



Open Report on behalf of Andy Gutherson, Executive Director - Place

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	04 July 2022
Subject:	Lincoln, Bailgate and Chapel Lane - Proposed Revised Permit Parking Scheme

Summary:

This report considers a revised scheme for the introduction of a residents permit scheme in Bailgate and Chapel Lane.

Recommendation(s):

There are two options for the Committee to consider:

- A) Proceed with the previous scheme as advertised so that the existing 1 hour limited waiting bays in Bailgate north of Westgate and on Chapel Lane, as shown at Appendix A, are made available to permit holders for an unlimited period.
- B) Proceed with the statutory consultation and public advertisement of the revised scheme as shown at Appendix B

Background

In February a report was brought to this Committee for a proposal to introduce a new residents permit scheme in Bailgate and Chapel Lane named Zone 4H, the details of which are shown at Appendix A. Following a consultation with residents and businesses in the area, sufficient support was established for a scheme to be viable and a consultation took place whereby it was proposed to change all the existing limited waiting bays on Bailgate to the north of Westgate, and those at the southern end of Chapel Lane, to dual use. They would therefore be available to all for up to a one hour stay, and for an unlimited period for permit holders. The bays in these areas are predominantly residential in nature and so would provide permit bays close to their users.

Many representations were made in response to this proposal, both in support of the scheme and in opposition to it. Summaries of these are detailed in the previous report on this matter.

The recommendation put to Members at the meeting on 14th February provided three options:

1. Proceed with the scheme as advertised so that the existing 1 hour limited waiting bays in Bailgate north of Westgate, and on Chapel Lane, as shown at Appendix A, are made available to permit holders for an unlimited period.

2. Abandon the scheme so that on street parking in the area remains unchanged
3. Agree to further work to identify a means by which a permit scheme may be introduced in some form, but with less potential impact on Bailgate's economy and community.

Following discussion at the meeting it was resolved that option 3 should be pursued, and that a site visit to enable Members to familiarise themselves with the area and the existing parking provision should be arranged. The Committee could then make a more informed decision on the potential impact of any scheme to change the parking arrangements in the area.

The site visit took place on 14th March at 1pm and subsequently a revised proposal as detailed at Appendix B has been put forward for consideration.

In comparison to the previous scheme the revised proposal reduces the number of existing limited waiting bays in Bailgate which would be changed to accommodate permit holders. However potential permit holders residing in Bailgate and Chapel Lane, as identified in Zone 4H in the previous proposal, would have access to an extension to the adjacent residents permit zones. Existing Zone 4A which currently applies in Westgate would be extended to incorporate properties and bays on Chapel Lane as outlined in purple at Appendix B, and additional parking bays for permit holders only would be available on Chapel Lane and Westgate as shown in dark blue. The recently introduced Zone 4G would be extended to include dual bays on the east side of Bailgate and would be available for use by existing permit holders in Zone 4G as well as residents in Bailgate, as outlined in red.

The table below outlines the effect of the proposals on limited waiting and permit holder parking in these areas and the impact on the ratio of permits to on street parking bays available to permit holders:

Chapel Lane /Westgate	Existing bays	Proposed bays
Limited waiting bays	13	5
Permit bays	21 (Zone 4A)	31 (Zone 4A extended)
Eligible permits	60 (2.8 permits/space)	76 (2.4 permits/Space)
Newport/Church Lane/Northgate/Bailgate/Eastgate	Existing bays	Proposed bays
Limited waiting bays	68	70 - 13 dual bays
Permit bays	33 (Zone 4G)	46 - 13 dual bays (Zone 4G extended)
Eligible permits	50 (1.5 permits/space)	134 (2.9 permits/space)

This new proposal will:

- Provide eligible permit holders in Chapel Lane access to an extended Zone 4A, which will also increase on street capacity for existing 4A permit holders in that zone, where there has been a capacity issue for some time. There will be a resultant lost of eight limited waiting bays on Westgate and Chapel Lane to accommodate this.
- Provide eligible permit holders in Bailgate access to Zone 4G extended to include dual use bays on the east side of Bailgate. This will reduce the current on street capacity for existing 4G permit holders. However regular visits to this area indicate that the existing bays are underutilised and capacity for additional permit holders is available.

- Reduce the number of bays on Bailgate changed to dual use from 33 as put forward in the original proposal, to 13. All the existing bays on the west side will remain unchanged and therefore the impact on parking for the general public in the area close to shops and businesses is reduced.
- An additional two spaces for 1 hour limited waiting are proposed on the northside of Eastgate

Conclusion

As with the previous proposal this revised scheme will give permit holders the opportunity to park for an unlimited period during the day, in close proximity to their properties. However, it would reduce available on street parking for visitors to the area whose custom supports the businesses and local economy, although to a lesser degree than proposed originally. It both benefits and disbenefits existing permit holders but provides a means of accommodating additional permit holders living in the Bailgate area. The scheme attempts to balance the ratio of parking space to permit holders evenly across the whole area whilst providing bays as close as possible to those who will have access to them. The overall impact on short stay parking provision is reduced in Bailgate itself so it is anticipated that the effect on footfall to the area will be less.

Consultation

The two local Members covering the Bailgate area are in support of the revised proposal.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

Revised Equality Impact Analysis for potential new scheme proposal, see attached.

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Detail of original permit scheme Zone 4H proposed in Bailgate and Chapel Lane
Appendix B	Detail of revised proposal for a permit scheme in Bailgate and Chapel Lane
Appendix C	Equality Impact Analysis

Background Papers

The following background papers as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 were relied upon in the writing of this report.

Document title	Where the document can be viewed
Report to Planning and Regulation Committee 14th February 2022	https://lincolnshire.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=138&MId=6229&Ver=4
LCC Guidance on Residents Parking Schemes	Available on request
Survey Results	Available on request
Correspondence Received	Available on request

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