

Agenda Item No. 4(c)

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAY, TRANSPORT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

**26 April 2018**

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION: CHESTERFIELD, OLD ROAD AND SURROUNDING  
STREETS – REQUEST TO INVESTIGATE A 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 Old Road, Chesterfield and surrounding streets.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

**Background**

The E-Petition was reported to the Cabinet Member - Highways, Transport and Infrastructure on 7 December 2017 (Minute No. 121/17 refers). It contained 47 signatures and reads as follows:

*“Support residents with parking issues. Investigate if residential parking is appropriate for Old Road and neighbouring streets, proposed restrictions 6pm – 6am weekdays, and all day at weekends. Appreciating there are local businesses in the area, to accommodate these maintain the parking restrictions near Mes Amis as a 2 hours no return, and introduce another ring fenced area near Hoskins car lot with 2 hours no return. Encouraging public house customers to use the car parks provided, to consider residents trying to park near their homes. Some local residents have been leaving notes on non-residents cars asking they not park over 2 spaces, and to be considerate towards local residents.”*

Old Road is a busy route into Chesterfield town centre. It is close to businesses including a car sales and two public houses, and the bustling vibrant Chatsworth Road which has a mixture of residential and business use. It is approximately 1 mile from the town centre and nearest pay and display car parks. There are parking restrictions on Chatsworth Road but none on Old Road where residents live, apart from a recently introduced area of limited waiting parking area outside nos. 45-87 Old Road. A new road arrangement made it possible for the Authority to introduce an area of parking where

previously double yellow lines were present. This has created approximately 6 additional car parking spaces. The area requested for consideration for ROP scheme is shown on the attached drawing HMT/BG/64/18.

### Officer Comment

Officers know Old Road and surrounding streets very well and do appreciate that they are busy and often parked up with vehicles. Officers have been monitoring the area during the working week and there are usually a handful of parking spaces available and therefore recognise that in an evening, when residents return home from work, parking is at a premium and therefore difficult to park.

Having spoken with the head petitioner, officers are aware that the nearby car sales on Old Road have a number of vehicles from their sales yard parked on the highway reducing the number of spaces available for residents. The two local public houses, whilst having car parks, often have their customers leave vehicles overnight, particularly over the weekend, exacerbating the situation.

Officers have looked at the approximate number of properties on each street in question, and the approximate number of kerb side parking spaces available for these properties to currently park. This is tabled below.

<b>Road</b>	<b>Approximate No of Houses</b>	<b>Approximate Available Kerb Side Spaces</b>	<b>Limited Waiting Spaces</b>
Old Road (From its junction with Victoria Street West to Chatsworth Road)	75	65	6
Old Hall Road (From its junction with Chatsworth Road to Old Road)	34	14	n/a
Victoria Street West	37	25	n/a

As can be seen from the table, there is not even enough space for one car per household to park on any of the three streets listed above and that does not even take into account any second cars, visitor and business permits that would be available to purchase. Officers have received a similar request for a ROP scheme on Victoria Street West as some residents consider that parking by local businesses and school parking was reducing the number of available spaces for them. These businesses, however, would be entitled to purchase permits just the same. It would, however, stop the car sales parking some of their stock for sale on the highway during the day, and it would stop customers to the two nearby public houses parking all day during the working week and on a Saturday. The existing Chesterfield ROP schemes, however, operate 8am to 6pm Monday to Saturday and therefore Sunday parking would still be

available for other members of the public. There are, however, a number of other small businesses which operate in the area which would also be affected by the proposed ROP scheme as their customers would not have anywhere to park. This would certainly be detrimental to their business as the nearest pay and display car parks are nearly a mile away. An additional limited waiting bay would certainly aid these businesses as the head petitioner suggests.

For any residents' parking to be successful, it has to cover a large area to form a zone and be close to alternative parking areas, such as pay and display car parks, so that non-residents have somewhere else to park. They are not introduced on individual streets as the parking is simply transferred to other streets. Officers appreciate that the residents of Old Road have requested that other streets are included in their request which would likely extend as far Old Hall Road, Victoria Street West and Chatsworth Road. The existing ROP schemes that exist in Chesterfield town centre operate between 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday and are aimed at areas where residential streets are parked up all day by commuters and shoppers and where alternatives are available for these motorists in the form of pay and display car parks. They are not aimed at streets that support local businesses as they would be discriminated against as they usually need the parking as well to operate.

As can be seen from the attached plan, the request for a ROP scheme is very remote from the existing schemes currently operational in Chesterfield, and whilst officers appreciate that some residents do suffer from being unable to park near to their property, there is just not enough kerb side space available for the amount of houses currently wanting parking. This would make the scheme oversubscribed and ineffective, resulting in households purchasing permits and still being unable to park on their street.

Officers have looked at reducing the length of double yellow lines on the approach to the signals and consider that it may be possible to create additional parking spaces on Old Road, as well as on Old Hall Road, and will look at this in conjunction with other traffic regulation orders in the area. It is obvious that any permit scheme would be oversubscribed with residents and businesses from the nearby Victoria Street West and Old Hall Road being able to park on Old Road and, as there is no alternative parking provision, it would simply transfer the parking onto neighbouring streets like Heaton Street, Barker Lane and the northern part of Old Hall Road.

### **Local Member Comment**

Councillor Ron Mihaly, Boythorpe and Brampton South, fully supports and understands why these residents want a ROP scheme. However, he does appreciate the officer's comments relating to oversubscription and no available alternative pay and display car parks. He also knows that a ROP

scheme is not exclusive and therefore it wouldn't just be the residents of Old Road that could park on their street.

(3) **Financial Considerations** There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

(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, environment, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

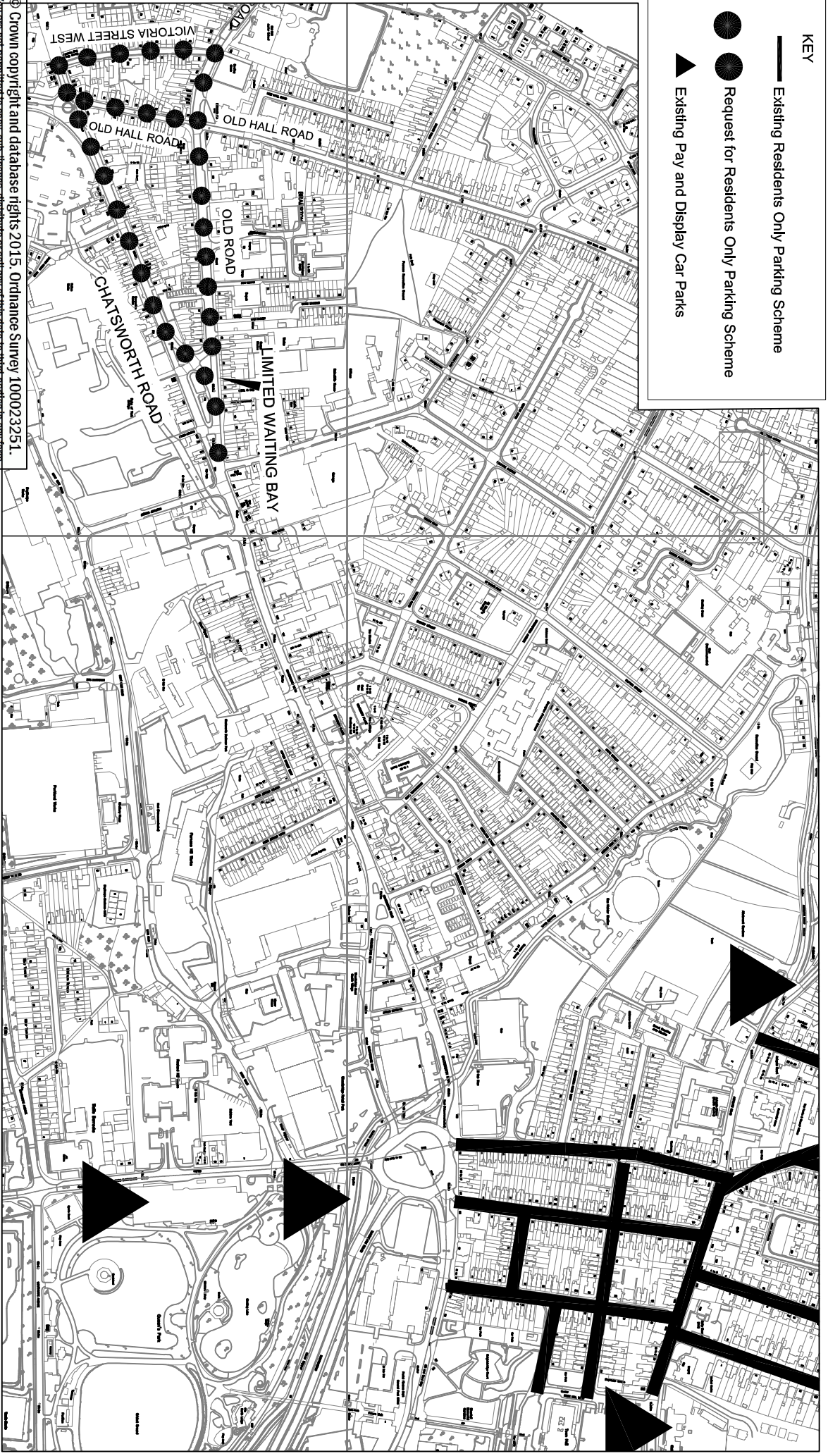
(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details – Bridget Gould, extension 38579.

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

- 8.1 The Cabinet Member does not approve the request for a Residents' Only Parking scheme on Old Road, Chesterfield and surrounding streets, as recommended in this report.
- 8.2 Some reduction in lengths of double yellow lines be considered to generate additional parking spaces.
- 8.3 The Local Member, head petitioner and the Chief Constable be notified accordingly.

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Existing Residents Only Parking Scheme

Request for Residents Only Parking Scheme

Existing Pay and Display Car Parks

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AMENDMENT DETAILS		PROJECT TITLE		DRAWN		CHECKED		APPROVED	
		OLD ROAD AREA, CHESTERFIELD		B.GOULD		S.STRANTER		S.STRANTER	
		REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING		Date FEB.2018		Date FEB.18		Date FEB.18	
		SCHEME		Project / Confirm Reference No.				SCALE	
		PETITION PLAN		Drawing Number HMT/BG/64/18				N.T.S.	
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