

RESIDENTS PARKING ZONES

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Ward(s) affected: **Town**

Purpose of the Report

To update Members on the current situation regarding residents parking proposals in the borough.

Recommendation

That the report be received.

1. Background

- 1.1 Parking enforcement was decriminalised in the Borough in November 2007 by the County Council following consultation with the Borough Council.
- 1.2 The Borough Council have acted as agents for the County Council from that date, enforcing the parking related traffic regulation orders.
- 1.3 Prior to the decriminalisation of parking enforcement, there had been a number of requests from residents for residents parking zones (RPZs), due to the indiscriminate parking by drivers visiting the town centre causing a difficulty to them. At that time no new RPZs were being introduced.
- 1.4 The decriminalisation of parking enforcement has allowed RPZs to be considered and introduced if appropriate. A policy document has been produced by the County Council in conjunction with the district councils which has been approved by the Staffordshire Parking Board.
- 1.5 The first area which the Joint Parking Committee resolved to be considered for a RPZ is the area to the south east (SE) of the town centre. This was chosen following concerns of the displaced parking from the new hospital development and that there is an existing RRZ covering a small area which needed to be reviewed in light of the new policy.
- 1.6 Members subsequently agreed that following the introduction of any necessary traffic regulation orders and the associated signs and lines to the SE area, the area around Dunkirk be investigated for an RPZ followed by the area between the Ryecroft and Enderley Street.

2. Issues

- 2.1 Additional requests have been received regarding the introduction of RPZ, including the remaining area around the town centre, namely the Hatrell Street area.
- 2.2 Due to resource restrictions at the County Council it has only being possible to progress one RPZ at a time.
- 2.3 Once the setting up costs have been repaid (currently in 4 to 5 years time), any surpluses can be used to fund traffic related schemes.

2.4 There are no current budgets available to accelerate the RPZ process.

4. **Proposals**

4.1 That Members review the areas under consideration for RPZs.

5. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- creating a Borough of opportunity

6. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

None to the Borough Council.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

Currently none to the Borough Council.

8. **List of Appendices**

Appendix - Staffordshire County Council - Policy and Guidelines for Residents Parking