

WIRRAL COUNCIL

HIGHWAY AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL – 17 SEPTEMBER 2009

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL SERVICES

SILVERBURN AVENUE, MORETON (LEASOWE AND MORETON EAST WARD)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS TO THE ADVERTISEMENT OF A TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME VISITOR PERMITS

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers the receipt of three objections received to a formally advertised Traffic Regulation Order to introduce visitor permits to the residents' parking scheme currently in operation in Silverburn Avenue, Moreton.
- 1.2 Details of the existing residents' parking scheme are shown on the attached Drawing TE0013a0.
- 1.3 The recommendation is to note the objections and recommend to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee that the Traffic Regulation Order be made as advertised.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Council officers have previously resisted individual requests for the introduction of visitor permits on the grounds that it would lead to over-subscribed parking. However it was agreed that should a request be made which showed that the residents' gave majority support, the Council would consider the request on their behalf.
- 2.2 In June 2008 the Council received a petition calling for the introduction of visitor permits for the Silverburn Avenue residents' parking scheme.
- 2.3 Of the 25 properties in Silverburn Avenue, residents from 19 properties had signed the petition, giving a majority support of 79%.
- 2.4 In advertising the proposals, officers made it clear that the introduction of visitor permits may lead to an over-subscription of parking which may leave some residents with no space to park.

3.0 OBJECTIONS RECEIVED

- 3.1 Following formal notification of the proposal, three objections were received from No's 5, 15 and 18 Silverburn Avenue whose concerns may be summarised as follows:
- 3.2 The residents objecting to the proposals feel that as the available parking is already limited, the introduction of visitor permits will result in less parking available to residents, forcing them to park elsewhere.
- 3.3 It is noted that two of the three objectors had previously signed the petition for the introduction of visitor permits.

4.0 SUPPORT RECEIVED

- 4.1 A petition of 27 signatures from the 19 supporting properties was received requesting the introduction of visitor permits for the Silverburn Avenue residents' parking scheme.
- 4.2 Supporting correspondence has also been received from a local Ward Member.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of implementing the proposals estimated at £800 will be financed from the Traffic Management Revenue Budget, which is £33,000 for 2009/10.

6.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Existing staff resources are being used for the detailed investigation, design and supervision of this scheme.

7.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no implications under this heading.

8.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The introduction of visitor permits may allow motorists to park in the immediate vicinity of the property they are visiting with the potential to improve the security of vehicles. However, it may also lead to an over-subscription of parking forcing some residents to park elsewhere which may have a negative effect on vehicle security.

9.0 LOCAL AGENDA 21 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications under this heading.

10.0 PLANNING IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no implications under this heading.

11.0 ANTI-POVERTY IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no implications under this heading.

12.0 SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are no implications under this heading.

13.0 LOCAL MEMBER SUPPORT IMPLICATIONS

13.1 The report has implications for Members in the Leasowe and Moreton East Ward.

14.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 Departmental files, a petition and letters received have been used in the preparation of this report.

15.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 Panel is requested to note the objectors' concerns and recommend to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that the Traffic Regulation Order for the introduction of Residents' Parking Scheme Visitor Permits at Silverburn Avenue, Moreton be made as advertised.

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