

**REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER**

TO: NELSON COMMITTEE

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

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Following the request from residents of Holly Street in Nelson to this Committee on 3 February 2020, it was resolved that the Housing, Health and Engineering Manager be requested to undertake a survey for the possible introduction of a residents-only parking scheme and report back to this Committee on the outcome of the survey.

RECOMMENDATION

That due to the results of the survey providing no overwhelming majority in favour of the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme, that a further traffic survey should not be carried out and that a scheme should not be introduced for the residents of Holly Street, Nelson.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

The results of the survey provide no evidence to support the introduction of a scheme for Holly Street, Nelson.

BACKGROUND

1. A petition was received from residents requesting that consideration be given to introducing a residents-only parking scheme for 46–74 Holly Street, Nelson.
2. At this Committee on 3 February 2020 it was requested that a survey be conducted and the results of the survey be submitted to a future meeting.
3. Due to circumstances surrounding Covid-19 and the lockdown, it was felt that any kind of survey should be put on hold until local businesses were re-opened and children were back at school. This would give a better reflection of normal parking patterns.

4. Ordinarily, surveys conducted for residents-only parking have included a questionnaire to the residents and a simultaneous on-site traffic study. It was felt that it was more efficient to initially just carry out the questionnaire as this can determine whether the scheme is likely to meet the criteria set down by Lancashire County Council (**see Appendix 1 of the Lonsdale Street report elsewhere on the agenda**) without the need for a traffic study.

ISSUE

5. A questionnaire regarding the possibility of introducing a residents-only parking was sent to the residents in August 2020. The residents of 20, 46–76, 21 and 73 Holly Street and Walverden Primary School were consulted.
6. LCC 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.
7. A plan showing the area and the extent of the proposed residents-only parking bay can be found in Appendix 1.

SURVEY RESULTS

8. A total of 19 residential properties together with Walverden Primary School were surveyed, with 11 replies (55 per cent).
9. In favour of providing the scheme..... 9 (45 per cent of total properties surveyed)
Against providing the scheme..... 2 (10 per cent of total properties surveyed)
No reply 9 (45 per cent of total properties surveyed)
10. For the purposes of this survey, it was noted on the questionnaire that any residents who did not reply to the survey did not want residents-only parking introduced.
11. Those who did reply in the main were in favour of the introduction of residents-only parking. However, those who were against the scheme, and those who did not reply at all, were in the majority (10 out of the 20 properties and the school).
12. The original petition was put forward due to residents being dissatisfied with not being able to park near to their property due to all-day parking by staff and visitors to Walverden Primary School. No additional comments were made in the questionnaires by either those in favour or those against the proposed scheme.
13. The school made no comment.

CONCLUSION

14. As only 45 per cent of the residents responded in favour of the scheme, the results do not indicate a strong majority in favour of the scheme. It is recommended that a further traffic study is not completed and that residents-only parking is not introduced for residents of Holly Street, Nelson.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from the report.

Financial: None arising directly from the report.

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 the report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from the report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from the report.

Community Safety: None arising directly from the report.

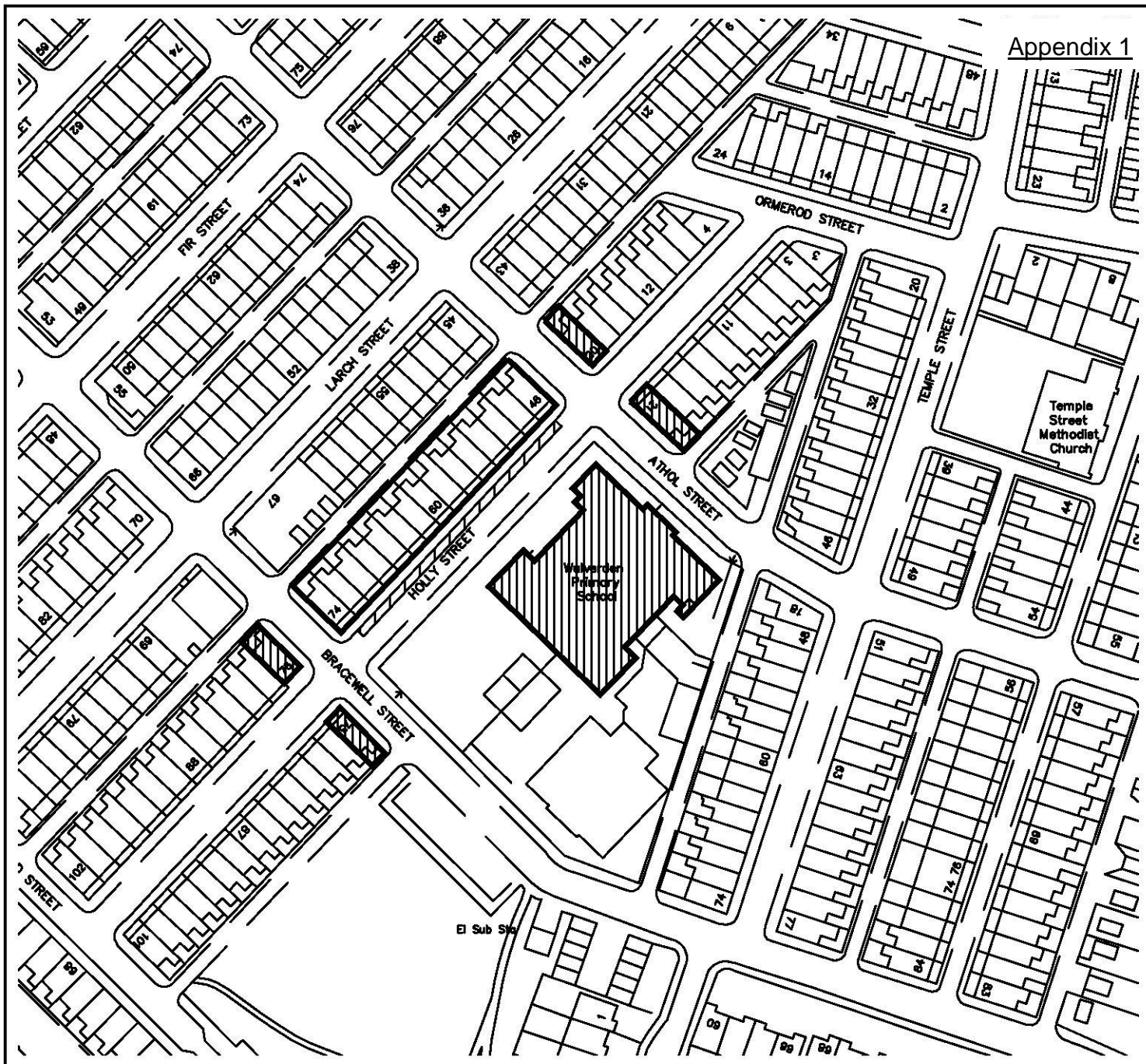
Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from the report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Plan of Proposed Residents-Only Parking Area.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



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