



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

Report to:	Planning and Regulation Committee
Date:	16 January 2023
Subject:	Grantham, Various Roads - Proposed Residents Parking Scheme

Summary:

This report considers objections to a proposed Residents Parking Scheme (RPS) Zone 1A, in the vicinity of the train station in Grantham.

Recommendation(s):

That the Committee overrules the objections so that the Order, as advertised, may be introduced.

Background

Roads in the residential areas around Grantham town centre and train station have for some time been subject to on street parking by shoppers and commuters, reducing the capacity for residents to park near to their properties.

Following a request for a permit parking scheme to be introduced, residents within four potential zones were canvassed for their support for such a scheme. The results confirmed that only the zone in the vicinity of the train station received sufficient support for it to be a viable scheme. Following further contact with the residents here the decision was taken to progress the traffic regulation order required for its implementation.

The proposed scheme will be in operation Monday to Saturday, 8am-6pm, with two hour limited waiting bays to apply Monday to Friday, 8am-6pm for use by non-permit holders; these bays will be available for unlimited parking at weekends when the numbers of commuters will be reduced.

A total of 11 objections were received citing various concerns relating to the scheme and these are listed, along with officer's comments, at Appendix C.

In summary, there is concern about the additional cost of permits for residents should the scheme be implemented, given the ongoing increase in the cost of living. It is suggested

that the scheme will fail as it does not address competition for parking after 6pm, when reserved space for permit holders would no longer apply. Many are concerned about the impact on visitors and carers accessing the area.

The content of the objections is noted. Any decision on this proposal will take into account the effect of increases in the costs borne by residents at this time and in the coming months. It is recognised that the scheme will have limitations in terms of provision for permit holders during the evenings. The scheme however is designed to exclude non-residents when there is demand from them, which is during the daytime. However more space for residents and permit holders outside this time cannot be provided. The concerns of nearby businesses are noted, but the aim of the scheme is to give permit holders priority over commuters. There are alternative places to park both off and on street, although these may be less convenient and incur costs. Parking by visitors and carers is provided for through the scheme's visitor permit system, with limited waiting bays also available for those without a permit.

Conclusion

The proposed permit scheme will provide parking for permit holders and short term parking for non-permit holders only during those periods when commuters or shoppers may use the area for free parking. These will be deterred from driving through the area searching for on street parking and which will reduce the additional noise, pollution and potential danger to pedestrians this may generate.

Consultation

The following were consulted on these proposals: Local Member, South Kesteven District Council; Grantham Town Council; Lincolnshire Police; EMAS; Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue; Road Haulage Association; Freight Transport Association; National Farmers Association; Stagecoach; Centrebus; Confederation of Public Transport; Traffic Commissioners.

Following statutory consultation, the proposal was publicly advertised from 14 October 2022 to 16 November 2022.

The consultation documents were delivered to all residents within the proposed zone via Royal Mail in the week commencing 3 October 2022.

The local Member is in support of the proposals.

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 restrictions
Appendix C	Details of objections and comments

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.
Correspondence; Consultation documents.	Available on request.

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