

Cabinet Member for City Services

2 December 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:

Binley & Willenhall

Title: Petition – Residents' parking scheme on Walsgrave Road end of Church Lane

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition of 8 signatures has been received requesting a residents' parking scheme on Church Lane (Walsgrave Road end).

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to traffic management 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 issue 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 reasons why the request would not be considered, the issues taken into consideration and the approved action in response to the petition, which was not to commence the legal process to advertise a residents' parking scheme on Church Lane (Walsgrave Road end). 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 changes to the road network 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 1.6 of the report).

List of Appendices included:

Appendix A – Location Plan

Appendix B – Extract of Traffic Regulation Order

Appendix C – 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 - Residents' parking scheme on Walsgrave Road end of Church Lane

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition of 8 signatures has been received requesting a residents' parking scheme on Church Lane (Walsgrave Road end).

1.2 The text of the petition reads as follows:

'Residents only parking scheme on Walsgrave Road end of Church Lane'

1.3 Church Lane is a residential road and Walsgrave Road (A4600) is part of a main arterial route into Coventry. At the top of Church Lane, there is a parade of shops on the eastern side of the road that continues onto Walsgrave Road. Outside the shops, there are five parking bays where waiting is limited to one hour Monday to Saturday between 7am and 7pm, with no return permitted within 2 hours. There are additional parking bays subject to the same waiting restriction on Walsgrave Road. Walsgrave Road is part of a Red Route, which means that stopping is not permitted outside the marked parking bays. On the western corner of Church Lane and Walsgrave Road, there is a pub with its own private car park accessed from Walsgrave Road. A plan showing the location and the parking restrictions is attached in Appendix A.

1.4 A review of the personal recorded injury collision history for the last 3 years on the northern section of Church Lane shows that there were 3 personal injury collisions involving vehicles turning into or out of Church Lane from Walsgrave Road.

1.5 Residents' parking schemes are usually only considered for a whole street or an area where most residents do not have access to off-street parking. Most of the properties at the northern end of Church Lane have driveways. If a vehicle is obstructing a vehicular dropped kerb, the Council's Parking Enforcement Team can take action. However, a vehicle can be parked across a vehicular dropped kerb with the permission of the resident. Due to the number of properties with driveways, there is limited space available for on-street parking on the section of Church Lane in question and surveys have shown that this is fully utilised.

1.6 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to changes to traffic management and 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.

1.7 The determination letter (copy in Appendix C) advised that residents' parking schemes are only considered for a whole street or an area where most residents do not have access to off-street parking. Therefore, the section of Church Lane referred to does not qualify for consideration as a residents' parking scheme.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

2.1 The recommended proposal to the issue raised has already been approved and is detailed in the determination letter (Appendix C) and paragraph 1.7.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

4.1 No further action is proposed.

5. Comments from Director of Finance and Corporate Services

5.1 Financial implications

No action is proposed, therefore there are no financial implications.

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) Climate Change and the Environment**

None

6.6 **Implications for partner organisations?**

None

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Appendix A – Location plan



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Appendix B – Extract of Traffic Regulation Order



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Appendix C – Copy of text of determination letter

Re: petition submitted on 19 February 2019

Subject matter: Residents Parking Scheme on Walsgrave Road end of Church Lane

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a residents' parking scheme at the Walsgrave Road end of Church Lane.

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.

Residents' parking schemes are only considered for a whole street or an area where most residents do not have access to off-street parking. Therefore, the section of Church Lane referred to does not qualify for consideration for a residents' parking scheme.

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.