

Cabinet Member for City Services

2<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Cheylesmore

**Title: Petition – Request for Residents’ Parking Scheme in Benedictine Road to be extended to The Monks Croft**

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**Is this a key decision?**

No

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**Executive Summary:**

A petition of 15 signatures has been received requesting the Cheylesmore East Residents’ Parking Scheme is extended to include The Monks Croft.

In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to parking restrictions 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 that a recent consultation undertaken prior to the petition, asking residents if they wanted The Monks Croft to be included in a proposed extension to the existing residents’ parking scheme, did not meet the required criteria of 60% of households being in favour. Therefore, the proposed extension of the existing scheme would not include The Monks Croft. However, a further consultation with The Monks Croft residents would be undertaken 12 months after the scheme extension. 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 implementing residents’ parking schemes 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 1.11 of the report).

**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

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**1. Context (or background)**

1.1 A petition of 15 signatures has been received requesting an extension of the existing Cheylesmore East Residents’ Parking Scheme to include The Monks Croft. The petition is supported by Councillor Bailey.

1.2 The petition advises:

*‘Parking congestion caused by commuters is becoming increasingly worse with the introduction of the resident parking scheme in Benedictine Road. We politely request that the resident parking scheme is extended to include The Monks Croft.*

1.3 Three extensive area wide residents’ parking schemes were consulted upon in 2014 consisting of the Cheylesmore East, Cheylesmore West and Earlsdon Residents’ Parking Schemes. The original Cheylesmore East proposals included The Monks Croft and Benedictine Road. Few responses were received in favour of these large residents’ parking scheme proposals and following further consultation smaller schemes were proposed which came into operation in 2015.

1.4 However, since the installation of the initial residents’ parking schemes petitions have been received requesting that the schemes are extended due to the transference of commuter parking into areas outside the scheme.

1.5 Benedictine Road and The Monks Croft were part of the original 2014 proposals, but not implemented due to insufficient support. However, in response to a petition from Benedictine Road, both Benedictine Road and The Monks Croft residents were consulted in 2017 as to whether they now wanted to be part of the residents’ parking scheme. The residents’ parking scheme criteria include that 60% of households must be in support of a scheme before the scheme can be progressed.

1.6 The required support was not received for the whole of Benedictine Road and The Monks Croft, however there was sufficient support for a scheme on the section of Benedictine Road from its junction with Carthusian Road to its cul de sac end and this was implemented. After the scheme was installed a further petition was received from residents of Benedictine Road (living outside of the scheme area) asking for the scheme to be extended to include the whole road.

1.7 Residents of The Monks Croft had also petitioned about parking issues. The response to the petition was to propose double yellow lines around the ‘grass triangle’ at the junction of The Monks Croft and Benedictine Road. The legal process was commenced, but objections were received. In response to the objections it was agreed to install a reduced length of double yellow lines. It was also agreed to consult with residents as to whether they wanted to be included in the Cheylesmore East Residents’ Parking Scheme, when the Benedictine Road extension was advertised.

1.8 In May 2019 The Monks Croft residents were consulted about being part of a residents’ parking scheme, but there was not sufficient support and no further action was undertaken to include The Monks Croft in the proposed scheme extension. This petition was received following the latest consultation.

- 1.9 If the Cheylesmore East Residents' Parking Scheme was extended to include The Monks Croft a further 27 properties would be within the scheme. Location plan in Appendix A. Due to the number of independent consultations that have been undertaken, with insufficient support being received, it is recommended that no further action is undertaken at the current time. However, it is also recommended that 12 months after the latest extension to the scheme, consultation is undertaken to determine if 60% of the households on The Monks Croft are in favour of progressing a residents' parking scheme.
- 1.10 In accordance with the City Council's procedure for dealing with petitions, those relating to parking schemes 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.
- 1.11 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B) advised that the recent consultation undertaken prior to the petition, asking residents if they wanted The Monks Croft to be included in a proposed extension to the existing residents' parking scheme, did not meet the required criteria of 60% of households being in favour. Therefore, the proposed extension of the existing scheme would not include The Monks Croft. However, a further consultation with The Monks Croft residents would be undertaken 12 months after the scheme extension.

## **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 B) and paragraph 1.11.

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

- 3.1 A consultation undertaken in May 2019 about whether residents wanted a proposed extension of the Cheylesmore East Residents' Parking scheme to include The Monks Croft did not achieve the required criterion of 60% of households in favour.

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

- 4.1 No further action is proposed until the new extension to the Cheylesmore East Residents' Parking Scheme has been in operation for 12 months, at this time it is proposed to undertake a further consultation.

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

### **5.1 Financial implications**

There are no financial implications of the recommendations other than the cost of a further consultation in 12 months. The cost of undertaking the consultation would be approximately £30.

### **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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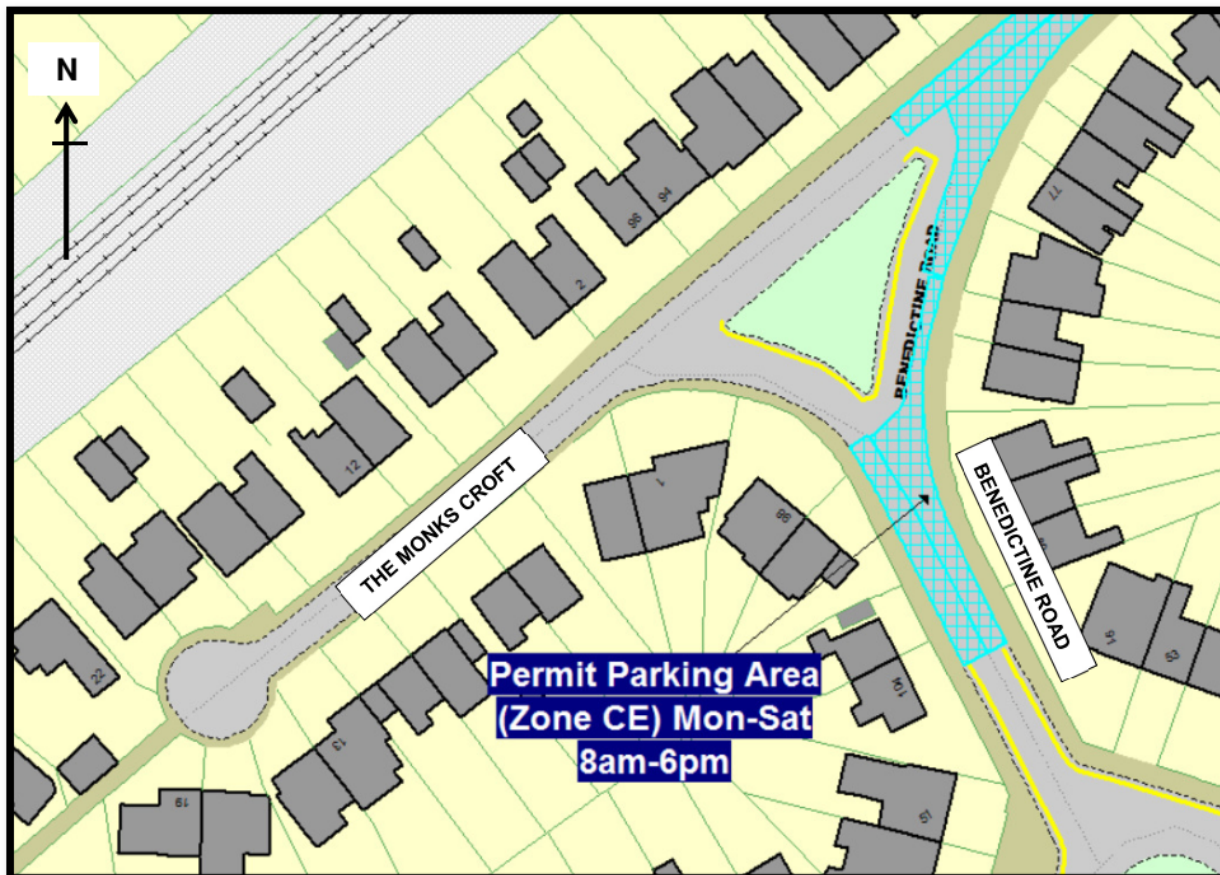
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Appendix A – Location plan



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## **Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter & petitioner’s response**

**Re: petition submitted on 3 July 2019**

**Subject matter:** Request for residents parking scheme in Benedictine Rd to be extended to The Monks Croft

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for the residents’ parking scheme on Benedictine Road to be extended to The Monks Croft.

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.

As you will be aware, residents of The Monks Croft were recently consulted as to whether they wished The Monks Croft to be included in the extension of the residents’ parking scheme on Benedictine Road. The proportion of households in favour of the proposal did not reach the required 60% threshold. Therefore, The Monks Croft has not been included in the extension of the Benedictine Road scheme.

Once the extension has been implemented, it is possible that parking by non-residents will move into The Monks Croft. Therefore, the consultation will be repeated 12 months after implementation of the Benedictine Road extension to ascertain whether residents’ views have changed.

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.