

Agenda Item No. 4(a)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAY, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE

17 May 2018

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION - CHESTERFIELD, SHIRLAND STREET – REQUEST TO
JOIN THE EXISTING RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING SCHEME**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To consider a petition requesting consideration be given to introducing a Residents' Only Parking (ROP) scheme on Shirland Street, Chesterfield and becoming part of Zone C of the Chesterfield ROP scheme.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

A petition was reported to the Cabinet Member on 5 April 2018 (Minute No. 25/18 refers). It contained 44 signatures of which 40 were in favour of a ROP scheme and reads as follows:

"We, the residents of Shirland Street Chesterfield S417NH are in favour of a paid Residents Parking Scheme [RPS] in Zone C. We are aware that this does not guarantee a parking space directly outside our property. We understand the cost of an annual permit and are aware that permit prices can increase. Two thirds of residents must be in favour of a paid RPS for it to go ahead. There are 60 houses on Shirland Street which means 40 houses must be in favour. On the next few pages there is a petition in which outlines those residents in favour and those residents not in favour.

Thank you for your attention on this matter. We understand that a great deal of officer time has been spent on Shirland Street in the past, however lots of new residents have moved in with different views to those previously. We all feel that we must all move forward and come together as a community."

Shirland Street is a residential street linking Sheffield Road with Infirmary Road and is situated very close to Chesterfield College and the new Derby University Campus. It is approximately 1/4 mile from the town centre and the nearest pay and display car parks. It is covered by an existing prohibition of driving, except for access, Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), which prohibits

motor vehicles from using Shirland Street unless it is for reasons of access. The contravention of a prohibition of driving, except for access, TRO is a moving vehicle traffic offence which can only be enforced by the Police. There are parking restrictions in the form of double yellow lines at the junctions of Shirland Street with Sheffield Road and Infirmary Road. The area requested for consideration for ROP is shown on the attached drawing HMT/PB/198/18.

Officer Comment

In 2006, officers consulted on proposals to extend the existing ROP scheme in Chesterfield Town Centre due to an increase in commuter, shopper and college parking on residential streets.

Due to the size and demographic of the streets involved, officers split the area into three recognisable and manageable zones. Zone C included Shirland Street and detailed consultation was carried out with these residents to see if they wanted to be included in Zone C. The residents, however, did not want to be included within the proposed scheme as they felt protected by the existing prohibition of driving, except for access TRO and, therefore, they were not included.

A number of years have passed and the ROP scheme is working well. However, officers have received numerous concerns expressed by the residents of Shirland Street over indiscriminate and illegal parking by commuters and college students despite regular enforcement by the Police. It is therefore proposed that, in response to the number of residents in support in the petition, further detailed consultation be carried out by the Council's Traffic and Safety Team and confirm that a majority of residents are in favour of a ROP on Shirland Street then the Cabinet Member approves the request for Shirland Street to be included in the Chesterfield ROP Zone C.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Sharon Blank has been consulted and has no further comment.

(3) **Financial Considerations** It is estimated to cost £5,000 to carry out a detailed consultation exercise and for the legal TRO procedure and the installation of the necessary signing and lining to support the ROP scheme on street. This cost can be met from the 2018-2019 Highways Maintenance Revenue budget for traffic management.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway.

The matters referred to above are:

- 1) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- 2) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulating and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the areas through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
- 3) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- 4) any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Steve Dungworth, extension 38619.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

- 8.1 Subject to further detailed consultation being carried out by the Council's Traffic and Safety Team and confirming that two thirds of residents are in favour of a Residents' Only Parking Scheme on Shirland Street, the Cabinet Member approves the request for Shirland Street to be included in the Chesterfield Residents' Only Parking Zone C.
- 8.2 The Local Member, Head Petitioner and the Chief Constable be notified accordingly.

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