

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

### **HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL – 5 MARCH 2010**

#### **REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES**

#### **PETITION: REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME – LINGDALE ROAD NORTH, CLAUGHTON**

##### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 This report considers a 20 signature petition submitted in July 2009 requesting the provision of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Lingdale Road North, Claughton.

1.2 The report concludes that the road does not meet the Council's criteria for the provision of a scheme and recommends that no further action be taken in respect of the petition.

##### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

2.1 A 20-signature petition from 15 separate addresses within Lingdale Road North was submitted in July 2009. The petition requested the provision of a Residents' Parking Scheme within the road.

2.2 Officers from my Traffic Management Division met with a Ward Councillor and local residents and agreed to canvas residents of Lingdale Road North, Mona Street and Scotts Place to gauge support for a scheme in those roads.

2.3 A letter drop with questionnaire was carried out to all residential properties within the three roads and the returns for all three roads were collated and are summarised below:

| No. Delivered | Return Rate | Support for Scheme | Willing to pay |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 54            | 33 (61%)    | 27 (50%)           | 24 (44%)       |

2.4 The returns for Lingdale Road North alone were as follows:

| No. Delivered | Return Rate | Support for Scheme | Willing to pay |
|---------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 25            | 16 (64%)    | 15 (60%)           | 13 (52%)       |

2.5 The current policy in respect of new resident parking schemes is that they must be self-financing and the level of support for a scheme must be at least 80% of all households.

2.6 It can be seen from the result of the consultation that support for a scheme does not meet the requisite 80%, either from the three roads consulted or from Lingdale Road North alone.

- 2.7 The Technical Services Department receives many requests for resident parking schemes each year from locations with similar difficulties to those experienced by residents of Lingdale Road North and members will be aware that no provision is made within the departmental budget for implementing new schemes.
- 2.8 The lead petitioner has been advised of the findings of the survey and the implications in respect of current policy and was invited to withdraw the petition. She declined to do so and therefore, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, it is necessary to report the matter to your Panel.

### **3.0 COMMENTARY**

- 3.1 The current policy in respect of new resident parking schemes is that they must be self-financing and the level of support for a scheme must be at least 80% of all households.
- 3.2 The survey carried out within Lingdale Road North, Mona Street and Scotts Place indicates that this level of support for a self-financing scheme has not been met. Without this level of support, it is likely that any proposal to introduce a self-financing permit scheme that accords with Council policy would meet with significant objections from residents in addition to any raised by local businesses.
- 3.3 The introduction of a resident parking scheme into the three roads would be likely to displace parking into adjacent streets (such as Valerian Road and Alderley Avenue), where parking space for residents is already at a premium.
- 3.4 In addition, it would be necessary to consider the needs of the shops and businesses on Upton Road before considering the extent of any new resident parking scheme and therefore any proposed scheme would be likely to include an allowance for non-permit holders to park for a limited period within resident bays.
- 3.5 The provision of permit parking bays would also require additional waiting restrictions (e.g.; single or double yellow lines) to be provided at nearby junctions within the residential area to ensure that displaced parking did not adversely affect those junctions.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.
- 4.2 The cost of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Lingdale Road North, Scotts Place and Mona Street would be approximately £4000. There are no funds identified within Departmental budget headings for the provision of Resident Parking Schemes.

## **5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 There are no implications under this heading.

## **7.0 HEALTH IMPLICATIONS / IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

7.1 There are no identified issues under this heading for this report and its recommendation.

## **8.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

8.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **11.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.

## **13.0 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

13.1 There are no implications under this heading.

## **14.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS**

14.1 This report has implications for members in the Claughton Ward.

## **15.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15.1 A petition and consultation documents have been used in the preparation of this report.

## **16.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

16.1 Panel is requested to:

- (1) note the petitioners' request for a Residents' Parking Scheme to be implemented in Lingdale Road North and the recent consultation exercise carried out in Lingdale Road North, Scotts Place and Mona Street which indicated that support for such a scheme did not meet the Councils approved criteria of 80% in any of the roads.
- (2) Recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that no further action is taken in respect of the petition requesting the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme in Lingdale Road North.

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