

Cabinet Member for City Services

28 February 2024

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of Transportation, Highways and Sustainability

Ward(s) affected:

Westwood

Title:

Petition - Hathaway Road – Residents' Parking Scheme

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 68 signatures was received requesting a Residents' Parking Scheme on Hathaway Road.

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 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. On receipt of the determination letter, the petition organiser and sponsor requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The determination letter advised that the Council's Residents' Parking Policy states that, for a road to be considered for a residents' parking scheme, there must be less than 40% of spaces available during the daytime. Parking surveys showed that Hathaway Road does not meet this criterion. For this reason, the request was declined.

The cost of introducing 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 the actions which had been agreed to be issued 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 – Text of determination letter
Appendix C – Parking survey results

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 – Hathaway Road – residents’ parking scheme

1. Context (or background)

- 1.1 A petition with 68 signatures was received requesting a residents’ parking scheme on Hathaway Road. The petition was sponsored by Councillor Lapsa.
- 1.2 The petition reads as follows:

“We the undersigned request the Council set up a residents parking scheme for Hathaway Road. The road is a cul-de-sac and we have numerous problems with people parking all day in the street causing problems for emergency vehicles. Since the Auction House car park has started charging, the displacement parking from employees and people visiting the shops including the numerous hairdressers, local residents have problems parking in their own street.

- 1.3 Hathaway Road is a residential cul-de-sac off Tile Hill Lane. It is subject to ‘No Motor Vehicles except for access’ restriction. It is located in Westwood 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 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 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.
- 1.5 The determination letter (copy in Appendix B to the report) advised that the Council’s Residents’ Parking Policy states that, for a road to be considered for a residents’ parking scheme, there must be less than 40% of spaces available during the daytime. Parking surveys (details in Appendix C) showed that Hathaway Road does not meet this criterion. For this reason, the request was declined.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended actions in response to the issues raised have already been agreed and are detailed in paragraph 1.5 of this report.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 No formal consultation has been undertaken.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision

- 4.1 The agreed actions have already been implemented.

5. Comments from the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Law and Governance

5.1 Financial implications

There are no financial implications to the Council of the recommended actions (see paragraph 1.5 above).

The cost of introducing residents' parking schemes is funded from the Highways Maintenance and Investment Capital Programme budget through the Local Transport Plan.

5.2 Legal implications

There are no legal implications of the recommended proposals.

6. Other implications

6.1 How will this contribute to the One Coventry Plan?

(<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/strategies-plans-policies/one-coventry-plan>)

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 – Text of Determination Letter

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for a residents' parking scheme in Hathaway 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 Council's Residents' Parking Policy states that, for a road to be considered for a residents' parking scheme, there must be less than 40% of spaces available during the daytime. Parking surveys have shown that Hathaway Road does not meet this criterion. Therefore, your request has been declined.

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 will have the opportunity to speak on behalf of the petitioners. If no response is received within four weeks of the date of this letter, we will record this as your acceptance of the determination letter and the petition will be closed.

Appendix C - Parking survey results

Survey date: Tuesday 18 July 2023

Survey Time	Total number of on-street parking spaces*	No. of vehicles parked on-street	No. of on-street spaces available	Percentage of on-street spaces available
10:00 - 12:00	18	6	12	67%
14:00 - 16:00	18	10	8	44%
Weekday daytime average	18	8	10	56%

** Number of spaces where an average car can park fully on-carriageway without obstructing the carriageway or driveways*