

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: NELSON COMMITTEE

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Following a petition to this Committee on 6 July 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 insufficient strength of feeling from 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 at this time.
- (2) Following a recommendation by Lancashire County Council Highways, a further study in conjunction with an additional study of 117 to 129 Every Street should take place in six months' time.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) The survey and traffic study results do not provide evidence to support the introduction of a scheme.
- (2) To take into account any changes to parking patterns in this area of Nelson.

ISSUE

1. In July 2015 a petition was submitted to this Committee requesting the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme on Mosley 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 31 residential properties which would be entitled to a permit were surveyed, and an additional two nearby businesses on Manchester Road were also asked for their opinion. We received 12 replies from residents and none from the businesses.

In favour of providing the scheme..... 12 (39 per cent of total properties surveyed)
 Against providing the scheme 0 (0 per cent of total properties surveyed)
 No reply..... 19 (61 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. Although we received 12 questionnaires in favour of the scheme, and none against it, 19 residents did not reply. This indicates that there is not a great strength of feeling for the introduction of a scheme.
9. On some of the questionnaires, residents asked for speed humps or complained about speeding traffic rather than the lack of parking. These comments will be forwarded onto Lancashire County Council Highways.

ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY RESULTS

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 office and shop hours.

Day		Morning		Noon		Afternoon	
		Odds (%)	Evens (%)	Odds (%)	Evens (%)	Odds (%)	Evens (%)
Mon	Capacity	45	40	50	50	45	50
	Residential	67	88	50	60	33	70
Tue	Capacity	65	50	65	70	65	50
	Residential	85	80	62	57	69	40
Wed	Capacity	55	65	60	50	55	45
	Residential	73	69	42	80	27	89
Thur	Capacity	70	70	65	55	65	65
	Residential	57	79	54	73	46	77
Fri	Capacity	50	45	60	55	45	40
	Residential	80	78	58	64	67	75
Sat	Capacity	55	40	50	45	40	40
	Residential	100	88	80	78	63	75
Sun	Capacity	55	40	35	45	60	60
	Residential	91	100	86	89	34	67

11. The maximum capacity available within a suggested permit parking bay is 20 vehicles on the odds side of Mosley Street and 20 on the evens side.

12. During the working week lunchtime visit, the maximum number of vehicles parked on the odds side of Mosley Street at any one time was 65 per cent, and of those vehicles 62 per cent were residential. On the evens side at the same time, the capacity was 70 per cent and of those vehicles 57 per cent were residential. Although parking was busier at both of the gable ends of the street, there was still some capacity available at all times. It would also appear that on most occasions the majority of the vehicles belonged to residents. On only a couple of visits were the percentage of residential vehicles around 30 per cent or less, and at those times the total number of cars on the street was also low: around 50 per cent or less.
13. The results of this survey, together with the low return of questionnaires, means that Mosley Street would not qualify for residents-only parking under the guidelines as set down by Lancashire County Council.
14. A request for residents-only parking on Every Street was recently approved by this Committee but subsequently refused by LCC. LCC officers have suggested that a further survey be carried out on Every Street in approximately six months' time. It would be advisable to include Mosley Street again in this survey, as any introduction of a scheme on one street will have implications on any other nearby street.

CONCLUSION

15. 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 at this time.
16. In accordance with the recommendation by LCC Highways, a study of Mosley Street and Every Street will be conducted in the next six months to see if there are any changes to the parking patterns in this area of Nelson.

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.

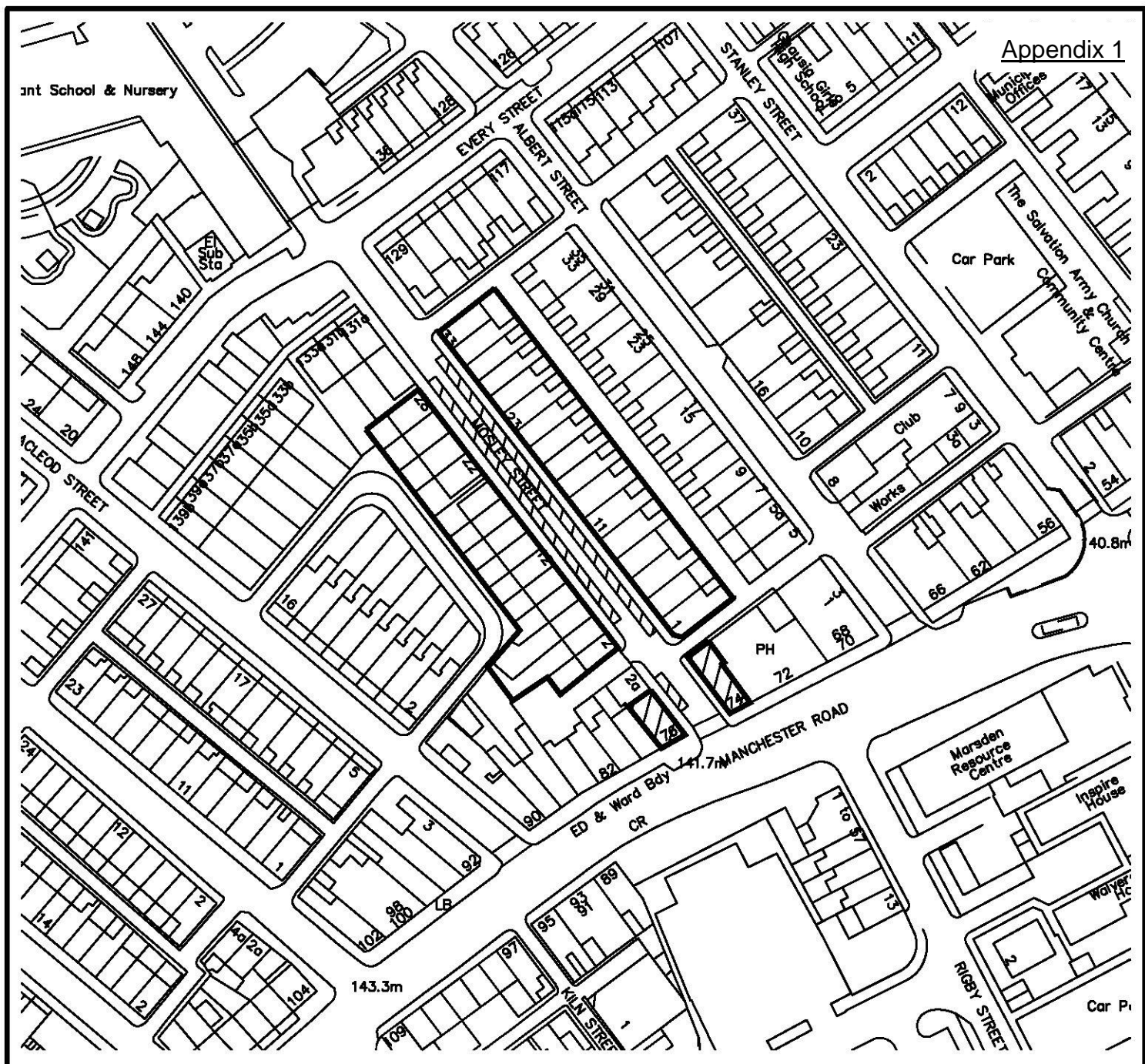
Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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