

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL – 8 JULY 2010

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

PETITION – REQUEST FOR PARKING PROVISION – BERRYLANDS ROAD, MORETON (MORETON WEST & SAUGHALL MASSIE WARD)

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a 17-signature petition submitted in December 2009 requesting improved parking provision for the residents of Berrylands Road, Moreton.
- 1.2 The report concludes that there is no budgetary provision within the Council's programmes to facilitate this type of request and recommends that no further action be taken.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In December 2009, a Ward Councillor submitted a 17 signature petition requesting improved parking provision for residents of Berrylands Road, Moreton and that Wirral Council also explore the possibility of Wirral Partnership Homes providing additional funding to facilitate this request as indicated on the Plan Ref 26/10.
- 2.2 When a number of housing areas were built some years ago, it was quite normal for properties to be arranged around grassed areas without the affordability of enough kerbside space to meet current on street parking demands.
- 2.3 This has meant that over recent years we have received many requests for the removal of these grassed areas to provide additional parking for residents.
- 2.4 Historically these requests have been considered for Capital funding provision from the Integrated Transport Block. In recent years there has been no funding allocated from the Capital Programme to enable these types of requests to be actioned.
- 2.5 The Integrated Transport Block for 2009/10 was reported to Cabinet on 19 March 2009 whereby the Block allocation became wholly decentralised with each Area Forum receiving an allocation in the region of £18,200 to carry out schemes of a traffic management/ road safety nature in the local area. This sum of money can typically be used to provide lowered kerb crossings, modest local signposting and road lining schemes.
- 2.6 The Local Transport Capital Programme for 2010/11 – Road Safety Block was reported to Cabinet on 4 February 2010, this identified projects within a number of individual programmes that contribute to the overall Road Safety Shared Priority and included the more traditional type of scheme to reduce road accident casualties. There was no funding allocated within these programmes to provide improved parking provision on Berrylands Road.
- 2.7 Officers have examined the site identified on Plan No. 26/10 and confirm that it would be possible to provide a parking scheme by removing the verge and creating a hard standing area. There are a number of dwellings fronting the grassed area and the total cost of any scheme would obviously be dependent upon the number of parking spaces provided. For a larger scheme, it may necessitate construction of an access road too.

- 2.8 In July 2009, the Technical Services Department assisted in the provision of an additional 12 spaces for residents on the Woodchurch Estate. This was due to funding of £30,000 being provided by Wirral Partnership Homes and Woodchurch Neighbourhood Management.
- 2.9 As part of the consideration of the petition to provide improved parking on Berrylands Road, Wirral Partnership Homes was requested to consider if additional funding could be made available to facilitate this request. In response, Wirral Partnership Homes has indicated that they do not have any resources that could be used to pursue this type of scheme.
- 2.10 Members will be aware of the Local Transport Plan Capital Allocations in the Integrated Transport Block which has been decentralised to Local Area Forums. In this financial year each Local Area Forum has an allocation of £18,200 which can be used to fund traffic/highway related schemes identified by each Forum. If the Local Area Forum was mindful it may be possible to provide some car parking using this allocation.
- 2.11 The lead petitioner has been advised that this location has not been identified within current programmes and was invited to withdraw the petition. The lead petitioner 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 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of this report.
- 3.2 There is generally a substantial cost element involved in the provision of improved parking provision. The process of calculating an estimate requires the allocation of staff resources to draw up proposals, calculate quantities, liaise with utilities regarding plant location and diversion costs and this would depend upon the extent of scheme to be proposed. A modest scheme of providing parking by removing verges for 12 cars is estimated to cost a minimum of £30,000.
- 3.3 In 2008/09 a Local Transport Capital funded scheme costing £64,000 introduced a scheme of speed reduction measures in Berrylands Road.
- 3.4 Each Local Area Forum has at its disposal a Local Transport Plan Integrated Transport Block allocation of £18,200 in 2010/11 for traffic/highway related schemes.

4.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no staffing implications under this heading arising from the recommendation of report.

5.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 There are no implications under this heading.

6.0 HEALTH IMPLICATIONS/IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

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

8.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

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

9.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

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

10.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

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

11.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

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

12.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

12.1 This report has implications for the Moreton West & Saughall Massie Ward.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1 A petition has been used in the preparation of this report.

14.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 The Panel is requested to:

- (i) Note the petitioners' request for additional parking facilities in Berrylands Road;
- (ii) Recommend to the sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee that no further action is taken on the basis that there is no specific budget provision for this type of scheme. However the petitioner should be made aware of the potential for Local Area Forum funding for this scheme as described in this report.

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