

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**CABINET MEMBER MEETING - JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

5 August 2014

Report of the Strategic Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION REGARDING PARKING CONCERNS – MELLOR
ROAD, NEW MILLS**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of investigations undertaken following the receipt of a petition requesting measures to enforce and improve parking restrictions on Mellor Road, New Mills.

(2) **Information and Analysis** At the meeting on 6 May 2014, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition regarding parking concerns on Mellor Road, New Mills (Minute No. 79/14 refers). It contains 74 signatures and reads as follows:

“Due to the parking on Mellor Road approximately 250 metres from the junction with Spring Bank, we below are experiencing great difficulties in getting our vehicles through this section of the road which is between houses numbered 19-61, where vehicles are parked on both sides of the road. The newly painted no parking lines are being totally ignored. This road leads to farms, livery yards, pubs and acres of agricultural land, so large vehicles, tractors, brewery drays, horse boxes, farmers with agricultural machinery and cattle/sheep trailers need to be able to access this road safely. (Knocking on doors asking residents to move vehicles is becoming a habit.)”

Background

Mellor Road runs from the junction of Bridge Street/Spring Bank Road steeply uphill with several blind bends to the County boundary with Cheshire. Sections of the road are subject to a double white line system and there are double yellow lines at the junction of Bridge Street and Spring Bank Road end.

Officer Comment

Letters regarding parking issues were received by officers in January 2013 and April 2013 which resulted in a joint site visit with the Police. Following this, the central white lining was refreshed and the Police undertook to enforce parking adjacent to the double white lining system. Since the receipt of the

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petition, the County Councillor, Beth Atkins, has asked for local community groups to highlight the problems within the area, especially at the church, which can generate a certain level of parking itself.

There is also a need to raise residents' awareness of the problems encountered by the petitioners. Indeed, if undue road safety/obstruction problems persist, further parking restrictions may have to be considered to ensure that there is free passage along the road. The consequence being that residents could suffer further inconvenience which is something the Highway Authority would like to avoid.

Local Members Comments

Councillor Atkins is making every effort to address the issues by local cooperation to avoid the need to resort to introduction of further waiting restrictions.

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

(3) **Key Decision** No

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

(5) **Background Papers** Held on file in the Traffic and Safety Section of the Economy, Transport and Environment Department. Officer contact details - Isobel Mulligan, extension 38677.

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

6.1 The Police be asked to enforce the current restrictions on Mellor Road, New Mills and the site be monitored.

6.2 Should undue problems persist, further consideration be given to implementing extended parking restrictions to address this in consultation with the local Member.

6.3 The local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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