

Report to the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport
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Part I

Electoral Divisions affected:
All

Proposed Consolidation of Permit and Pay & Display Orders and Proposed Designation Order for Related Charges

(Appendices 'A' to 'K' refer)

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Executive Summary

Residents parking, other permit and pay and display bays have been introduced over a period of several years by multiple Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). This report seeks to consolidate the multitude of orders into single district wide orders to ensure that there is consistency across schemes in the county. All charges relating to pay and display and permit bays have been further consolidated into one single county wide designation order which contains all the charges in one document.

The opportunity to ensure that the existing orders were correct was taken as part of this exercise. Minor amendments to descriptions were made where necessary but this has no impact on what is signed on the highway or on permit holders and pay and display users in terms of charges.

Objections have been received and are set out in the report together with officer comments.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order No 25 have been complied with.

Recommendation

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport is asked to approve the making of the Orders attached as Appendices 'A' to 'K' the effect of which is to continue the existing permit and pay and display bay arrangements throughout the county.

Background and Advice

The development of on street parking in district council areas across Lancashire has resulted in the introduction of orders that include both on-street pay and display and residents and other parking permits. The incremental and disparate way in which orders have been made historically means that there is a mix of charges, times, and

combinations of bay usage in a variety of permutations across the county. Administration of these schemes is carried out in some areas by district councils and in others by the county council.

A number of orders are administratively complex to manage and complicated to amend which makes day to day management of the service inefficient. It is proposed to introduce a single consolidation order for each district council area to simplify management arrangements, together with a county council wide designation order for the related fees and charges.

These proposals will not change the current management arrangements for, or operation of, existing permit parking or pay and display schemes or the fees and charges that are currently in place. The proposals will make management more efficient and enable future changes more straightforward to implement.

The opportunity has been taken to clarify descriptions within orders to remove doubt and over meaning which will aide effective management.

Consultations

District wide orders were advertised in those districts that had existing permit schemes and/or pay and display bays. The outcome of those consultations are provided below:

No objections were received from within South Ribble, Chorley, West Lancashire and Hyndburn districts.

No objections were received from Burnley, Fylde, Preston and Lancaster although following representations made, minor amendments to schedules have been implemented, which have no significant impact on the existing arrangements. In Lancaster a request to extend the scheme was requested but deferred as outside the scope of this exercise, a comment on the eligible properties list was also submitted and resolved.

Objections were received from within the following district areas.

Pendle - One objection was received.

Objection:

The objection requested that a review in the Barrowford Area that has previously been discussed in terms of seeking a relaxation of the restrictions was carried out.

Response:

The scope of the proposed order is not to alter any of the orders that are currently in place. The new order will retain the restrictions as they are currently. Any review of restrictions can be carried out by the relevant officers once this process is completed. Reviewing the restriction as part of this process would place an unnecessary delay on introducing the orders across the county.

Ribble Valley - 7 Objections were received, 1 of which was subsequently withdrawn.

Objections:

The objections received to the advertise order are summarised as:

- A view that the scheme was just a repeat of the original order introduced and a wish to re-state the initial objections to the scheme.
- Support of the objection above (withdrawn once the administrative nature of the order was explained)
- Objections based on a belief that more permits were being issued or spaces created.
- A request to revoke the original scheme
- Objections stating a lack of support for the original scheme and therefore renewing this lack of support.

Response:

The scope of the proposed order is not to alter any of the orders that are currently in place. The new order will retain the restrictions as they are currently. No extra permits or spaces would become available over the levels that they are currently. The objections to the original scheme were considered in detail at the time the scheme was introduced and as such are not relevant to this administrative exercise.

County wide designation order

No objections were received. A minor amendment was submitted to correct a price within the Preston permits section.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

As this is an exercise to consolidate all the residents orders into one group of county wide order there are no additional signing and lining costs attached as nothing is changing on the network.

Risk management

No significant risks have been identified in relation to the proposals contained within this report.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Directorate/Tel
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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A