

**ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Cabinet Member and Advisers for Regeneration and Development</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Title:</b>	<b>Laburnum Parade, off Addison Road Maltby Ward 5 Hellaby Petition regarding the request for construction of parking spaces.</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Directorate:</b>	<b>Environment and Development Services</b>

### **5. Summary**

To report the receipt and investigation of a 1000+ signature petition and associated pieces of correspondence regarding parking problems on Laburnum Parade, off Addison Road Maltby and a request to construct parking spaces in the existing grass area opposite the parade of shops.

### **6. Recommendations**

**Cabinet Member resolve that:-**

- a) The petition to request the construction of new parking spaces on Laburnum Parade off Addison Road, Maltby be not acceded to.**
  - b) The lead petitioner be informed of the decision and the reasons why**
  - c) Ward Members are informed accordingly.**
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## 7. Proposals and Details

The shop keepers/owners have raised concerns about the number of parked vehicles on Laburnum Parade off Addison Road Maltby and the apparent lack of parking facilities for these vehicles, submitting a 1000+ signature petition regarding this issue (a copy of a page of the petition and covering letters is attached as Appendix **A**). Laburnum Parade is a link road between Acacia Avenue and Laburnum Road running parallel to Addison Road, Maltby (a plan indicating the location is attached as Appendix **B**). There are a number of shop units with living facilities on the upper floors along this road though no off street parking is taken directly from this road and there are no formal facilities for loading / unloading associated with the shops.

The shop owners and those signing the petition feel that there is insufficient on street parking available for the number of visitors to the shops arriving by car and that some vehicles that are parked on street have been damaged by passing vehicles as a result of the double parking that takes place at times on Laburnum Parade. There is also an allegation that emergency vehicles would not be able to access Laburnum Parade if required and also that due to the amount of vehicular parking taking place that potential shoppers are bypassing these shops if no street parking is available.

The area that is suggested as a means of providing off street parking is not currently adopted highway but is in Council ownership as part of Housing land. Whilst managing the introduction and the ongoing enforcement of on street and formal council owned off street parking that falls within Streetpride, there is no identified budget for the creation of new off street parking facilities, therefore other funding sources would have to be considered. The Housing Department have been contacted to provide a comment on this petition and have said that they would be unwilling to pay for parking bays without clear justification.

With regard to Streetpride funding any potential scheme, any proposal would need to be in line with objectives set out in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy, and the associated road safety and casualty reduction strategy for improving road safety. In this instance it is not felt that the construction of new parking spaces to facilitate parking outside a parade of shops makes a significant enough contribution to these aims and objectives to justify the sizeable investment required to provide off street parking.

Whilst observation and evidence provided by the petitioners demonstrates that there is a large degree of parking taking place along Laburnum Parade, the road is not a through route and in effect acts as a service road for the shops. If there is limited space available on Laburnum Parade evidence shows that the adjacent roads of Acacia Avenue and Laburnum Road have road space available where parking for a temporary period may take place.

These roads were visited on several dates and times over a two week period and although a number of vehicles were present on those occasions none could be considered to be obstructing the flow of traffic or would obstruct an emergency vehicle wishing to access Laburnum Parade.

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It should also be noted that occasional instances of obstructive parking on narrow roads (with ever increasing numbers of vehicles parked on the street) are not uncommon across the borough. Where this does take place, the introduction of waiting restrictions on one side of the road may alleviate this problem however, in this instance it is appreciated that introducing waiting restrictions would not be popular with both shop owners and visitors to the shops.

As a result of this investigation the lead petitioner will be advised to contact the Councils Housing Department to ascertain whether there is any scope in pursuing a private purchase of the grassed area of land with a view to converting to parking assuming planning permission could be gained. This area could then be used for both shop employees parking and by visitors to the shops.

#### **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 Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy, 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 and support for the petition has been received from Councillor Andrews,

A copy of the petition is attached as Appendix A.  
Location map attached as Appendix B

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