

Local Members Interest	

Newcastle Borough Council Joint Parking Committee 22 July 2013

Review of proposed parking restrictions on Parkstone Avenue

Recommendations of the Cabinet Member for Communities & Localism

1. That Newcastle Borough Joint Parking Committee reviews the report for parking restrictions along Parkstone Avenue.
2. That the committee support the recommendation of the report.

Report of Director of Place and Deputy Chief Executive

PART A

Why is it coming here – what decisions are required

3. To seek confirmation from Members to confirm that following the informal consultation the proposals as detailed should be supported at the formal stage and advertised on site and in the local press.

Reasons for Recommendations

4. The informal consultation, together with subsequent discussions with individuals confirms that the majority of residents support the original proposal in its entirety.

PART B

Background:

5. The Joint Parking Committee prioritised an investigation to look at new parking restrictions along Parkstone Avenue. Some of the residents have requested additional parking restrictions to prevent all day parking from employees of the hospital, students of Newcastle High and parental parking at each end of the day and at weekends.
6. The residents feel that the migration of parked vehicles has come about since the restrictions were placed on The Avenue.
7. The road along Parkstone Avenue is wide enough to accommodate free flowing traffic and parking by placing restrictions on one side of the highway at all times and providing parking bays with a restricted time limit on the other side, allowing vehicles to park for short periods. This would prevent the all day parking that is taking place at present. We have chosen the northeast side (odd) for the double

yellow lines as residents reported that bedrooms are on this side of the road. We have had numerous calls with regards to car radios that wake them along with car doors being closed too loudly disturbing them also.

8. On the 1st May 2013 an informal consultation was sent out (with a plan showing the proposal) to all the properties of Parkstone Avenue, 45 in total. We have received 26 responses in favour of the proposals, 5 responses not in favour and no comments from the remaining 14.
9. Of the 26 responses in favour there were four very distinct comments.
 - Concerns about lack of enforcement
 - Would have preferred a Residents Parking Zone
 - Concerns about visitors and workmen
 - Concerns with regards to parents of children at the High School who will continue to flaunt the restrictions
10. Of the 5 responses not in favour their main concerns and comments are listed below.
 - Too restrictive
 - They have large families who visit regularly and for periods longer than 2 hours
 - Keep restrictions on one side allowing un-restricted parking on the other side
 - Reduce the parking bays to Mon-Fri only not 24/7
 - Will reduce the value of properties
11. One particular resident who is not in favour of the restrictions, sent her own letter out to the 45 properties. To date 4 complaints about her letter have been received. No one has changed their original response to the informal consultation because of her letter.
12. One phone call from a gentleman has been received who has paid money for searches on a property he was considering purchasing along Parkstone Avenue. However the parking restrictions have made a big difference to this and he was considering pulling out of his contract.

Equalities implications:

This report has been prepared in accordance with the County Councils policies on Equal opportunities.

Legal Implications:

There are no significant legal implications arising from this report.

Resource and value for money implications:

Sufficient resources are currently available within the Community Highway Liaison Team to advertise and implement the new proposal.

Risk implications

There are no significant risks arising out of this report.

Health Impact Assessment screening:

In summary no significant negative impacts on public health have been identified in respect to the outcomes of this report.

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Background Documents:

- (i) Plan of proposed parking restriction.
- (ii) Copy of a letter from a resident not in favour of restrictions that was sent to all properties of Parkstone Avenue.