

Agenda Item No. 4(a)

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – HIGHWAYS, TRANSPORT AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

9 April 2020

Report of the Executive Director – Economy, Transport and Environment

**PETITION – DUKE STREET, WHITWELL – REQUEST FOR THE
INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME**

(1) **Purpose of Report** To inform the Cabinet Member of a petition requesting that the Council introduces a Residents' Parking Scheme (RPS) for Duke Street in Whitwell.

(2) **Information and Analysis**

Background

At the meeting on 13 February 2020, the Cabinet Member acknowledged receipt of a petition (Minute No. 11/20 refers). It contained 22 signatures with a covering letter from a local Bolsover District Councillor requesting that the Council revisits a previous request for the introduction of a RPS on Duke Street, Whitwell which was refused.

Officer Comment

Duke Street is a residential street in Whitwell where most of the dwellings consist of terraced and semi-detached type properties that have very little access to off-street parking. The width of Duke Street varies from approximately 6.8 metres (m) to 7.5m, which means it can accommodate parked vehicles on both sides of the road without causing an obstruction to through vehicles. Welbeck Street is situated at the southern end of Duke Street with Mill Crescent at the northern end. There are parking restrictions at the end of Duke Street extending from its junction with Welbeck Street to facilitate the movement of large vehicles and on Welbeck Street itself, which help with the unobstructed movement of vehicles, such as buses and refuse vehicles. Welbeck Street is also subject to some 30 minute short stay parking restrictions that operate Monday to Saturday between 8am to 6pm. Mill Crescent has an extremely narrow width of approximately 3.8m which means that vehicles tend to park partly on the footway to allow room on the carriageway for vehicles to pass.

RPSs are considered by the Council from time to time at locations that form part of a large urban area with long term on-street parking taking place by non-residents. This prevents residents from parking near to their properties for the majority of the working day (the working day is taken to be 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday).

An example of this parking issue is in the town centre in Chesterfield, where shop workers parked up on the residential streets close to the town centre for the duration of the day, rather than using appropriate town centre car parking facilities.

Parking schemes need to be considered on an area basis rather than for an individual street, such as Duke Street. This is to ensure that any scheme which is introduced complies with the requirement of being 'zero finance'. The initial set up costs and the running costs of the scheme in the form of regular visits by Civil Parking Enforcement staff must be covered by the fees obtained from issuing the annual permits to residents so that no additional costs fall to the County Council. Unfortunately, experience shows that single streets do not provide sufficient income to cover these costs.

The area wide approach also ensures that the risk of displacement parking from one street to an adjoining one is lessened. Duke Street does not suffer from significant outside parking, with the majority of the parked vehicles most likely to be residential parking from both Duke Street and surrounding streets, such as Welbeck Street. Motorists probably choose to park on Duke Street as it is a reasonably wide, unrestricted road, capable of parking taking place on both sides of the road without causing an obstruction problem.

As stated previously, the Council only considers a zone containing several streets to be considered for a RPS. In the case of Duke Street, vehicles are more likely to come from neighbouring streets and would therefore be entitled to a RPS permit for the zone, with the result that levels of on-street parking on Duke Street remaining unchanged. Residents would therefore be paying an annual fee for a permit which still does not guarantee them a parking space on their road, let alone outside their property.

Taking the above into account, it is recommended that a RPS is not suitable for Duke Street, Whitwell and the request is declined.

Local Member Comment

Councillor Duncan McGregor was consulted on the matter and was in support of the residents' request for a RPS.

(3) Financial Considerations There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

(4) **Legal Considerations** Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 states that it shall be the duty of every Local Authority exercising the functions in that Act (so far as practicable having regard to the matters listed below) to secure the expedition, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrian) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The matters referred to above are:

- 1) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises;
- 2) the effect on the amenities of any locally affected and (without prejudice to the generality of this paragraph) the importance of regulatory and restricting the use of roads by heavy commercial vehicles, so as to preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the roads run; 2ii) the national air quality strategy prepared under Section 80 of the Environment Act 1995;
- 3) the importance of facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and of securing the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use such vehicles; and
- 4) any other matters appearing to the Local Authority to be relevant.

Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property, social value and transport considerations.

(5) **Key Decision** No.

(6) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(7) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Economy, Transport and Environment Department.

(8) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That:

- 8.1 The request for a Residents' Parking Scheme on Duke Street, Whitwell be refused.
- 8.2 The Local Member and lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

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