

BOROUGH OF KETTERING

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Wards Affected	Northfield, St Michaels and Wicksteed, Pipers Hill, St Peters Ward.	17 th April 2019	
Title	RESIDENTS' PARKING ZONES		

Portfolio Holder: Cllr Mark Dearing

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1. To provide members with the outcome of the consultation on proposals for residents' parking in Kettering
- 1.2. To seek approval to progress the residents parking scheme In Zone M (extension) in conjunction with Northamptonshire County Council.

2. INFORMATION

- 2.1. For a number of years Kettering Borough Council has received requests from residents to consider new areas for the implementation of residents' parking control.
- 2.2. As a result, as reported to Members of the Executive Committee on the 19th January, a comprehensive assessment of the issues across a wide tranche of streets was undertaken. This led to the identification of four potential zones to be considered.
- 2.3. The 16th January 2019 Executive Committee agreed to progress consultation on new residents' parking schemes, within these four zones – J (extension) M (extension), P and Q. A full list of the streets included in each area can be found at **Appendix 1**.

3. CONSULTATION AND CUSTOMER IMPACT

- 3.1. The consultation process ran from the 1st February to the 1st March 2019.
- 3.2. A questionnaire and explanatory booklet was delivered to every property in the four proposed residents' parking zones/zone extensions (1,500 properties).
- 3.3. At week two (commencing 11th February) a further letter and questionnaire was delivered to those households which had not responded or who contacted the Council and advised that they had mislaid the original documents.
- 3.4. At week three (commencing 18th February) follow-up door-to-door visits took place with members of the Warden team encouraging people to respond and answering any questions residents had. These visits were targeted at addresses where a response had not yet been received.

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- 3.5. At week four (25th February) final door-to-door visits took place. Any address where a response had not been received was included in this exercise. Where contact was not made with the inhabitants, a letter reminding the occupants to return a questionnaire was posted through the letterbox of the property.
- 3.6. Members will be aware that, as with the zones introduced in 2009, a threshold of 60% **of all households** (not respondents) in the zone need to be in agreement before a zone would be introduced.
- 3.7. The collated data, summarised in **Appendix 2**, was reviewed by the Highways Team at Northamptonshire County Council.
- 3.8. One area meets the requirement for 60% of the households in the zone supporting a residents' parking scheme. This is,
- an extension to an existing zone in the Westhills area (Zone M)
- 3.9. During the review of the data, in the other three zones, officers in discussion with the County Council Highways team, considered if any part of a zone could be designated where there was overwhelming support from one or more streets. NCC officers noted that there might be a case for a small discrete area, such as The Drive, to operate on its own. However, Members have been very clear that the consultation and hence any decision, would be based on the views of the residents of the *whole zone* being consulted on, and as such 60% of all those residents would need to support implementation.
- 3.10. A map of Zone M Extension can be found at **Appendix 3**.
- 3.11. Details of the outcome of the consultation for each zone can be found at Appendix 2. These show clearly that only one area (Zone M Extension) meets the criteria set out.
4. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**
- 4.1. The Council's position has been one of responding to residents' requests and based on these, proposing schemes for their consideration, and acting on the views of residents, taken as a whole, rather than seeking to impose schemes that are not wanted.
5. **FINANCIAL RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**
- 5.1. The introduction of new zones will have a financial impact on the authority in terms of set up and running costs. The cost of Zone M Extension has been determined to be in the region of:

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Zone	Indicative Implementation Cost
Zone M (extension)	£12,000

5.2 These costs will typically be made up of the revised traffic orders, legal costs and new signage, and do not include the Council's officer time.

6. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Initial enforcement of the residents' parking area will be carried out using existing warden resources. However, this will need to be kept under review as the additional work may affect other warden services.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 Specific legal requirements in terms of Road Traffic Orders will need to be formulated. This will be undertaken by Northamptonshire County Council.

8.0 RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Committee:

8.1 Agree the proposed Residents' Parking Zone as set out in paragraph 3.8 of this report.

8.2 Delegate power to the Head of Public Services, in conjunction with the Head of Democratic and Legal Services, to work with Northamptonshire County Council to the implement residents' parking zone as set out in paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9 of this report.

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