

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	Northfield, St Michaels and Wicksteed, Pipers Hill, St Peters Ward	16 th January 2019	
Title	CONSULTATION ON NEW RESIDENTIAL PARKING ZONES		

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mark Dearing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide members with an update on the proposals to implement further residential parking zones in Kettering.
- 1.2 To seek approval to proceed with full consultation for four additional residential parking zones.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1 Members will be aware that the County Council has agreed to delegate enforcement of a decriminalised parking regime to the Borough Council, and that consequently a submission to the Department for Transport (DfT) to introduce the necessary order has also been agreed. However, due to the pressures of the Parliamentary timetable, the DfT has decided that it has to delay the introduction of civil parking enforcement (CPE) to Kettering Borough Council's district. As a result, the Authority will now progress with the review and implementation of a number of residential parking zones (RPZ), on a phased basis.
- 2.2 A list of streets requested by residents and local councillors for new and extended residential parking has been collated over several years. These are located across the Borough and include a total of 22 streets. These streets were then broadly placed into eleven separate zones and assessed separately, having been anonymised in order that the areas can be considered without any local bias.
- 2.3 The following assessment factors were considered:
 - a) The time the street has been on the recorded waiting list
 - b) Parking capacity issues
 - c) The impact of parked vehicles coming from outside the residential area

Results of this assessment are detailed in **Appendix 1**.

2.4 Four zones were subsequently identified as being a priority when assessed against these criteria (**Appendix 1**). A more detailed assessment was then undertaken to establish the potential viability of the four identified schemes prior to going out to full public consultation. Assessment criteria included:

- a) Natural zone boundaries
- b) Defined simplified access points
- c) Existing car parking capacity issues across the whole proposed zone
- d) The knock on effects of any potential zone to neighbouring streets
- e) The number of request from residents

Please note that, for pragmatic reasons, the proposed zones included additional streets above and beyond those residents who initially made representations. (For information, residents from streets who have requested residential parking are highlighted in bold below).

The proposed zones are as follows:

Zone ID	Streets to be included in the Consultation
J (Extension)	Headlands (part of), Broadway , The Drive , Hawthorn Road , Garfield Street, Argyll Street, Glebe Avenue, Saint Michaels Road, Roundhill Road.
M (Extension)	Westhill Drive , Westhill Close, West Furlong, West Way, Westover Road
P	London Road (part of), Wallis Road , Wallis Crescent
Q	Cobden Street , Bayes Street , Carlton Street , Oxford Street, Leicester Street, Leicester Close, Field Street (part of), Field Street Avenue

2.6 Maps of the proposed zones can be found at **Appendix 2**.

2.7 Should the opportunity arise to progress CPE in the Borough, this would take priority due to the limited resources available to progress parking projects.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

3.1 Should members agree to take the proposed zones forward to the next stage, a full consultation process to determine the views of residents will be completed. As in the past, consultation will be by letter and questionnaires, with follow up “door knocking”. The proposed letters and questionnaires are attached at **Appendix 3**

3.2 Following completion of the consultation process, zone sizes may change, subject to resident participation levels and the overall result of the vote/s. As previously, only when 60% of residents are in favour of a street being within a zone will one be considered.

3.3 Subject to approval, the consultation will start from 1st February 2019 for a four-week period.

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- 3.4 Results will be collated at the end of this period and analysed. The results and resultant recommendations will then be presented to the Executive Committee for decision in April 2019.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has a long-standing policy of supporting the decriminalised parking regime on the basis that it will improve overall parking enforcement in the Borough, uniting on street and of street parking under one umbrella. The Borough Council was equally clear that the maximum benefits corporately and for residents arise from the combining of this enforcement work with other duties carried out by the warden team and in the sensitive application of parking regulations by that team, rather than through a county wide, single purpose contract. A decriminalised parking regime will enable residents' parking schemes to continue to be managed locally, but also provide certainty for investing in new schemes.
- 4.2 Should the government move towards the submission of a CPE order in Parliament in the next six months, it will be necessary to consider pausing any remaining work to introduce schemes as detailed in this report, as the capacity to bring in the CPE regime on a set timetable will preclude work on new schemes from concluding. Hopefully, this clash of workloads will be avoided, but if not, members are asked to endorse the proposal that CPE work takes precedence over completion of new residents' parking schemes.

5. FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The introduction of new zones will have a financial impact on the authority in terms of both set up and running costs. The set up costs will typically be made up of the revised traffic orders, legal costs and new signage and the running costs will be linked to the resource required to enforce the new zones. During the comprehensive assessment of zones stage, a full financial review will be undertaken to ascertain these costs in more detail and then inform any final decision being made.
- 5.2 Financial provision already exists within the draft capital programme.

6.0 HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Initial residential zones will be enforced using existing warden staffing. However, this will need to be kept under review as additional zones may affect other warden services.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Specific legal requirements in terms of Road Traffic Orders will need to be formulated. This will be undertaken by Northamptonshire County Council.

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8. RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 That Members agree the proposal to take four proposed residents' parking zones to the next stage of the process as identified in paragraph 2.4.
- 8.2 That Members agree to proceed with the consultation process as set out in Section 3 of the report.
- 8.3 Members endorse the principle that work to introduce a CPE order will take precedence over the introduction of new residents' parking if there is a clash of timetables.

Background Papers: None
Title
Date
Contact Officer

Previous Minutes/Reports:
Ref:
Date:

Notes on the Scoring Criteria Results

Zone ID	Streets	Overall Score	Initial Zones to be Considered	Comments
1	Avondale Road, Clarence Road, Almond Road, Maple Road	10		
2	Cobden Street, Bayes Street, Carlton Street	12	√	Close proximity to town centre, supermarket and retail centre
3	Bowling Green Avenue	7		
4	Broadway, Headlands, The Drive, Hawthorn Road	11	√	Close to train station, schools, community centre and businesses
5	St Crispins Place (Burton Lartimer)	8		
6	London Road, Wallis Road	11	√	Close to Wicksteed Park, supermarket, retail units
7	Westhill Drive	12	√	Close to school, and businesses.
8	Alexandra Road, Mill Road	8		
9	Wellington Street, Havelock Street	9		
10	Castle Hill (Rothwell)	10		
11	Pioneer Avenue (Desborough)	7		

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Direct Line: 01536 534169
e-mail: residentsparking@kettering.gov.uk
Flare Ref:
CRM Ref:
Your Ref:
Date:

Dear Resident

Residents' Parking Scheme

Kettering Borough Council and Northamptonshire County Council are aware of the parking problems that exist in your neighbourhood and are considering the introduction of parking controls to reduce the problems.

We are now seeking the views of local residents on the proposal to design and implement Residents' Parking Zones in your area. The attached questionnaire is your opportunity to decide whether to introduce a scheme in your area or street.

The proposals are explained in the enclosed documentation:

- General Information Package
- A plan showing the proposed area
- A Questionnaire
- A pre-paid envelope to return your questionnaire, no stamp needed, just pop it into the post box.

The Executive Committee of Kettering Borough Council have stated that to progress to full implementation, the public vote (by way of questionnaire) must demonstrate that 60% of all responding households within a zone area are in favour of the proposal.

The results of the questionnaire survey will be presented to Kettering Borough Council Executive Committee on xx/xx/ 2019. **It is therefore extremely important that your questionnaire be returned before xx/xx/2019 to ensure that your views are taken into consideration.**

Following the consultation, if there is sufficient support, the relevant Traffic Regulation Orders will be implemented following the normal legal procedures.

If you have any queries, you can:

- Call us on: 01536 XXXXX
- Write to us at: Residents Parking Team, Public Services, Municipal Offices, Bowling Green Road, Kettering, Northamptonshire, NN15 7QX
- Email us at: residentsparking@kettering.gov.uk

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully



Northamptonshire County Council and Kettering Borough Council are considering the introduction of a parking scheme in your neighbourhood. We would be grateful if you would take few minutes to complete this questionnaire, and then return it in the reply paid envelope provided. All you have to do is to pop the envelope with the completed questionnaire, in any post box.

The questions are mainly multiple choices. Please tick one box that most closely accords with your views for each question.

Name: _____ (optional)

Address: _____

Q1. Is your Property: Residential A business Other

If other please specify

If Residential please go to Q.2; If a Business or Other, please go to Q.4

Residential Properties

Q2. Do you have a garage or off-road parking? Yes No

If Yes, how many parking spaces? 1 2 3 3+

Q3. How many cars are normally kept at your property? 0 1 2 3 4

Now go to Q 8

Business and Other Properties

Q4. Nature of Business

Q5. How many employees do you have? 1-5 6-10 11-20 21+

Q6. Do you have off street parking? Yes No

If Yes, how many parking spaces? 1-5 6-10 11-20 21+

Q7. Do you need short stay parking close to your premises for customers or visitors (for example, for one hour duration)? Yes No

Now go to Q 8

Questions for All Respondents

Q8. Do you have difficulty locating a parking place?

During the day Yes No In the evening Yes No At weekends Yes No

Q9. If yes, is the problem caused by: Residents Cars Customers of local businesses Employees of local businesses

Other, please specify:

Q10. Do you support the introduction of a residents parking scheme in your area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>		No <input type="checkbox"/>
Q11. If a residents parking scheme were to be introduced should it be:	Monday to Friday only <input type="checkbox"/>	Monday to Saturday <input type="checkbox"/>	Every Day <input type="checkbox"/>
Q12. If a residents parking scheme were to be introduced should it operate:	8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. <input type="checkbox"/>	In the evenings <input type="checkbox"/>	At all times <input type="checkbox"/>

Q13. Do you support the introduction of other parking restrictions that will apply to everyone, as an alternative to a residents parking scheme?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire, and helping the Council to review and improve the services that it provides. All information given will be treated in strict confidence.

A pre-paid envelope is enclosed for the questionnaire's return.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN YOUR QUESTIONNAIRE BY xx/xx/2019