

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Environment Services – Delegated Powers Meeting</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> September 2010</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Petition regarding the request for a residents only parking scheme on Crown Street, Swinton</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

**5. Summary**

To report the receipt of a 13 signature petition and 1 associated piece of correspondence regarding parking problems generated by a nearby Doctors surgery at Crown Street, Swinton.

**6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member resolve that:-**

- a) The petition to request that a residents only parking scheme be introduced on Crown Street not be acceded to.**
- b) The lead petitioner be informed of the decision and the reasons why**
- c) Ward Members are informed accordingly.**

## 7. Proposals and Details

Residents of Crown Street, Swinton have raised concerns about members of the public using the Crown Street Doctors Surgery leaving their vehicles in an inconsiderate manner and preventing residents from parking in front of their properties, submitting a 13 signature petition regarding this issue (a copy of this petition is attached as appendix A). Crown Street is a residential no through road situated within Swinton town centre, with the majority of properties being terraced with no off street parking provision. The Doctors surgery is located at the end of Crown Street and has two entrances, a pedestrian entrance opening onto Church Street and vehicular entrance with a small car park opening onto Crown Street (a plan indicating Crown Street is attached as appendix B). The only restriction currently on Crown Street is 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles – Except for Access', which does allow for patrons of the surgery to park on the road.

Residents have previously contacted the surgery with their concerns and have also contacted the Police via the Wentworth North Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) at Wath Police station. The surgery has placed signage on its Crown Street gates and within the surgery itself, asking patrons to use other more appropriate parking in the nearby public car park, however this has had very limited success. Wentworth North SNT has also held meetings with the surgery in order to try and affect a solution and have also patrolled the area and issued warning notices to vehicles which have obstructed driveways or footways.

The residents of Crown Street feel therefore that the introduction of a residents parking scheme would be the most appropriate solution to these problems. However for a residents parking scheme to be successful it must not only receive considerable support from residents but also operate over a relatively large area. There are two reasons why the size of the scheme is important. When schemes are implemented over a discrete area, for example a single street, such as Crown Street, the traffic may move to a neighbouring street transferring the problems. Schemes operating over larger areas are also more cost effective to enforce and therefore the costs of permits can be reduced.

Our current priority is to successfully introduce residents parking controls in and around Rotherham Town Centre in areas that experience high parking stresses as a result of all day commuter and visitor parking. As such resources do not permit us to investigate this matter further at this time. However, once these schemes are completed we will be in a position to prioritise further areas for review and Crown Street will be included within our database of potential streets for consideration.

We will however continue to liaise with Wentworth North SNT and the Crown Street Surgery in order to achieve a more sustainable solution, such as advising the surgery on more effective signage and access control at the Crown Street entrance.

**8. Finance**

If no action is taken there are no financial implications associated with this report.

**9. Risks and Uncertainties**

None

**10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications**

Any proposed scheme would need to be in line with objectives set out in the South Yorkshire Local Transport Plan, and the associated road safety and casualty reduction strategy for improving road safety. In this instance it is not felt that any scheme contributes significantly to justify investment.

**11. Background Papers and Consultation**

Ward Members have been consulted but no comments have been received.

A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix A.

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