limited waiting restrictions on Michaelmas Road and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to parking and road safety are heard by the Cabinet Member for City Services. The Cabinet Member had considered the petition prior to this meeting and in response to the request made, 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 investigations undertaken and the approved action in response to the issues raised. On receipt of the determination letter the petitioner advised they did not wish the petition to be progressed by letter and wanted the issue to be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The cost of introducing waiting restrictions and the cost of introducing road safety measures, 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 paragraphs 1.6, 1.7 & 1.8 of the report) are undertaken.

**List of Appendices included:**

Appendix A – Location Plan  
Appendix B – Determination letter

**Background Papers**

None

**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 Changes to Existing Residents’ Parking Scheme on Michaelmas Road and Installation of 20mph Speed Limit

**1. Context (or background)**

1.1 A petition of 63 signatures has been received requesting changes to the existing residents’ parking/ limited waiting restrictions on Michaelmas Road and the introduction of a 20mph speed limit.

1.2 The petition advises:

*‘We, the undersigned, respectfully request that the Cheylesmore West Residents parking Scheme be adjusted so that only Michaelmas Road residents and their visitors can park on Michaelmas Road. This is to protect the street from increased traffic associated with the Friargate Development as well as the daily abuse as a free car park by residents of the wider neighbourhood, commuters from outside the local area, and taxis. We would also like the 30 minute waiting time adjusted to a 15 minute grace period on weekday afternoons to facilitate the collection of children from King Henry VIII School. Finally we request that the speed limit on Michaelmas Road be reduced to 20 miles per hour in the interest of pedestrian safety, particularly school children’.*

1.3 Michaelmas Road is a straight road approximately 250 metres in length, connecting Warwick Road to Stoney Road. In 2011 a scheme was introduced which prevented right turns into and out of Michaelmas Road at its junction with Warwick Road, this reduces the volume of traffic using the road as a cut through and was installed as part of the mitigation measures proposed in the Section 106 Agreement relating to the Friargate development.

1.4 Michaelmas Road is also part of the Cheylesmore West Residents’ Parking scheme. The restrictions on Michaelmas Road being shared use parking bays, which are residents’ parking Monday to Saturday 8am-6pm (for CW permits) and limited waiting of 30 minutes, no return within 3 hours during the same Monday to Saturday period. The shared use bays were introduced due to the proximity of the nearby school (King Henry VIII) as this allows opportunity for people to park safely whilst collecting and dropping off children, but prevents all day parking. There is a controlled crossing nearby, allowing children to cross the Warwick Road. A location plan is shown in Appendix A to the report.

1.5 In accordance with the City Council’s procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to road safety and parking issues 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.

1.6 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised of the importance of targeting road safety measures in the city. Coventry is continuing to work towards becoming a safer speed city and to ensure the funding we have is utilised carefully, we use personal injury collisions reported to the Police. A review of Michaelmas Road showed no injury collisions had been recorded in the last three years. Safety schemes are prioritised in locations where there have been six or more recorded injury collisions in the previous three years.

1.7 As the petitioners raised concerns about speeding, they were advised of the Community Speed Watch initiative and provided with the relevant contact details. The Community Speed Watch initiative is a speed monitoring and awareness scheme that is co-

ordinated by the Police and run by a group of local volunteers who use speed detection devices to monitor traffic and identify speeding drivers on a specific road or small area.

- 1.8 The petitioners were also advised that there are no proposals to introduce a separate parking zone for Michaelmas Road residents or to reduce the 30 minute waiting time for non-residents during the time the restriction operates. Parking surveys have been undertaken, at different times during the day, which showed that there were spaces available. However, misuse of permits will be monitored and additional measures, including changes to the permit registration process coupled with the use of an ANPR enforcement car, will be introduced to help detect permit misuse and improve the effectiveness of enforcement.

## **2. Options considered and recommended proposal**

- 2.1 The recommended proposals regarding the issues raised have already been approved and are detailed in the determination letter (Appendix B to the report) and paragraphs 1.6, 1.7 & 1.8.
- 2.2 An alternative option would be the use of a mobile vehicle activated sign (VAS) to advise of the speed limit for a short period of time.

## **3. Results of consultation undertaken**

- 3.1 No consultation has been undertaken.

## **4. Timetable for implementing this decision**

- 4.1 The actions described have already been undertaken.

## **5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services**

- 5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications of the recommended proposal.

- 5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal

## **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)?**

N/A

- 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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Appendix A – Location Plan



## **Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter**

**Re: petition submitted on 5 November 2018**

**Subject matter:** Michaelmas Road - residents parking, 15-minute waiting time and 20 mph speed limit

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a shared-use residents' parking scheme which allows a 15-minute waiting time for non-residents and 20 mph speed limit on Michaelmas Road.

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

The current shared-use parking bays on Michaelmas Road have a 30-minute waiting time which allows for parents waiting to pick up children, but prevents longer-term parking by non-residents. There are no proposals to introduce a separate permit parking zone for Michaelmas Road or reduce the waiting time for non-residents.

With regards to the request for a 20mph speed limit, it is important that we target road safety measures in the city. We do this using personal injury collision data to ensure the funding we have is utilised carefully. Locations where there have been six or more personal injury collisions reported to the Police in the previous three years are considered for inclusion in our safety scheme programme. The personal recorded injury collision history for Michaelmas Road has been reviewed. This shows that there were no personal injury collisions on Michaelmas Road in the last three years. Therefore, no reduction in the speed limit is proposed.

As you are concerned about speeding, you may wish to get involved in the Community Speed Watch initiative. This is a speed monitoring and awareness scheme that is co-ordinated by the Police and run by a group of local volunteers who use speed detection devices to monitor traffic and identify speeding drivers on a specific road or small area. For further information, please contact the Police by emailing: [cvcswwest-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:cvcswwest-midlands.pnn.police.uk).

I would be grateful if you could please confirm in writing, either by email or letter, that you agree that the petition be progressed by way of this letter. If you do not agree, a report responding to your petition will be prepared for consideration at a future Cabinet Member meeting. You will be invited to attend this meeting where you have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners.