

Summary Sheet

Strategic Director Report

Title: Report of objections to the proposed extension to residents' only parking zone on Mortain Road and Lymister Avenue, Moorgate near Rotherham Hospital

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan? No

Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report:

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Ward(s) Affected: 2, Boston Castle

Executive Summary: To consider objections to a proposal to extend the residents' only parking zone around Rotherham Hospital.

Recommendations: That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercises his delegated powers and:

- a. Maintains the existing geography of the current residents' only parking zone
- b. gives approval for residents to be informed of the reasons for making the decision

List of Appendices Included:

Appendix A – Approval Log

Appendix B – Drawing Number 126/18/TT675

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel: No

Council Approval Required: No

Exempt from the Press and Public: No

1. Recommendations

- 1.1. That the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment exercise his delegated powers and:
 - a) Maintains the existing geography of the current residents' only parking zone
 - b) Gives approval for the residents to be informed of the reasons for making the decision.

2. Background

- 2.1. In January 2015 following extensive consultations, a residents' only parking zone was implemented on a number of streets near Rotherham Hospital, due to the effects of widespread parking by hospital visitors and staff. Drawing No 126/18/TT675 attached as appendix B shows the streets included within the "Hospital Parking Zone" (HPZ) and the times of operation.
- 2.2. Following the implementation of the HPZ, concerns were raised by some residents that there has been some migration of parking to Mortain Road, particularly around its junction with Lymister Avenue. As well as obstructing driveways, it was alleged that this was affecting the flow of traffic at the junctions of Mortain Road with Hallam Road and Lymister Avenue with Mortain Road.
- 2.3. Surveys were undertaken but were inconclusive with obstructive parking observed on some occasions but no problems on other visits. However, concerns about inconsiderate parking by visitors to Rotherham hospital (including staff) continued to be raised by some residents of Mortain Road and part of Lymister Avenue. They were subsequently contacted to determine their views on these streets being included within in the HPZ. The outcome was that 44 responses were received of which 23 were in favour with 11 against. In accordance with standard practice, statutory notices advertising the proposal were placed on street and in the local press. As a result of this 8 objections were received.
- 2.4. The objections were discussed with Ward 2 Boston Castle Members who concurred with the objectors. On regular visits to the area they did not see any major issues and felt that the extension was unnecessary and did not support it. The Boston Castle Members also indicated that they felt that there were other areas within in the Boston Castle ward which had far more serious parking stress.

3. Key Issues

- 3.1. In summary the objections to the proposal are; “that there is no parking problem here”, “all properties have driveways” and “that the proposal would place undue restrictions on residents and their visitors as well as additional costs”. From experience of the implementation of similar schemes within the borough, it is highly likely that parking could migrate to other roads on the estate.
- 3.2. Recent visits to the area have not identified significant presence of none residential parking. Any observed parking was similar to other residential roads throughout the Borough and was not considered to be affecting the safe and free flow of traffic.

4. Options Considered and Recommended Proposals

- 4.1. Whilst there was residential support for the implementation of the HPZ onto Mortain Road and part of Lymister Avenue, in view of the objections received and the views of Ward 2 Boston Castle members the proposal should not be progressed.

5. Consultation

- 5.1. South Yorkshire Police were consulted about the proposal and made no comment.
- 5.2. Residents of Mortain Road and part of Lymister Avenue were consulted about the proposal in June 2016 with statutory notices appearing on street and in the Rotherham Advertiser in April 2017.
- 5.3. Ward 2 Boston Castle Members and the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy were consulted about the proposal and subsequent objections. The proposed extension of the HPZ was not supported. (Paragraph 2.4 refers).

6. Timescale and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 6.1. If the recommendation is endorsed then residents will be informed of the decision as soon as possible.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

- 7.1. None

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1. None

9. Human Resources Implications

9.1. None.

10.Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults

10.1. None.

11.Equalities and Human Rights Implications

11.1. None.

12.Implications for Partners and Other Directorates

12.1. None.

13.Risks and Mitigation

13.1. There is a risk that some non-residential vehicles may park around the junction of Mortain Road with Lymister Avenue. The situation will continue to be monitored as the concerns of residents are noted. No waiting restrictions could be considered in the future should it be demonstrated that obstructive parking compromises the safe and free flow of vehicles around the junction.

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Director of Legal Services

Head of Procurement (if appropriate): Not Applicable

Strategic Director (Regeneration and Environment) Signed:

Date:

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