

Bridge Hall, Cale Green, Edgeley and Shaw Heath Parking Survey

Report of the corporate director for place

1. INTRODUCTION

Purpose of report

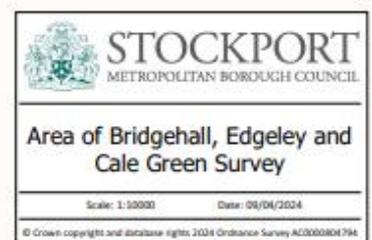
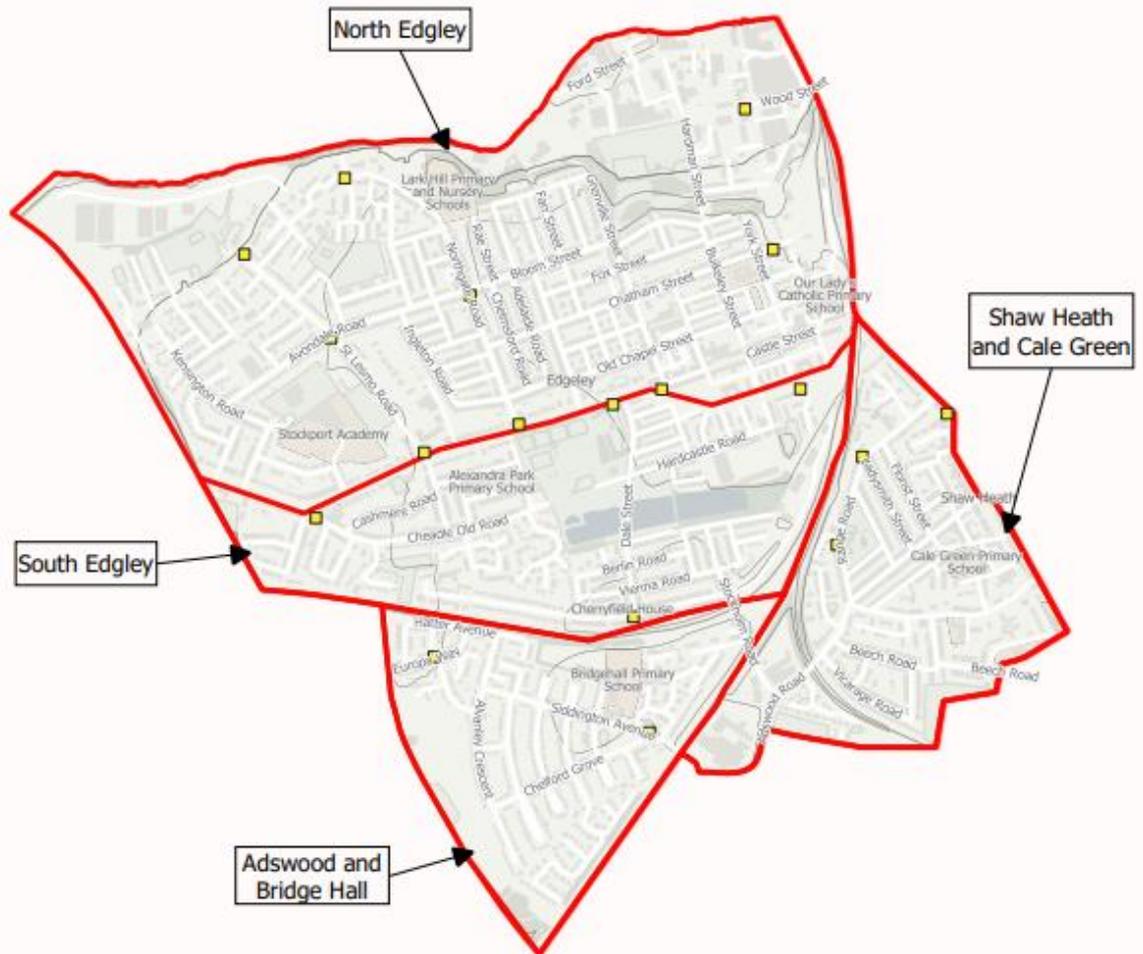
- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to present results of a survey carried out in between October 2023 and December 2023. The survey was conducted to gather data from residents about perceived issues faced in their local area regarding access to parking and what may be exacerbating any particular issues.

Background

- 1.2. Following feedback from residents and local Councillors in the areas of Bridge Hall, Cale Green, Edgeley and Shaw Heath, a review of parking was recommended. This was undertaken as the survey summarised within this report.
- 1.3. The area surveyed is located close to the town centre, has a district centre and is home to Edgeley Football Stadium. All of which impact residents with the increase of footfall and vehicles using the area in general. The survey is to provide insights into perceived/actual issues in the area.

2. SURVEY METHODOLOGY

- 2.1. The survey was carried out online on the Councils Have Your Say webpage.
- 2.2. This survey was advertised to residents through leaflets delivered to 8,973 properties. It was also advertised through signage posted throughout the wards.
- 2.3. Leaflets were dropped to properties within the following area as indicated on the map below, with signage advertising the survey posted on lighting columns, marked by yellow dots on the map.



- 2.4. The leaflet contained a telephone number and email to request a paper copy of the survey.
- 2.5. The online survey had 1422 completed responses by the time the survey closed on 22nd December 2023.
- 2.6. Paper copies were requested by 12 residents, these responses have been manually added to the list of responses.
- 2.7. Survey data was compiled into a spreadsheet that was analysed by Council Officers to collate general attitudes and common trends reported in the survey.

- 2.8. The survey launched on 9th October 2023 and was originally scheduled to close 8th December 2023, but was extended to finish on 22nd December 2023. This extension was requested by local councillors, to give more time for them to raise awareness of the survey to local residents.
- 2.9. The purpose of the survey was to gather both data on parking availability and concerns in the area, as well as qualitative comments from local residents.

3. SURVEY RESPONSE

- 3.1. In total, there were 1434 responses to the survey. This is approximately 16% of the total of leaflets dropped to residents.
- 3.2. 39 responses were removed as being duplicates of existing responses, leaving the final total of responses as 1395.
- 3.3. This report will analyse responses received in two halves. The first half will be analysis of responses to closed questions that make up the majority of the survey questions. The second half will be a summary of the free text responses received in the question *“Please tell us about how the Council can address problems with parking in your area?”*
- 3.4. These responses will be split by the area the respondent indicated as their address. These have been grouped into four approximate areas; [Add map of areas split by colours]
 - North Edgeley (covering the area of Edgeley north of Edgeley Road and Mercian Way)
 - South Edgeley (covering the area of Edgeley south of Edgeley Road and Mercian Way)
 - Shaw Heath/Cale Green (for brevity, this will be referred to just as Shaw Heath)
 - Adswood (which will cover the areas inside the survey was advertised in within Adswood, primarily Bridge Hall)
 - Any responses received from outside this area will be grouped together as “Stockport” or “Outside Stockport” based on the postcode of the response. These responses have been included as the respondent is a regular user of the area; as carers, visiting family or friends etc.
- 3.5. The map shown in 2.3 shows the rough location of these areas.
- 3.6. The purpose for this split is to assess if certain areas are more impacted by particular issues. It is recognised however that these areas differ in size both geographically and by population; it is expected that North Edgeley will have a general higher level of responses than other areas as a result for issues that affect all areas equally.
- 3.7. The overall split in respondents is shown in the table below:

Locality	Count of Response ID	Percentage of Respondents
North Edgeley	700	50.18%
South Edgeley	368	26.38%
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	206	14.77%
Adswood	76	5.45%
Stockport	42	3.01%
Outside Stockport	3	0.22%
Grand Total	1395	100.00%

3.8. It should be noted that the area that comprises what is known as “North Edgeley” in this survey covers the largest geographic area, and therefore naturally has a higher response rate than other areas. Any future results read in this report should consider this when assessing the number of respondents to a question.

4. Closed Questions

4.1. *“How many cars or works vehicles do you have registered to your household.”*

4.1.1. This question was asked to give a rough assessment of car ownership in the area.

4.1.2. The results to this question are shown in the table below.

Locality	0	1	2	3	4	5 >	Grand Total
North Edgeley	53	439	188	17	2	1	700
South Edgeley	13	228	109	12	3	3	368
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	17	135	44	9	1		206
Adswood	2	40	29	4	1		76
Stockport	4	22	12	2	1	1	42
Outside Stockport		1	2				3
Grand Total	89	865	384	44	8	5	1395

4.1.3. The majority of respondents have only 1 vehicle.

4.1.4. The area with the highest amount of car ownership over 2 vehicles is North Edgeley.

4.1.5. North Edgeley has the highest response rate, so results are likely to be weighted towards North Edgeley.

4.1.6. Results which reported over 5 cars were collated to simplify results.

4.2. *“Does your home have a driveway or off-road parking.”*

4.2.1. This question was asked to give a rough assessment of how much available off-road parking there is within the consulted area.

4.2.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: Does your property have a driveway or off-roading parking?		
Locality	No	Yes
North Edgeley	552	148
South Edgeley	268	100
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	173	33
Stockport	20	22
Adswood	11	65
Outside Stockport	0	3
Grand Total	1024	371

4.2.3. These results show that the majority of responses to the survey reported having no driveway or off-road parking facilities.

4.2.4. The only area within the surveyed zone that had more responses that stated they had off-road parking than not, was Adswood/Bridge Hall.

4.3. *“If your property has a driveway, how many vehicles can it accommodate.”*

4.3.1. This question was asked to estimate the capacity of off-road parking facilities in the surveyed area.

4.3.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: If your property has a driveway, how many vehicles can it accommodate?					
Locality	1	2	3	4+	N/A
Adswood	28	26	8	1	13
North Edgeley	77	30	8	14	571
Outside Stockport		2	1		
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	22	4		2	173
South Edgeley	63	25	4	3	273
Stockport	13	6	2	1	20
Grand Total	207	96	23	21	1087

4.3.3. These results show that of those with driveways, the majority can only support at most one vehicle.

4.4. *“Do you have a free or paid residents permit to park on your street.”*

4.4.1. This question was asked to gather more information on the up take of permit parking schemes in the area.

4.4.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: Do you have a free, or paid residents permit to park on your street?			
Locality	No	Not Answered	Yes
South Edgeley	58	2	308
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	141	1	64
North Edgeley	656	3	41
Adswood	70	1	5
Stockport	36	2	4
Outside Stockport	3		
Grand Total	964	9	422

4.4.3. These results show that the area consulted with the most use of permit parking is in South Edgeley. Small groups in other areas make use of permit parking however, no other area has a majority who make use of permit parking.

4.5. *“Do you own an electric vehicle, or plan to purchase one in the next 5 years.”*

4.5.1. This question was asked to gather data on EV ownership and interest in ownership. As large parts of the surveyed area consist of terrace houses with no driveway, local residents would not be able to benefit from private charging on driveways.

4.5.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: Do you own an electric vehicle, or plan to own one in the next 5 years?				
Row Labels	Not Answered	I don't own or plan to own an electric vehicle	I don't own an electric vehicle, but plan to purchase one	Yes, I own an electric vehicle
North Edgeley	3	514	158	25
South Edgeley	2	262	97	7
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	1	145	54	6
Adswood	1	48	23	4
Stockport		32	8	2
Outside Stockport		2	1	
Grand Total	7	1003	341	44

- 4.5.3. These results show the majority of respondents do not own or plan to own an electric vehicle.
- 4.5.4. There are a portion of residents who are planning to purchase an electric vehicle however, and a smaller portion who already own an EV.
- 4.6. *“If you own an electric vehicle, do you do you have an electric vehicle charging facility installed or intend to install one”.*
- 4.6.1. This question was asked to assess how many private chargers are currently installed in the surveyed area or intent to install a charger.
- 4.6.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: Do you have an electric vehicle charging facility installed at your residence or intend to install one?					
Locality	I am not planning to install one in the future	I am planning to install one in the future	Not Answered	Not Applicable	Yes
North Edgeley	76	45	10	553	16
South Edgeley	35	35	10	282	6
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	15	18	4	167	2
Adswood	7	12	3	49	5
Stockport	3	2	1	34	2
Outside Stockport				2	1
Grand Total	136	112	28	1087	32

- 4.6.3. This result shows an interest in installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure, but as with the previous question, overall interest in EV and EV charging is still in the minority in the surveyed area.
- 4.7. *“Do you have any issues with parking on your road.”*
- 4.7.1. This question is a general one to establish whether respondents face any issues with parking in the local area. This question is supplemented by the subsequent question.
- 4.7.2. The response to this question is displayed in the table below.

Count of: Do you have any issues with parking on your road?		
Locality	No	Yes
North Edgeley	94	606
South Edgeley	84	284
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	30	176

Adswood	31	45
Stockport	14	28
Outside Stockport	3	
Grand Total	256	1139

4.7.3. The majority of respondents reported that they faced some issue with parking in their local area.

4.8. *“What times do you have issues with parking.”*

4.8.1. The following question was a multiple-choice question, asking residents to report when they perceived to have the most trouble with parking in the area.

4.8.2. Residents could select more than one option, including an option for “All of the Time”.

4.8.3. The results to this question are displayed in the table below.

Locality	Count of Match Days	Count of 5PM-8AM (Evening and Overnight)	Count of All the time	Count of Weekends	Count of No Issues with Parking	Count of 8AM-5PM (Morning and Afternoon)	Count of School Times
Adswood	13	16	19	9	28	5	1
North Edgeley	317	241	202	151	79	85	49
Outside Stockport					3		
Shaw Heath/Cale Green	43	84	71	53	27	17	14
South Edgeley	138	134	74	90	77	22	26
Stockport	2	7	15	3	14	4	3
Grand Total	513	482	381	306	228	133	93

4.8.4. The table shows that a large portion of residents believe Match Days are in particular a time when they struggle with parking, with the highest overall response, but particularly among respondents from North Edgeley

4.8.5. South Edgeley and Shaw Heath respondents report that evening times are when they find the most issues.

4.8.6. It should be noted that some respondents who responded “All of the Time” still ticked other options in the survey.

5. SURVEY RESPONSE OPEN QUESTION

- 5.1. One of the questions in the survey was “*What can Stockport Council do to alleviate parking concerns in your area.*” This question was a free text box that allowed residents to voice their suggestions as well as mentioned further concerns or thoughts that may not have been included in earlier questions.
- 5.2. As there have been so many responses to this question, and the responses are wide ranging in topic, detail etc. the best way to analyse these responses has been determined to be to scan through all comments and pick out the key themes that arose a common concerns or suggestions among respondents.
- 5.3. These themes are not inclusive of the particular details of a response, for example for responses tagged for “Permit Parking” there includes responses in favour of expanding permit parking, of removing permit parking, or mentioning concerns over being charged for the permit scheme in place.
- 5.4. Themes should be considered as general interest in a particular subject in regard to parking in the area, and not necessarily a statement in favour or opposition to anything, unless supplementary comments state otherwise.
- 5.5. The table with themes are displayed below:

Values	Adswood	North Edgeley	Outside Stockport	Shaw Heath/Cale Green	South Edgeley	Stockport	Grand Total
Permit Parking Issues	10	342		89	116	8	565
Control Over Match Days Parking	9	263	1	26	118	1	418
Inconsiderate Parking	16	116		25	50	4	211
More Parking Enforcement	2	71		26	83	1	183
Commercial Vehicles Parking	4	58		19	35	3	119
Pavement Parking	7	59		11	20	2	99
Multiple Car Ownership/House of Multiple Occupation	3	38		20	29	1	91
School Parking	2	30		12	21	5	70
Commuter/Holiday Parking	1	54		3	4	5	67
Change Restrictions/DYL	5	33	1	1	20	1	61
Emergency Vehicles Access Concern	7	25		4	11		47
Disabled Access/ ADPB Bay Abuse	2	22		11	10	1	46
Designated Bays to Maximize Parking		21		7	17		45
Introduction of New Car Parks		27		2	14		43
EV Charging Concerns		15		11	11		37

Speeding	2	19		1	14		36
Congestion	2	17		2	6	4	31
One Way System Proposal	2	12		7	6		27
Improve Public Transport/Park and Ride		16		1	8	1	26
Driveway Conversion /Dropped Kerb	3	5		7	7	1	23
Walking/Cycling/Modal Shift Changes		9		2	3	1	15

5.6. Explanations of each key theme are listed below.

- Permit Parking Issues – Respondent discussed or raised the topic of Permit Parking, including cost, enforcement, expansion, removal or opposition to new permit parking.
- Control Over Match Day Parking – Respondent discussed Match days as an influence on parking.
- Inconsiderate Parking – Respondent raised concerns related to parking on corners, blocking driveways, double parking etc.
- More Parking Enforcement – Respondent raises concern or requests related to levels of parking enforcement applied in area.
- Congestion – Respondent raised concern about congestion as an issue as a result of parking.
- Introduction of New Car Parks – Respondent requested new parking infrastructure be developed.
- Commercial Vehicle Parking – Respondent raised issue of commercial vehicles such as vans parked in area.
- Pavement Parking – Respondent raised issues surrounding pavement parking, noted particularly to how disruptive it can be to those with pushchairs or the disabled.
- Multiple Car Ownership/House of Multiple Occupation – Respondent raises concern with number of residents/households with multiple cars or car ownership levels.
- School Parking – respondent raises topic relating to parking near or by school staff, parents etc. Anything raised about local School Streets scheme was also noted under this theme.
- Commuter/Holiday Parking – Respondent raised incidents of cars being left parked by either those on the commute, accessing train station/Stockport, or being left for a longer time with the presumption that the owner of vehicle has parked to avoid paying costs associated with airport car parks.
- Change Restrictions/DYL – Respondent raised changes (including removal and introduction) of double yellow lines to an area.

- Disabled Access/ADPB Abuse – Respondent raised concerns with accessing property/area for those who are disabled, or concerns relating to Advisory Disabled Parking Bays.
- Speeding – Respondent raised concerns with speeding.
- EV Charging Concerns – Respondent raised topic of EV and EV Charging in area.
- One-Way System Proposal – Respondent raised topic of a one-way system as a possible solution or issues perceived to be caused by an existing one-way system.
- Emergency Vehicles Access Concern – Respondent raised concerns for how parking may impact emergency vehicles and vehicles such as bin wagons.
- Improve Public Transport/Park and Ride – Respondent raised topic of public transport and/or Park and Ride schemes.
- Walking/Cycling/Modal Shift Changes – Respondent discussed issues, facilities or behaviour change around active travel methods.
- Designated Bays to Maximize Parking – Respondent proposed indicating bays on road surface to ensure area is used efficiently.
- Driveway Conversion/Dropped Kerb – Respondent raised request to permit conversions of front of properties into driveways or request to retain conservation order that prevents such changes.

6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1. Council Officers recommend that the Area Committee note results of the survey.
- 6.2. Next steps to seek funding for a desktop/feasibility study.
- 6.3. To conduct a desktop/feasibility study analysing the responses to develop potential schemes to the issues raised for the individual areas.
- 6.4. Any desktop/feasibility study would need to consider the potential Stockport County planning application for the expansion of Stockport County grounds.

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