

REPORT FROM: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING MANAGER

TO: WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE

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PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS-ONLY PARKING SCHEME: LONG ING LANE. BARNOLDSWICK

PURPOSE OF REPORT

Following the request from residents of Long Ing Lane in Barnoldswick to this Committee on 7 July 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

(1) That, due to the results of the survey providing an overwhelming majority in favour of the introduction of a residents-only parking scheme, a further traffic survey should be carried out to ascertain the parking issues on site and to report back to this Committee with the findings.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

(1) The results of the survey provide evidence to support further investigation into the introduction of a scheme for Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick.

BACKGROUND

- 1. A petition was received from residents requesting that consideration be given to introducing a residents-only parking scheme for 31–49 Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick.
- 2. At this Committee on 7 July 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) 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 31–49 Long Ing Lane, Barnoldswick, 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 2.

SURVEY RESULTS

- 8. A total of 10 residential properties were surveyed, with 8 replies (80 per cent).
- 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 were all in favour of the introduction of residents-only parking and the response rate meets the criteria set down by LCC.
- 12. The original petition was put forward due to residents being dissatisfied with not being able to park near to their property due to cars being left there by a nearby garage. Residents added in their questionnaire reply that there was sufficient space for just the residents to park but not enough room to allow non-residential cars, and the back street had to remain free for emergency access.

CONCLUSION

13. As 80 per cent of the residents responded in favour of the scheme, the results indicate a strong majority in favour of the scheme. It is recommended that a further traffic study is completed to ascertain the parking problems on site.

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: LCC Criteria.

Appendix 2: Plan of Proposed Residents-Only Parking Area.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

Criteria for Residential Parking Permit Schemes

- 1. Not less than 67 per cent of the available kerb space should be occupied for more than six hours between 8.00am and 6.00pm on five or more days in a week from Monday to Saturday and a bona fide need of the residents should be established.
 - Note: "Available kerb space" is defined as the length of unrestricted carriageway where parking could be permitted. This would of course exclude junctions, accesses and areas subject to existing waiting restrictions (but not limited waiting).
- 2. Not more than 50 per cent of the car-owning residents have or could make parking available within the curtilage of their property, or within 200 metres (walking distance) of that property in the form of rented space or garages, etc. Off-street parking space should not be available within 200 metres walking distance.
 - Note: Off-street car parks are considered as an available facility for local residents but not where an hourly/daily charge is made (eg pay and display) unless contract arrangements or similar have been provided.
- 3. The peak or normal working day demand for residents' spaces should be able to be met.
 - Note: The parking problem or peak demand time may be outside the normal working day, eg next to a shift-working factory or hospital, and this should be taken into consideration.
- 4. When considering the introduction of concessions for residents within an existing restricted area, the re-introduction of a limited number of parked vehicles should not negate the original reasons for introducing the restrictions.
- 5. The police should be satisfied that a reasonable level of enforcement of the proposals can be maintained, or alternatively that enforcement could be adequately carried out by some alternative means.
- 6. The proposals should be acceptable to the greater proportion of the residents. A 75 per cent response rate from households, with greater than 50 per cent of these being in favour of the scheme, is considered acceptable.
- 7. The introduction of the scheme should not be likely to cause unacceptable problems in adjacent roads.
- 8. Permits for non-residential premises should be able to be limited in their issue to essential operational use only.

