

**Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**  
**Report submitted by: Director of Community Services**  
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**Part I**

Electoral Division affected:  
Chorley South

**Proposed Bolton Road Parking Scheme, Chorley**  
(Appendices 'A' and 'B' refer)

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**Executive Summary**

The proposed Bolton Road parking scheme, aimed at providing parking for local residents, forms part of a package of proposed highway measures, which has been promoted and largely funded by Chorley Borough Council (CBC) with a £10,000 contribution from Lancashire County Council (LCC). An informal public consultation has recently been undertaken and other than concerns regarding several aspects, no objections to the overall scheme have been received. The funding element as well as other proposed highway measures in the package were previously reported and subsequently approved by the Cabinet Member on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

**Recommendation**

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the proposal and related formal consultation of the Bolton Road Parking scheme as described in this report and plan drawings in Appendix 'A'.

**Background and Advice**

Officers have been consulted by CBC on the Bolton Road's proposed parking scheme along with other proposed highway measures, which together form a proposed highway package and have in principle and provisionally been supported by LCC officers. In a report to the Cabinet Member on 21 March 2017, with the exception of the Bolton Road scheme, the remaining highway measures in the package were approved along with the funding being added to the 2017-2018 Highway Capital Programme for implementation. Details of these proposed highway measures and the funding can be obtained from that report which has been attached in Appendix 'B'.

Parking for Residents on Bolton Road has long been an issue due to the current waiting restrictions on Bolton Road. Requests, received by CBC, for parking facilities on Bolton Road from local residents and the local county councillor resulted in CBC

proposing the on-street parking bays on Bolton Road. Subsequent to an investigation and further consideration regarding the current traffic situation on Bolton Road, LCC officers give support in principle to the proposed Bolton Road scheme, which requires a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) only for a revocation of some sections of the existing waiting restrictions where the proposed parking bays have been proposed to allow parking, and to re-introduce waiting restrictions where there are to be no parking bays. The new TRO will undergo a formal consultation in due course and should objections be received a separate report will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport for consideration.

## **Consultations**

CBC, at the end of 2016, undertook an informal public consultation for the Bolton Road parking scheme. The results of the consultation indicated a number of objections primarily due to concerns in relation to lack of pedestrian crossing facilities due to the proposed removal of 4 existing refuge islands on this section of Bolton Road to create parking bays. As a result, the Bolton Road scheme underwent a redesign to include a zebra crossing on Bolton Road as a replacement for the refuge islands. The proposed zebra crossing will also be supplemented by a new pedestrian phase at the Pilling Lane/Bolton Road signalised junction to help pedestrians cross Bolton Road at this location. A second informal public consultation on the revised scheme was undertaken between 24<sup>th</sup> March and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017 during which period, 80 properties were consulted and subsequently 11 responses have been received, all supportive of the scheme. There were however concerns being raised, which are set out below with officers' corresponding responses. The divisional County Councillor did not raise any adverse comments.

## **Concerns**

1. A concern was raised about the proposed pedestrian crossing facility at the existing traffic signals at the Bolton Road/Pilling Lane junction by a resident living in the vicinity of the junction. The residents, whilst supporting the overall scheme, objects to having a new pedestrian crossing facility outside his property. They were concerned about people gathering, rowdy people trying to cross the road at night and extra litter.
2. They also considered this an unsafe point for pedestrians to cross the road due to speeding vehicles through the junction, and vehicles overtaking from the right turn lane. He also suggested a speed camera is required, and reinforcement of road markings and/or addition of signage to emphasise right turn lane is right turn only into Pilling Lane.
3. One resident, the owner of a shop premises, requested a loading bay.
4. Two residents requested a residents parking scheme.

## **Responses**

1. Pedestrian crossing facilities at traffic signals junctions are common in Lancashire and they are not known to exhibit a significant social problem. However, should any anti-social behaviours arise, local residents can report

any unruly behaviours to the police. They can also report the issue of littering to Chorley Borough Council which has powers to enforce.

2. Drivers are required by the law to stop at traffic signals when the lights facing them become red. Driving through the junction when the lights turn red can be enforced by the police. Officers will however, monitor the situation when the new pedestrian crossing facilities are implemented and should it be necessary consider improving the road markings and work in conjunction with the police to minimise any dangerous driving at this location.
3. Following the implementation of the scheme, subject to the Cabinet Members approval, parking on this section of Bolton Road will be monitored and consideration regarding provision a loading bay can be given.
4. The proposed parking bays will bring about a significant improvement to the parking of local residents and at the present time, it is not considered necessary, and no priority can be given to introducing a residents' parking scheme on Bolton Road.

## **Financial**

CBC has agreed to largely fund the proposed highway measures and has already paid LCC £116,972 in advance for the delivery of the proposed highway package. The balance of £10,000 will be funded from the 2016-2017 Highway Capital Programme advance design budget. These has been added to the Capital Programme for implementation as approved on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2017 (Appendix 'B').

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

If the proposal is not approved local residents will not have safe and convenient parking outside their properties.

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A