

**REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: NELSON COMMITTEE**

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**PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME:  
EDWARD STREET, NELSON**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

Following a petition to this Committee on 30 November 2015, it was resolved that the Neighbourhood Services Manager be requested to undertake a survey for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme and to report back to this Committee on the outcome of the survey.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That, as there is not a strong desire from the majority of the residents for the introduction of the scheme and the traffic study does not provide evidence to support the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme, a scheme should not be introduced.
- (2) That officers contact local shops to ask that they park more considerately wherever possible.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) The survey and traffic study results do not provide evidence to support the introduction of a scheme.
- (2) To enable residents of Edward Street to park near to their own property.

**ISSUE**

1. In November 2015 a petition was submitted to this Committee requesting the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Edward Street, Nelson. It was resolved that a survey should be conducted and the results reported back to this Committee.
2. In April 2016 a questionnaire was hand-delivered to properties regarding the possibility of introducing residents-only parking and a parking duration survey was undertaken.

3. A plan showing the area surveyed and the extent of the proposed residents-only parking bays can be found in Appendix 1.
4. 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.
5. Detailed results of the parking duration survey are available on request.

## SURVEY RESULTS

6. A total of 61 residential properties which would be entitled to a permit were surveyed, and an additional four nearby businesses were also asked for their opinion. We received 19 replies from residents and one from a business.

In favour of providing the scheme..... 15 (25 per cent of total properties surveyed)  
 Against providing the scheme..... 4 (7 per cent of total properties surveyed)  
 No reply ..... 42 (68 per cent of total properties surveyed)

7. 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.
8. Comments from the one business, although noted, have not been included in the above calculations.

## ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY RESULTS

9. The results of the questionnaire indicate that there is little 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 local factory/office and shop hours.

Day		Morning		Noon		Afternoon	
		Odds (%)	Evens (%)	Odds (%)	Evens (%)	Odds (%)	Evens (%)
<b>Mon</b>	Capacity	42	38	32	35	52	50
	Residential	77	80	70	78	69	88
<b>Tue</b>	Capacity	42	35	32	35	42	42
	Residential	69	33	70	44	77	55
<b>Wed</b>	Capacity	32	35	35	38	42	58
	Residential	70	56	55	40	62	80
<b>Thur</b>	Capacity	23	35	23	38	29	42
	Residential	71	56	57	60	89	73
<b>Fri</b>	Capacity	32	23	35	42	48	54
	Residential	70	50	64	55	93	93
<b>Sat</b>	Capacity	45	42	39	54	52	62
	Residential	86	100	100	71	88	81
<b>Sun</b>	Capacity	55	54	45	42	52	54
	Residential	88	100	100	82	88	86

11. The maximum capacity available within a suggested permit parking bay is 31 vehicles on the odds side of Edward Street and 26 on the evens side.

12. During the working week lunchtime visit, the maximum number of vehicles parked on the odds side of Edwards Street at any one time was 35 per cent, and of those vehicles 64 per cent were residential. On the evens side at the same time the capacity was 42 per cent and of those vehicles 55 per cent were residential. Although parking was busier at the Leeds Road end of Edward Street, there was still more than sufficient parking on the whole on Edward Street. This therefore means that it would not qualify for residents-only parking under the guidelines as set down by Lancashire County Council.
13. There are single yellow line restrictions around the Hacking Street junction and this is to enable the wagons visiting nearby businesses to make the turnings safely. There are no plans to remove these restrictions.
14. It has been established that a number of residents find it difficult to park near to their property due to long-stay parking by workers from nearby shops. It is recommended that these shops should be approached to ask if they can park more considerately in future.
15. There was insufficient evidence to support there being an issue with workers from nearby factories parking on Edward Street.

## **CONCLUSION**

16. As there is neither a strong desire from the majority of residents in favour of a scheme and the traffic study does not provide evidence to support the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme, it is recommended that a scheme should not be introduced.
17. It is recommended that officers contact the nearby shops to ask that workers endeavour to park more considerately in future.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

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

**Financial:** Residents-only parking permits currently cost £17.00. Lancashire County Council is currently conducting a review of their residents-only parking policy. This may result in an increase in the costs of a permit in the near future.

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

**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, Edward Street, Nelson.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

