

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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	05 September 2022
Subject:	Lincoln, Foster Street, Mill Lane, Princess Street and Vernon Street - Proposed Permit Parking Scheme Zone 5B

Summary:

This report considers objections received to the above proposals which were publicly advertised from 31st March to 29th April 2022

Recommendation(s):

That the objections be overruled and that the scheme as advertised (with the addition of further properties to the list of those eligible for permits) be introduced.

Background

Following a request from the City of Lincoln Council for an expansion of the residents parking scheme in the southern High Street area of Lincoln, principally in the Sincil Bank area, investigations took place to confirm if residents of the above streets would be in support of a permit parking scheme, given the likely displacement of parking should a similar scheme be introduced in Sincil Bank.

A questionnaire was sent to all residents asking if they would be in support of the introduction of a permit parking scheme. Of the responses received 71% were in favour and therefore the requirements of the criteria are met.

The proposed scheme will be operational from Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm. Dual use bays providing a two hour stay for non-permit holders and an unlimited period for permit holders will be introduced on each street. The existing one hour limited waiting bays on Vernon Street and Foster Street are to remain. The City of Lincoln Council, as the permit issuing authority, confirmed which properties within the Zone would be eligible for permits.

Consultation with statutory consultees took place from 6th July to 6th August 2021. No adverse comments were received. The scheme design was amended to provide more

clearance for refuse vehicles at the western turning head of Princess Street and it was then publicly advertised from 31st March to 29th April 2022, with each property in the Zone receiving a copy of the proposals.

During the advertisement period 15 objections to the scheme were received.

The majority of these were from residents within the zone residing in apartments which the City of Lincoln Council did not deem eligible for a permit. Although these objectors have limited access to off street parking facilities they still rely on the on-street parking availability for additional vehicles.

The remaining objections relate to concerns that visits by family or carers to vulnerable residents in the area will be restricted by the scheme, that vehicle parking displaced by the scheme will migrate to nearby streets, and that property values will be adversely affected. It is considered by some that lack of parking for residents is not an issue and that the proposed scheme will be overly restrictive for residents and their visitors.

Comments

In response to those objections relating to permit eligibility, discussions took place with officers of the City of Lincoln Council. It was concluded that these properties could be included in the scheme, and these have therefore been added to the list of properties eligible for permits should the scheme be introduced.

To provide parking for non-permit holders, visitor permits and scratch cards will be available to all residents within the zone and Blue Badge holders will be entitled to a free permit. In addition, a number of limited waiting bays will be available to visitors throughout the zone.

There may be some displacement of vehicles parking in nearby streets as a result of the scheme.

Conclusion

City of Lincoln Council wishes to expand its permit parking offer to residents in the areas surrounding the city centre so that they no longer compete for on street parking with commuters and shoppers. The criteria for a scheme to be introduced in these streets have been met, and mechanisms to enable non permit holders to park on street to visit residents are incorporated within the scheme administration.

Consultation

The following were consulted in relation to these proposals: Local member; City of Lincoln Council; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Police; EMAS; RHA; FTA; DisabilityLincs; Lincoln BIG; all residents within the proposed zone.

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

None Carried out

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Site location
Appendix B	Detail of proposed permit parking scheme

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
Questionnaire results; consultation documents; objections	Available on request

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