

**Name of meeting:** Cabinet Committee - Local Issues

**Date:** 17 August 2022

**Title of report:** Traffic Regulation Order No 4 2022, Proposed Permit Parking, Oddfellows Street, Beech Street, Shaw Street, Beech Grove, The Embankment, Mirfield and No Waiting At Any Time, Doctor Lane, Mirfield

**Purpose of report:** To consider objections received the above proposals

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	No
Key Decision - Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</a>	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Yes
Date signed off by <a href="#">Strategic Director</a> & name	Colin Parr – 14/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director Finance?	Eamonn Croston – 14/07/2022
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	Julie Muscroft – 15/07/2022
Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>	Cllr Naheed Mather – 27/07/2022

**Electoral wards affected:** Mirfield

**Ward councillors consulted:** Yes

**Public or private:** Public

**Has GDPR been considered:** Yes

## **1. Summary**

- 1.1 An application for the introduction of permit parking was received from the residents of Oddfellows Street, Mirfield. At that time site visits to the area showed that drivers, associated with the Health Centre and staff from the care home on Doctor Lane parked on Oddfellows Street as well as Beech Street and Shaw Street for most of the day preventing residents from parking near their homes. It was also noted that drivers also parked on the single yellow line at the junction of Oddfellows Street preventing access into and out of the junction onto Doctor Lane.
- 1.2 As more than 60 % of residents applied for permit parking here and in line with the Council's permit parking policy, proposals were developed to introduce permit parking on all three streets along with the introduction of a section of 'No Waiting At Any Time' parking restrictions on the narrowest part of Oddfellow Street to maintain access into and out of the road.
- 1.3 At that time, the Mirfield Ward Councillors raised concerns that these proposals would simply displace parking into the two remaining cul-de-sacs here, Beech Grove and The Embankment and asked for these to be also added to the proposals. This request was agreed following further consultation with these residents.
- 1.4 Site visits also showed that most of the parking takes place on the south-east of Doctor Lane where there are no parking restrictions and / or in the two on-street disabled bays outside the Health Centre (excepting the parking outside residential properties at the top of the road). In order to prevent the displaced parking moving to Beech Grove and The Embankment, a decision was also taken to change the current 'No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm' parking restrictions to 'No Waiting At Any Time' to help maintain access up and down Doctor Lane and help improve visibility for drivers exiting from the side roads.

## **2. Information Required to Take a Decision**

- 2.1 All applications for permit parking must meet set criteria approved by Cabinet on 21 June 2011.
- 2.2 The general principles for the introduction of a permit parking scheme are that permit parking will only be considered in residential areas where it can be shown that a nearby 3<sup>rd</sup> party influence, i.e., business, doctors, care homes, shopping areas, impacts on the ability of residents to park in reasonable proximity to their homes for most of the time, as is the case here.
- 2.3 The permit parking policy states that any objections to the formal advertising of any permit parking scheme will be considered, and a ruling made, under the existing Council protocol for determining objections to Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 2.4 These proposals were advertised from 07/04/2022 to 05/05/2022 and during that period one objection was received.

### **Objection 1**

The objector states that "Whilst the proposals will make using Doctor Lane more accessible, we as residents, living on Knowl Road at the junction of Doctor Lane

strongly recommend that you consider where the vehicles will park on Doctor Lane following the suggested proposals and restrictions”

**In response:**

Unfortunately, it is not possible to accurately predict exactly where the displaced parking will be moved to but as both the Health Centre and care home car parks have some parking available throughout the day, it is hoped these proposals will encourage the displaced parking to move to these designated off-street parking areas instead. In addition, Huddersfield Road is nearer to the doctor’s surgery and care home than Knowl Road suggesting it is more likely that parking will be relocated to the unrestricted areas on Huddersfield Road in the first instance.

All new schemes which are introduced are also monitored after a scheme’s implementation to look at the effect of the proposals on the surrounding area and to determine if any further changes are necessary. Knowl Road would be included in this assessment and any further changes undertaken if found to be necessary at that time.

### **3. Implications for the Council**

- 3.1 **Working with people** - The scheme has been approved to provide local residents with an opportunity to park near their homes.
- 3.2 **Working with Partners** – Not applicable
- 3.3 **Place based Working** – The changes to the current parking restrictions are designed to help maintain access up and down Doctor Lane and improve road safety here.
- 3.4 **Climate Change and Air Quality** – These proposals may encourage more sustainable travel and will not have a detrimental impact on Air Quality or Climate Change.
- 3.5 **Improving outcomes for children** – These proposals are aimed at controlling parking on one side of the main road which will make the road a safer place to cycle and walk for all users including children.
- 3.6 **Other implications** – None

### **4. Consultees and their opinions**

Statutory consultees were consulted, and no concerns were raised.

The three Mirfield Ward Councillors all supported these proposals.

All affected residents were consulted and more than 60 % supported the introduction of permit parking on the affected roads.

### **5. Next steps and timelines**

Cabinet Committee Local Issues to consider the objection raised during the formal advertising period and reach a decision on whether the scheme is to be implemented as advertised.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues chooses to overrule the objections, the scheme will be implemented on site as per the plans provided.

If Cabinet Committee Local Issues choose to uphold the objection, the scheme will not be implemented, and the proposed benefits would not be realised.

## **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

The proposed scheme aims to provide residents on the relevant roads with an opportunity to park near their homes and the changes to the parking restrictions are designed to improve access up and down Doctor Lane and help improve visibility and access from the residential cul-de-sacs off the main road.

For these reasons, the Officer recommendation is that the objection is overruled, and the proposals are implemented as advertised, to allow the above benefits to be realised.

## **7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

That the objection to the advertised proposals is overruled and that the proposed scheme is implemented as advertised.

## **8. Contact officer**

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