

RESIDENTS' PARKING ZONES – PETITION

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Portfolio: **Environment and Recycling**

Ward(s) affected: **Town Centre**

Purpose of the Report

To inform Members of the receipt of a petition regarding parking issues in the Dunkirk area of Newcastle.

Recommendations

(a) That Members receive the petition.

(b) That Members re-affirm Dunkirk is the next area to be considered for a residents' parking zone.

1. Background

- 1.1 There has been parking related issues for a number of years where drivers are leaving their vehicles and visiting the town centre.
- 1.2 The majority of this area is covered by 'No Entry – Accept for Access' orders that were introduced at least 20 years ago, these can only be enforced by the police.
- 1.3 If these areas were covered by a Residents Parking Zone (RPZ), the enforcement would be undertaken by our Civil Enforcement Officers.
- 1.4 The County Council, as highway authority, would have to design a new scheme and undertake significant consultation with the residents to enable any change to take place.
- 1.5 Due to a limited resource, the County Council are only able to progress one RPZ at any time.

2. Issues

- 2.1 A petition has been received from 49 residents in the area of Dunkirk expressing concerns over the indiscriminate parking of vehicles. Copies were also sent to the County Council and Staffordshire Police. A copy of a typical sheet is included as an appendix.
- 2.2 To introduce a RPZ, the County Council, as highway authority, would have to design a new scheme and undertake significant consultation with the residents to enable any change to take place.
- 2.3 Due to a limited resource, the County Council are only able to progress one RPZ at any time.
- 2.4 Members of this committee have already agreed that Dunkirk be the next area for consideration of a RPZ by the County Council.

3. Proposals

3.1 The committee acknowledges the petition and re-affirms their decision that the Dunkirk area be the next in line to be considered by the County Council as a RPZ.

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

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

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

None for the Borough Council

6. **Financial and Resource Implications**

None for the Borough Council