

**REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: NELSON COMMITTEE**

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**PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME:  
117-129 EVERY STREET, NELSON**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Following previous reports to this Committee in February 2015, it was resolved that the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to undertake a further survey for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme and to report back to this Committee on the outcome of the survey.

**RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) Despite a strong desire from the residents for the introduction of the scheme, the traffic study does not provide evidence to support the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme and therefore a scheme should not be introduced.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- (1) The traffic study results do not provide evidence to support the introduction of a scheme.

**ISSUE**

1. In February 2015, following a request from residents of 117-129 Every Street, a report came to this Committee for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme.

It was resolved that:

- “(1) As the results of the survey do not provide a majority in favour of the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme, a scheme [should] not be introduced at this stage.
- (2) That a further study be considered once the works to open up Every Street, Nelson, have been completed.”

2. The works to open up Every Street have now been completed.

3. In December 2015 a questionnaire was hand-delivered to properties regarding the possibility of introducing residents-only parking and a parking duration survey was also undertaken.
4. A plan showing the area surveyed and the extent of the proposed residents-only parking bays can be found in Appendix 1.
5. Lancashire County Council (LCC) will only support residents-only parking where the district authority can clearly show a high level of available kerb space is occupied for more than six hours between 8am and 6pm on five or more days in a week. LCC also requires that the proposal should be acceptable to the greater proportion of the residents. A 75 per cent response rate from households, with more than 50 per cent of these being in favour of the scheme, is considered acceptable.
6. Detailed results of the parking duration survey are available on request.

## SURVEY RESULTS

7. A total of 13 residential properties which would be entitled to a permit were surveyed, with 10 replies.  
  
 In favour of providing the scheme..... 10 (77 per cent of total properties surveyed)  
 Against providing the scheme..... 0 (0 per cent of total properties surveyed)  
 No reply ..... 3 (23 per cent of total properties surveyed)
8. We clearly indicated on the questionnaire that it would be assumed that a non-returned form meant that the resident did not want residents-only parking introduced.

## ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY RESULTS

9. The results of the questionnaire indicate that there is a strong desire for the introduction of a scheme.
10. The table below indicates the percentage of parking spaces taken on each of the visits (capacity) and of these vehicles what percentage belonged to residents (shaded). It should be noted that visits were conducted three times per day during the working week and at weekends, and were done to coordinate with school opening and closing times and local office hours.

Date		Morning	Noon	Afternoon
		%	%	%
<b>Mon, 30 Nov</b>	Capacity	40	53	47
	Residential	83	63	57
<b>Tue, 1 Dec</b>	Capacity	47	73	47
	Residential	71	45	71
<b>Wed, 2 Dec</b>	Capacity	75	60	47
	Residential	70	44	71
<b>Thur, 3 Dec</b>	Capacity	60	73	75
	Residential	67	64	70
<b>Fri, 4 Dec</b>	Capacity	53	60	53
	Residential	63	67	88
<b>Sat, 5 Dec</b>	Capacity	27	33	27
	Residential	100	100	100
<b>Sun, 6 Dec</b>	Capacity	47	53	60
	Residential	86	88	78

11. The maximum capacity available within a suggested permit parking bay (and including disabled bays) is 15 vehicles.
12. During the working week lunchtime visit, the maximum capacity of vehicles parked on this section of Every Street at any one time was 73 per cent, and of those vehicles 45 per cent were residential. This equates to there being four parking spaces still available. On the majority of visits at least 60 per cent of the vehicles parked belonged to residents.
13. There was no significant issue with non-residential parking on Every Street at the weekend.
14. It has been established that a small number of the properties (three) have multiple vehicle ownership. It could be argued that this may increase the perceived issue with parking for residents as it will not always be possible to park several vehicles owned by a resident adjacent to their property.
15. Although there is no evidence to support it, it is likely that any additional traffic will be associated with the school and nearby businesses.

## **CONCLUSION**

16. Despite there being a strong desire from the residents to introduce residents-only parking, the traffic study does not provide evidence to support the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme and therefore a scheme should not be introduced.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** None arising directly from this report.

**Financial:** Residents only parking permits currently cost £17.. This will increase to £20 in January 2016.

**Legal:** In order to enforce a residents-only parking scheme, a Traffic Regulation Order would have to be made. This would be done by Lancashire County Council once full approval was given by them.

**Risk Management:** None arising directly from this report.

**Health and Safety:** None arising directly from this report.

**Sustainability:** None arising directly from this report.

**Community Safety:** None arising directly from this report.

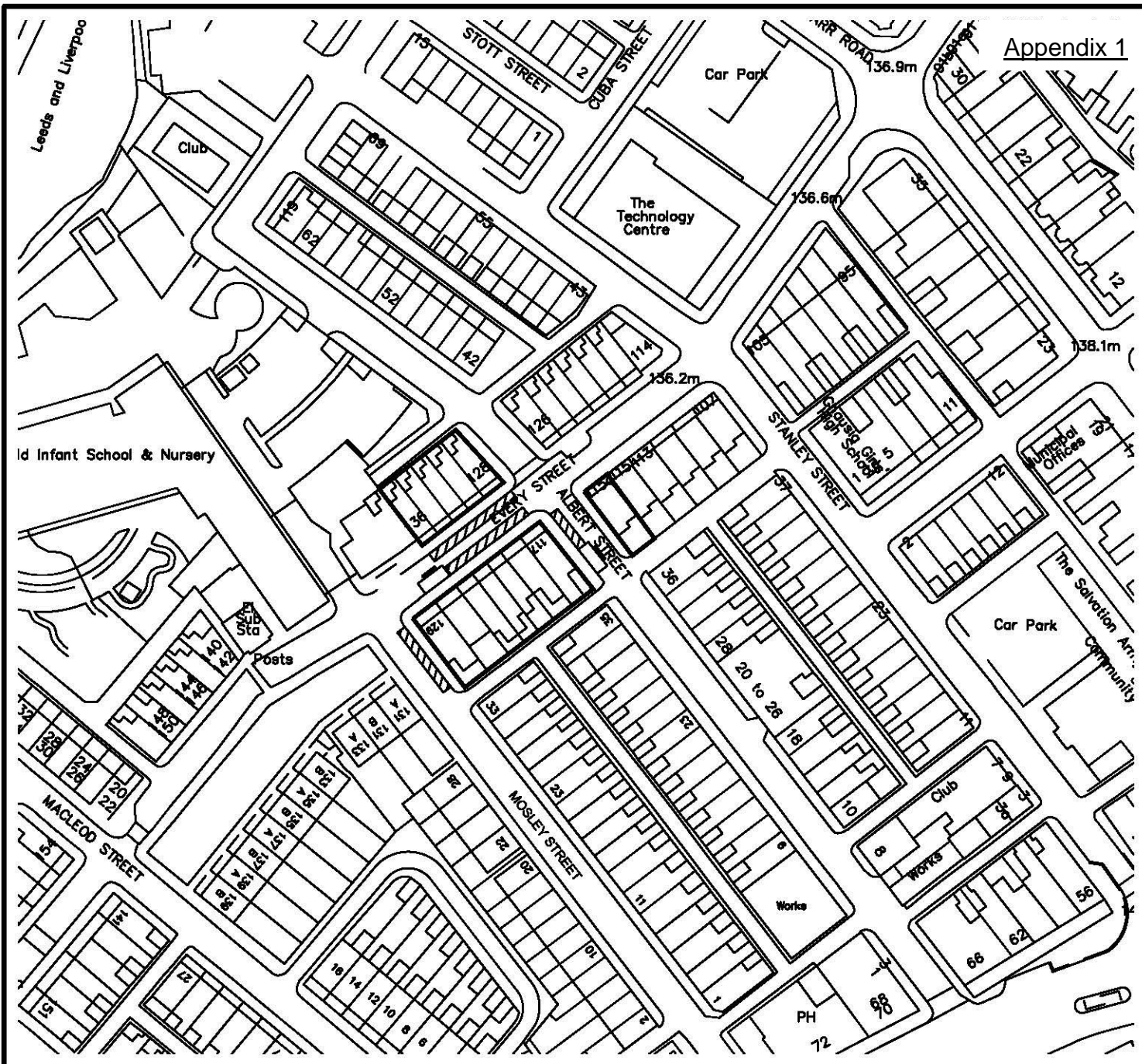
**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Residents-Only Parking, Every Street, Nelson.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.



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<p><b>PROJECT</b>                  Proposed Residents-Only Parking Scheme</p>	<p><b>DRAWN BY</b>                  MH</p>											
<p><b>DESCRIPTION</b>                  115A, 117-128 and 128-138 Every Street,                  Nelson</p>	<p><b>DATE</b>                  25 Nov 2015</p>											



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