

**STOCKPORT COUNCIL**  
**EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET**

**Subject: Residents Parking Scheme Petition - David Street, Reddish**

**Report to: (a)** Heatons & Reddish Area Committee  
2022

**Date:** Monday, 20 June

**Report of: (b)** Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration

**Key Decision: (c)** **NO / ~~YES~~** (Please circle)

Forward Plan ☐ General Exception ☐ Special Urgency ☐ (Tick box)

**Summary:**

To report and detail the findings of a desktop parking survey carried out on David Street, Reddish, following the receipt of a petition requesting the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme.

**Recommendation(s):**

The Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration requests that the Area Committee notes the contents of the desktop study and approves the release of funds to the amount of £4k from the Reddish North Delegated Ward Budget to enable a residents' consultation, investigations and parking surveys to be undertaken as per Stockport's Residential Parking Scheme Policy.

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee** (if decision called in): **(d)**  
Communities & Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Background Papers** (if report for publication): **(e)**

There are none.

Contact person for accessing  
background papers and discussing the report

**Officer:** Noel Nhengu

**'Urgent Business': (f)** **~~YES~~ / NO** (please circle)

**Certification** (if applicable)

This report should be considered as 'urgent business' and the decision exempted from 'call-in' for the following reason(s):

The written consent of Councillor \_\_\_\_\_ and the Chief Executive/Monitoring Officer/Borough Treasurer for the decision to be treated as 'urgent business' was obtained on \_\_\_\_\_ /will be obtained before the decision is implemented.

**Residents Parking Scheme Petition - David Street, Reddish**

**Report of the Corporate Director for Place Management & Regeneration**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report details a desktop parking survey which details the parking availability / conditions on David Street and adjacent streets in Reddish.

**2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Stockport Council was subject to a petition containing 13 signatures from residents on David Street in 2021.
- 2.2. The petition served as a formal application for the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme on this road, owing to various reasons as stated within the application.
- 2.3. Due to this street also being one of the access roads to St. Elisabeth's and St. Joseph's Primary Schools, the parking concerns were primarily associated with the school pick up and drop off traffic at the start and end of the school days.
- 2.4. In addition, residents also mentioned that residents of Victoria Mill and Elizabeth Mill nearby regularly left their vehicles on David Street overnight to their parking detriment.

**3. DESKTOP STUDY DETAILS**

- 3.1. Please see below desktop study detailing the existing parking availability/arrangements on David Street;
- a) The northerly side of David Street has 14 terraced properties and 117 metres (28m+17m+72m) of unrestricted kerbside spaces. This can accommodate up to 20 parked cars.
  - b) The northerly side also contains Priory Court, a residential estate containing 24 flats. This has designated off-street parking for up to 10 vehicles which is accessed via David Street.
  - c) In addition, the northerly side of David Street has a junction with an unadopted road which accesses the Scout Hall and 10 private parking garages which it is assumed are for the terraced properties. The short stretch of unadopted highway has the capacity for up to 2 parked cars.
  - d) The southerly side of David Street has 2 schools and no residential frontages. There is also a junction with Bedford Street.
  - e) The southerly side also contains 123 metres (35m+17m+71m) of unrestricted kerbside parking, with capacity for up to 20 parked cars.
  - f) In total, David Street has 38 residential properties and an on-street parking capacity for up to 40 vehicles.
- 3.2. According to the 2011 census, car ownership in the area is 0.69 per property. The DfT projects vehicle ownership increases to be between 1% to 2% annually. Over the 11

years from the date of census, a 1% yearly increase results in a 0.77 present ownership rate, with a 2% yearly increase equating to 0.86 present car ownership rate per property. From the above figures;

- a) The number of properties (38) multiplied by 0.77 (The lower DfT projection of annual car ownership rise since 2011) projects 29 vehicles in the area/29 parking on-street spaces required.
- b) This number rises to 33 vehicles in the area/on-street spaces required when multiplied by 0.86 (The higher DfT projection of annual car ownership).
- c) The above projections fall within the existing parking capacity of 40 spaces, with a surplus of 7 spaces.
- d) This is supplemented by the 10 off-street spaces on Priory Court, the 10 private garages and the 2 kerbside spaces on the short stretch of unadopted highway.

3.3. When working out available kerb parking spaces we use 5.5m for the cars on the end of the parking area/bay and 6m for cars parking in the middle, which is based on design guidance to allow for parallel parking. Please note that the above are projections thus, the exact vehicle ownership numbers in the area can only be ascertained through a survey/parking questionnaire.

3.4. It is clear that the major traffic generators in the area are the St. Elisabeth's Primary School and St. Joseph's Primary School, with a vehicular access for the former and an emergency access for the latter located on David Street. Like any typical school area, weekdays during the school term are marked by school drop-off/pick traffic. Although this is for a short duration in the morning and afternoon, the mere presence and volume of the extra vehicles create unwanted competition for kerbside parking therefore adversely affecting residents. Furthermore, it has been mentioned that occupiers of the nearby redeveloped Elizabeth Mill and Victoria Mill regularly use David Street for parking purposes.

3.5. It is worthwhile noting that south of David Street (up to Leamington Road); Bedford Street has 7 residential frontages whilst St. Elisabeths Way has none, with the school and Church occupying this space. Both roads do not have any restrictions apart from the short stretches of 'School Keep Clear' markings operative Monday – Friday, 8am 5pm. These roads therefore provide ample parking opportunity for use by locals and visitors alike, with parking available on both sides. Rough measurements show that these stretches of road are able to accommodate up to 80 parked vehicles at any one time, with additional parking spaces available after 5pm and on weekends.

3.6. To summarise, a total of 38 residential properties are predicted to have 33 vehicles; with the road having 40 on street parking spaces available thereby giving a surplus of 7 spaces. In addition, there is off street parking provision for up to 20 vehicles. Note this is assuming that all residents are at home, with no visitor, home help, or impact from the nearby school's staff/visitors.

- 3.7. Please note that for an area to qualify for a residents parking scheme, Stockport Council's Residential Parking Scheme Policy states that investigations must show a daytime problem that around 60% of the cars do not belong to residents and around 85% of the available kerb space is occupied for more than 6hrs of the day. Furthermore, there is a night-time problem if around 40% of the cars do not belong to residents and around 85% of the available kerb space is occupied for more than 4hrs of the night.
- 3.8. Taking the above information into consideration, it is therefore the view of Network Management that David Street is unlikely to meet the criteria for the introduction of a residential parking scheme.
- 3.9. The Reddish North Ward Councillors have however advised that they have had concerns raised by residents regarding the impact on parking in the locality from Elizabeth Mill and workers in the area. Consequently, the Ward Members would like to progress this and thus make £4k available from the North Reddish Delegated Ward Budget to pursue an investigation and consultation exercise with residents.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1. £4k

#### **5. EQUALITIES/COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

##### **5.1. Equal Opportunities**

- To provide a suitable and safer environment for pedestrians and other road users. The scheme contributes to the Council's vision statement "Promote equal life outcomes for all by tackling known inequalities across the borough of Stockport".

##### **5.2. Sustainable Environment**

- To develop and sustain a healthy, safe and attractive local environment which contributes to Stockport. Stockport Council understands the responsibility it has to lead by example and help the broader community make a positive contribution to the local environment.

#### **6. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Corporate Director for Place Management and Regeneration requests that the Area Committee notes the contents of the desk top study and approves the release of funds to the amount of £4k from the Delegated Reddish North Ward Budget to enable Network Management to carry out a residents' consultation, investigations and parking surveys to be undertaken as per Stockport's Residential Parking Scheme Policy.

## **Background Papers**

There are no background papers to this report.

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