

**REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER**

**TO: COLNE AND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

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**PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF BUSINESS PERMITS TO THE RESIDENTS-  
ONLY PARKING SCHEME ON NEW BATH STREET, COLNE**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To advise the Committee of a request for a limited number of business permits to be introduced to the residents-only parking scheme on New Bath Street, Colne.

**RECOMMENDATION**

That, due to the residents' survey not supporting the introduction of such a scheme, business permits are not introduced on New Bath Street Colne.

**REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

To take into account the requirements of the current residents-only parking permit holders.

**ISSUE**

1. A request has been received for the introduction of a limited number of business permits to be included in the residents-only parking scheme for New Bath Street, Colne.
2. The proposed suggestion is that the existing residents' parking scheme be available to the West Riding Hyundai garage during certain times of the day, eg 8am to 5pm. The business would be allowed a certain number of permits. If members decide to introduce a business permit scheme, the number of permits allowed would be subject to the decision of this Committee, although it is recommended that this should not exceed four permits.
3. The existing residents-only parking scheme includes properties 2 to 30 (evens only) New Bath Street and 2 Windsor Street, Colne.
4. There is space for approximately 14 vehicles on the evens side of New Bath Street and nine vehicles on the opposite side of the street.

5. The garage currently has vehicles parked in their forecourt, on off-road parking alongside New Bath Street, and on New Bath Street itself. The garage also has an agreement with the local supermarket, Sainsbury's, which allows them to use 30 parking bays within their car park.
6. Sixteen properties are eligible for a residents parking permit within the New Bath Street area. At present, a total of 12 permits have been issued (seven residents and five visitors).
7. In April 2016 a questionnaire was delivered to properties regarding the possibility of introducing business permits and a parking duration survey was undertaken.
8. A plan showing the area surveyed can be found in Appendix 1.
9. 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.
10. Detailed results of the parking duration survey are available on request.

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

11. A total of 17 questionnaires were sent out, including one to the Hyundai garage, with seven replies.
 

In favour of providing the scheme.....	1 (6 per cent of total properties surveyed)
Against providing the scheme .....	6 (35 per cent of total properties surveyed)
No reply.....	10 (59 per cent of total properties surveyed)
12. We clearly indicated on the questionnaire that it would be assumed that a non-returned form meant that the resident did not want a shared residents/business permit scheme introduced.
13. Unsurprisingly, the one questionnaire in favour of the scheme was from the garage. The garage commented that:
  - “There is always available spaces on the evens side of Bath Street during the day and a shared scheme would help with congestion on New Bath Street.”
14. Of the six questionnaires which were returned not in favour of the scheme, comments were as follows:
  - “Whilst we try to support the garage and its business by not complaining to them about the inconvenience of their current parking, allowing them to share the even side of New Bath Street is a step too far.”
  - “Disgusted that the Council should even approach residents to ask them if the scheme can be shared. Since this new company took over the garage the amount of cars on our street has increased and the house prices have dropped. It is quite clear the garage needs bigger premises.”
  - “I strongly disagree. Residents are having to park on the back streets already and there is no room for visitors, even at the weekends.”

## ANALYSIS OF THE SURVEY RESULTS

15. The results of the questionnaire indicate that there is a strong desire from the residents to not introduce a shared scheme.
16. 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 the normal working day.

Day of Week		Morning	Noon	Afternoon
		%	%	%
<b>Mon</b>	Capacity	21	21	36
	Residential	100	67	60
<b>Tue</b>	Capacity	29	14	29
	Residential	75	0	50
<b>Wed</b>	Capacity	14	7	21
	Residential	100	100	67
<b>Thur</b>	Capacity	36	29	50
	Residential	80	50	71
<b>Fri</b>	Capacity	36	36	71
	Residential	80	80	50
<b>Sat</b>	Capacity	57	29	43
	Residential	75	100	83
<b>Sun</b>	Capacity	36	29	57
	Residential	80	75	63

17. During the working week there was no more than 50 per cent capacity at any visit. The weekend capacity did increase slightly but there was still sufficient room for additional residents to park on the even side of New Bath Street.
18. It would seem that on many of the visits non-residential vehicles were parked within the residents-only parking area. This information will be passed onto Lancashire Parking Services with a request for enforcement in the area.
19. Capacity figures for the opposite side of New Bath Street are available. However, on every visit the street was heavily congested and none of the vehicles belonged to the residents. Officers also witnessed high movement and turnaround of vehicles from the garage during the working week.

## CONCLUSION

20. Although there is evidence to support claims of congestion and heavy parking in and around New Bath Street, the residents have responded strongly to the questionnaire stating that they would not support the introduction of business permits to the residents-only parking scheme on their street.
21. Following the survey, officers were made aware that the Hyundai garage has an arrangement with Sainsbury's to use 30 parking bays on their car park. It is therefore recommended that the garage should be encouraged to approach the supermarket once more to see if any additional capacity is available to them in order to ease the on-street congestion.

## IMPLICATIONS

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

**Financial:** Residents-only parking permits currently cost £17.00. Business permits currently cost £32.00. Lancashire County Council is currently conducting a review of their residents-only parking policy. This may result in an increase in the cost of a permit in the near future.

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

**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.

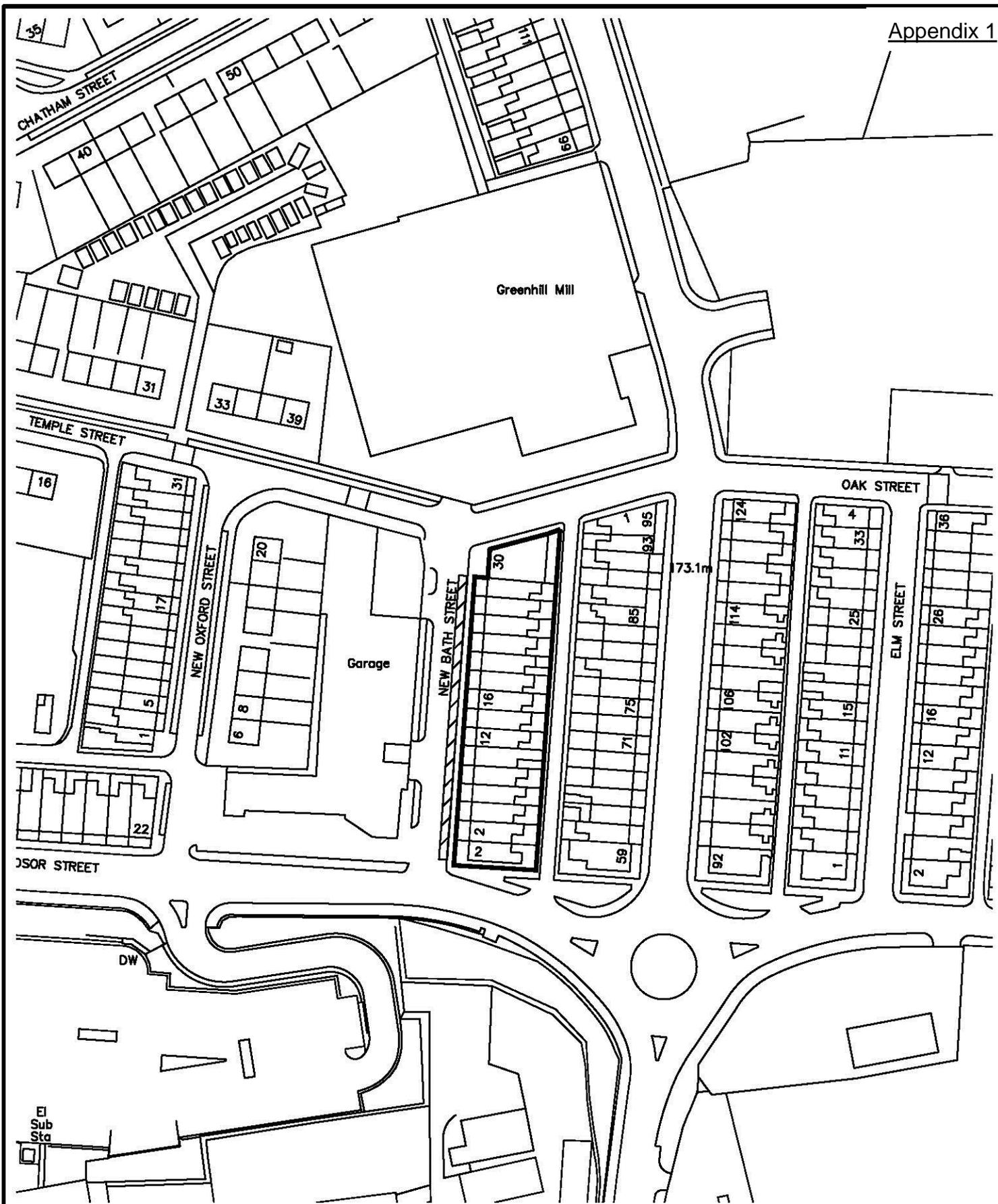
**Equality and Diversity:** None arising directly from this report.

## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Residents-Only Parking, New Bath Street, Colne.

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.



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