

STOCKPORT COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE REPORT – SUMMARY SHEET

Subject: Resident Parking Scheme Consultation Results - Marple District Centre

Report to: (a) Marple Area Committee
2024

Date: Wednesday, 11 September

Report of: (b) Director of Place Management

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

Forward Plan General Exception Special Urgency (Tick box)

Summary:

This report details the findings of a consultation exercise undertaken to ascertain residents' appetite for the introduction of a residents permit parking scheme on various streets within Marple District Centre.

Recommendation(s):

That the Area Committee notes the contents of the report detailing the consultation responses.

That the Area Committee acknowledges and ratifies Network Management's recommendation that no further action be taken in this area as the representations received at consultation do not meet the minimum criteria to progress a scheme as per the approved Stockport Council Residential Parking Scheme Policy.

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

Communities & Transport Scrutiny Committee

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

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'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.

Resident Parking Scheme Consultation Results - Marple District Centre

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report details the findings of a consultation exercise undertaken to ascertain residents' appetite for the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme on various streets within Marple District Centre.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. A petition containing support from Queen Street, Lockside, Chadwick Street, Empress Avenue, Church Street, East Vale, John Street, Trinity Street was submitted to the Council requesting Residents Only Parking due to ongoing problems experienced by residents.
- 2.2. Although some of the roads did not meet the required criteria of over 51% properties in agreement to pursuing a scheme, the average of all of those who submitted a petition combined was 70%, therefore Network management agreed to progress to the desktop study.
- 2.3. The desktop study was carried out in November 2023 and detailed projected car ownership taken from the 2021 census together with how much available kerb space there was to park. The study showed that there was **not** sufficient kerb space for all residents who would require a parking space.
- 2.4. Looking at the number of properties included in the proposed scheme and multiplying by 1.22 (the average car ownership rate for all areas) gives 272.06. It is therefore projected that 272 vehicles would require parking in the proposed zone. However, we can subtract current off-street parking in the form of car parks and off-road parking which would then equate to 221 vehicles requiring a parking space. The number of available on street parking spaces is currently 107, therefore there is an overall area wide shortfall of 114 spaces.

Number of vehicles requiring on street parking space	221
Current available on street spaces	107
Over shortfall	114

- 2.5. 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. Notwithstanding the above figures, it is possible that vehicle ownership has grown at more than the higher DfT projection rate of 2% per year, thereby making the available parking space shortfall bigger.

- 2.6. At Marple Area Committee on 29th November 2023, Councillors requested that we progress to consultation with residents to determine exact figures of vehicle ownership and how many would be in support of a resident permit scheme. This would be funded by the Marple South & High Lane Delegated Ward Budget at a cost of £6,000.
- 2.7. In May 2024 a consultation exercise was carried out to ascertain whether the residents support the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme.
- 2.8. All households within the boundary shown in the attached plan **NM27/Marple District Centre Rev A** were sent a letter, this included more streets than had originally requested a scheme due to concerns regarding a knock-on effect to the surrounding areas.
- 2.9. The survey included a letter drop to 223 residential properties directing residents to the online survey so they could provide their views and comments on the possible introduction of a new scheme. A paper copy was available on request.
- 2.10. One of the main criteria of Stockport Councils Residential Parking Scheme Policy is a stipulation that a minimum of 51% support from all households within a road/street/area must be reached to enable progression of a permit scheme.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1. Due to there already being a shortfall in parking spaces, a Resident Parking Scheme would not alleviate the parking issue. If the scheme were to progress, residents would be offered 1 permit per property. In line with the current policy this would not offer the guarantee of a space as the scheme works on a first come first serve basis.
- 3.2. Network Management is obliged to adhere to Council Policy when making parking scheme considerations. Due to the required minimum support not being achieved at consultation, it is the recommendation of Network Management that no further action is taken.
- 3.3. A letter will be sent to local businesses who have been mentioned as contributing towards the parking issues, asking them to park more considerately and to make alternative arrangements other than parking on street (i.e. local car parks).
- 3.4. A letter will be sent to all residents updating them on the outcome of the consultation.
- 3.5. Anyone wishing to register any further comments on the scheme, please contact Gemma Brady on gemma.brady@stockport.gov.uk before 11th October 2024 and all views will be considered.

4. CONSIDERATION OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS

- 4.1. No other alternatives were considered.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1. The Local Ward Councillors have been consulted and separate meetings have been held to discuss the outcomes of the consultation. They have referenced the ongoing issues with parking here over the years. They requested more data to be included in this report. No other adverse comments have been made.

5.2 Affected households were consulted; from a total of 223 no. letters delivered, 86 no. (39%) responses were received, 137 (61%) properties did not respond to the consultation.

From the responses received, 68 no. (79%) supported the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme, and 18 no. (21%) did not support the introduction of a resident permit parking scheme.

However, including those who didn't respond, the overall percentage in support is reduced to 28%.

The introduction of a resident permit parking scheme requires 51% in support.

It is noted that some households submitted the online consultation more than once, so only one response per household has been counted.

5.3 A breakdown of responses by street are below:

Street Name	No. of Properties	In Support	NOT in Support	% in support in relation to overall properties
Lockside	31	11	6	35%
Queen Street	15	7	0	47%
Church Street	80	23	4	29%
John Street	7	4	2	57%
Empress Avenue	9	5	1	56%
East Vale	19	8	3	42%
Chadwick Street	24	9	1	38%
Stockport Road	16	1	0	6%
Canal Street	13	0	1	0%
Church Lane	5	0	0	0%
Chapel Fields	4	0	0	0%
Total	223	68	18	28.2%
TOTAL NO OF PROPERTIES DELIVERED TO: 223			Overall % in support 28.2%	
The 4 streets above did not request a scheme via petition but were included in the consultation as they would be affected by any new proposals as they would either experience a knock-on effect from vehicles parked on their street or their existing permit to park on the district centre car parks may be affected if on street parking were to be introduced. Canal St is also unadopted.				

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. £6,000 has been deducted from the Marple South & High Lane Delegated Ward Budget.

7. TIMESCALES

- 7.1. Not Applicable

8. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. That the Area Committee notes the contents of the report detailing the consultation responses.
- 8.2. That the Area Committee acknowledges and ratifies Network Management's recommendation that no further action be taken in this area as the representations received at consultation do not meet the minimum criteria to progress a scheme as per the approved Stockport Council Residential Parking Scheme Policy.

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