
Cabinet Member for City Services

5 July 2021

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Transportation and Highways

Ward(s) affected:

Cheylesmore

Title:

Petition - Parking on Daventry Road Shopping Centre

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

An e-petition with 459 signatures was received requesting that the previous layout of the parking bays at Daventry Road Shopping Centre be reinstated.

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 had considered the petition prior to this meeting and 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 the changes to the configuration of the parking bays were introduced on a temporary basis to facilitate social distancing. When social distancing guidance is withdrawn, local consultation will be undertaken to determine whether the temporary layout is made permanent or the previous layout is reinstated.

The cost of 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 the actions confirmed by determination letter to the petition organisers (as detailed in paragraph 1.5 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

Report title: Petition - Parking on Daventry Road Shopping Centre

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 An e-petition with 459 signatures was received requesting that the previous layout of the parking bays at Daventry Road Shopping Centre be reinstated.
- 1.2 The petition reads as follows:

'We the undersigned petition the Council to stop the proposed change to parking at Daventry Road Shopping Centre. Not only will it reduce the amount of parking available. Part of the proposal is to make it more social distancing, this will not be the case as opening doors onto the pavement area will cause drivers to be in closer contact with pedestrians and also the safety issue of doors opening whilst pedestrians are walking by.'

The proposed changing from diagonal parking for 38 vehicles to parallel parking for 35 means that during business hours the amount of lost parking will be vast as these shops and banks have a quick turnover and one parking space may be occupied by many vehicles in the course of any one hour, so hundreds of spaces lost in a week. Getting disabled or children out of the passenger side which means having the car door open will be a safety issue with cars driving down the slip road. These shops are popular for the very reason that parking is generally so good. In times of so many shops struggling to stay open this is a nail in the coffin, which they certainly don't need. Could part of the very wide pavement be used say at Quinton Road end to allow longer vehicles to park safely. It would seem the shop owners were only notified in last couple of days, so no prior consultations have taken place. With parallel parking on the other side of the slip road, it is going to be chaotic if both sides are reversing into spaces at the same time and no doubt increase accidents and not as planned reduce them.'

- 1.3 Daventry Road is a local distributor road between London Road and Leamington Road subject to a 30mph speed limit. The shopping centre is located on a service road that runs parallel to Daventry Road between Queen Isabel's Avenue and Quinton Road. The service road is one-way running from Queen Isabel's Avenue and Quinton Road. It is located in Cheylesmore Ward. A location plan is shown in Appendix A to the report.
- 1.4 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.
- 1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised that the changes to the configuration of the parking bays were introduced on a temporary basis to facilitate social distancing. When social distancing guidance is withdrawn, local consultation will be undertaken to determine whether the temporary layout is made permanent or the previous layout is reinstated.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended action in response to the issues raised has already been approved and are detailed in paragraph 1.5 and in the determination letter (Appendix B to the report).

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 the Director of Finance and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

The cost of introducing road safety measures is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan. The scheduling of works is based on priority of the scheme and the funds available.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposal.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the Council Plan (www.coventry.gov.uk/councilplan/)?

N/A.

6.2 How is risk being managed?

N/A.

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



Appendix B – Copy of text of determination letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for the previous layout of the parking bays at Daventry Road Shopping Centre to be reinstated.

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 changes to the configuration of the parking bays were introduced on a temporary basis to facilitate social distancing. When social distancing guidance is withdrawn, local consultation will be undertaken to determine whether the temporary layout is made permanent or the previous layout is reinstated.

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.