

Cabinet Member for City Services

17th June 2024

Name of Cabinet Member:

Cabinet Member for City Services – Councillor P Hetherton

Director Approving Submission of the report:

Director of City Services and Commercial

Ward(s) affected:

Foleshill

Title:

Petition – Holmsdale Road - Residents Only Parking and One-Way Traffic Flow

Is this a key decision?

No

Executive Summary:

A petition with 116 signatures was lodged requesting a one-way system and residents parking permit scheme on Holmsdale 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 requested that the issue be considered at a Cabinet Member for City Services meeting.

The determination letter (dated 12th April 2024) advised that the Council have received funding from the government to help improve cycling, walking, and wheeling (pushchairs and wheelchairs) and reduce traffic in Foleshill. Part of this programme was consulted upon during November and December 2023. Following the consultations, Council officers are reviewing the proposed measures and will analyse traffic flow and parking issues in the Foleshill area. The roads immediately feeding Foleshill Road, including Holmsdale Road, will form part of the review. After completion of the review, the Council will undertake further consultation, at which point residents will be able to have their views heard.

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 – Text of Follow up response

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: Holmsdale Road - Residents Only Parking and One-Way Traffic Flow

1. Context (or background)

1.1 A petition with 116 signatures was lodged requesting a one-way system and residents parking permit scheme on Holmsdale Road. The petition is sponsored by Councillor Shakila Nazir.

1.2 The petition reads as follows:

“Customers and workers of businesses on Foleshill road and surrounding areas flood on-street and free carpark spaces leaving residents stranded on a very busy street. This will worsen when the Council enforce charges to the Holmsdale Road Carpark, as those who ordinarily park there for free on the street to avoid the charges, resulting in residents being forced to park in the carpark at a charge, causing financial distress at the least. Residents will have to park their cars on nearby streets to avoid the carpark charges and be forced to walk long distances from their cars to their houses during the day and night with young children, babies, elderly family members, heavy shopping and their valuables to and from their commute to work. There is an urgent need for residents-only parking permit to be implemented on Holmsdale Road. Permit zones will not always be adhered to by non-residents causing the same issues as discussed prior, residents should be exempt from all charges in the Holmsdale Road Carpark. The current two-way system is traffic heavy, and congestion causes the road to be gridlocked, blocking emergency vehicles, causing damage to parked vehicles on the street and damage to cars passing each other alongside noise nuisance and aggression caused by road rage. A one-way traffic flow system on Holmsdale Road is needed whereby entry is only permitted via Broad Street.”

1.3 Holmsdale Road is located between Foleshill Road and Broad Street, Foleshill. A location plan is attached at 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 have received funding from the government to help improve cycling, walking, and wheeling (pushchairs and wheelchairs) and reduce traffic in Foleshill. Part of this programme was consulted upon during November and December 2023. Following the consultation, Council Officers are reviewing the proposed measures and will analyse traffic flow and parking issues in the Foleshill area. The roads immediately feeding Foleshill Road, including Holmsdale Road, will form part of the review. After completion of the review, the Council will undertake further consultation, at which point residents will be able to have their views heard.

1.6 A follow-up response was sent to the petitioner on 18 April 2024 (copy in Appendix C to the report), to further explain the introduction of car park charges in Holmsdale Road car park are on-hold and the traffic management arrangements will be reviewed

as part of the wider Foleshill Transport Package, these include consideration of resident parking permits and a one-way system on Holmsdale Road.

- 1.7 Following receipt of the letter and follow-up response, the petitioners requested the petition was dealt with at the Cabinet Member for City Services Decision Session.

2. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 2.1 The recommended actions in response to the issues raised are detailed in paragraph 1.5 of this report.

3. Results of consultation undertaken

- 3.1 Further consultation will be undertaken following completion of the review of proposed measures.

4. Timetable for implementing this decision.

- 4.1 Actions will be reviewed as part of the development of the wider Foleshill Transport Package.

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).

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 – Holmsdale Road



Appendix B – Text of Determination Letter

Subject matter: Holmsdale Road - Residents Only Parking and One-Way Traffic Flow

I am writing with regard to the above petition and your request for the Council to reconsider the proposed changes keeping in mind its impact on local residents' lives and livelihoods.

The matter was discussed with Councillor Hetherington, 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 has received funding from Government to help improve cycling, walking and wheeling (pushchairs and wheelchairs), and reduce traffic in Foleshill. Part of this programme was consulted upon in November / December 2023 - <https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/foleshillcycleway>. Following consultation, Council Officers are reviewing the proposed measures and will analyse traffic flow and parking issues for Foleshill Road. The roads immediately feeding Foleshill Road, including Holmsdale Road, will form part of the review. After completion of the review, the Council will undertake further consultation, at which point local residents will be able to have their views heard.

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 – Text of Follow-up Response

The introduction of car park charges in Holmsdale Road car park are on-hold pending a review of the traffic management arrangements in the area. The traffic management arrangements will be reviewed as part of the wider Foleshill Transport Package and include consideration of resident parking permits and a one-way system on Holmsdale Road.