

Report to the Cabinet

Meeting to be held on Thursday, 8 March 2018

Report of the Head of Service Highways

Part I

Electoral Division affected:
Rossendale South

Lancashire County Council (Various Roads, Rossendale Borough Area) (Revocation and Introduction of Parking Places) Order 201* and **Lancashire County Council (Parramatta Street and Queen Street, Rossendale Borough Area) (Amendment to Parking Provisions) Order 201***
(Appendices 'A' - 'B' refer)

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Executive Summary

Following investigations and a public consultation, it is proposed to introduce permit holder only access and parking restrictions on sections of both Queen Street and Parramatta Street, Rawtenstall. These streets have a residential frontage which will allow clearer signing to deter drivers from entering those sections of Queen Street and Parramatta Street and enable effective enforcement should non-permit holders park in these areas. The introduction of this permit parking requires an amendment to the 'Lancashire County Council (The Whole of Lancashire) (Revocation and Designation of On Street Parking Charges) Order 2015' to include a schedule of charges for administering 'Resident Permits' for the aforementioned 'Permit Holders Only Past This Point' restriction in accordance with the agreed County Council scale of charges.

Recommendation

The Cabinet is recommended to approve the proposals for the Permit Holder Only restrictions and the amendment of the Order detailed above according to the attached Appendices 'A' and 'B'.

Background and Advice

Currently there is a moving traffic restriction ('No Motor Vehicles Except for Access') which is often disregarded and is not currently enforced by the police. The proposed order will allow clearer signing aimed at deterring drivers visiting the town centre from entering the residential sections of Queen Street and Parramatta Street.

The proposal also seeks to designate areas for resident permit holders of Queen Street and Parramatta Street to park. In order to enable the County Council's parking services team to administer the proposed permit holder parking an amendment to the current 'Lancashire County Council (The Whole of Lancashire) (Revocation and Designation of On Street Parking Charges) Order 2015 is required. This will also enable the County Council's civil enforcement officers to effectively enforce the parking restriction.

Consultations

Formal consultation was carried out between 27 October 2017 and 24 November 2017, adverts were placed in the local press and notices were also displayed on site.

The divisional County Councillors were also consulted and no comments were received.

During the consultation period 1 objection was received. In addition 1 query was also submitted.

The query received from a resident of the adjoining Bury Road, Rawtenstall related to the incorrect listing of the properties on Queen Street within the advertised proposal. The proposal as detailed at Appendix 'A' lists the addresses for Queen Street as Nos. 2, 4, 6 and 8 as Queens Terrace and Nos.10 and 12 as Queen Street, whereas the resident feels that only No.1 (Clare House) should be have been listed as Queen Street with the other properties being Queens Terrace, Queen Street.

Clarification of the addresses was obtained from Rossendale Borough Council's records as 2-12 Queen's Terrace, Queen Street. This is not considered to have undermined the validity of the consultation and it is proposed that this be corrected, should the order be sealed.

The basis of the objection is set out below:

Parramatta Street, Rawtenstall

An objection was received from a resident of Parramatta Street to the proposal on the grounds that they have a 'personal parking space' at the back of their property.

Officers' response

Officers have confirmed that the individual parking space behind the properties is not included in the scheme and therefore no permit is required if parking in this area. However the majority of residents do not have the benefit of an off street parking space and rely on on-street parking.

Reported problems in this area are where visitors to nearby facilities leave their vehicles often for several days, showing no regard for the 'No Motor Vehicles Except for Access' restriction or the residents who have no nearby parking alternative.

The proposal allows each resident the choice of purchasing a permit, however this is not mandatory, but entirely the decision of the resident on whether or not they

require on street parking within the boundary of the scheme. In addition it is possible for residents to purchase a parking permit for visitors to use if required.

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Financial

The costs of the two Traffic Regulation Orders will be funded from within the revenue budget for new signs and lines at an estimated combined cost of £1,033.00.

List of Background Papers

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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