

Report to the Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation)

Date: 11 November 2014

**Subject: Proposed Resident Permit Parking and Traffic Management Measures –
Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens/Lincoln Green Shopping Centre**

Are specific electoral Wards affected?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s): Burmantofts & Richmond Hill		
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number:		
Appendix number:		

Summary of main issues

1. To meet one of the key objectives of the Best Council Plan 2013-2017: promote sustainable and economic growth through delivering key infrastructure projects.
2. This report seeks approval to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for a Resident Permit Parking and various traffic management measures, on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre.

Recommendations

- 3 The Chief Officer (Highways and Transportation) is requested to:
 - i) note the contents of this report;
 - ii) approve subject to public consultation, the detailed design and implementation of a scheme to introduce a Resident Permit Parking and various traffic management measures, on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre, at a cost of £15,000 funded from Ward Members contribution; and

- iii) instruct the City Solicitor to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order to introduce Resident Permit Parking and various traffic management measures, on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre as shown on drawing number TM-E-7-1_112-3 and if no valid objections are received, to make, seal and implement the Order as advertised.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval to introduce Resident Permit Parking and various traffic management measures, on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre, at an estimated total cost of £15,000 funded by ward members contribution.
- 1.2 The report also seeks approval to advertise a draft Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and if no valid objections are received, to make and seal the TRO as advertised.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Residents and local Ward Members have campaigned on numerous occasions for formal restrictions to be in place on the Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and other locations in the area.
- 2.2 All day commuter parking associated with both city centre and St James's Hospital staff is having a detrimental effect on residents wishing to park on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate. The level of non-residential parking has increased and this has also led to indiscriminate parking which is creating obstruction/sightline issues at junctions for residents on the estate.
- 2.3 Ward Members have commented as to what parking provision is available for non-residential visitors who attend Ebor Gardens Community Centre. Some events take place in the day time and a 24 hour Resident Permit would not give non-residential visitors a chance to park within the permit zone. Therefore, it is requested that some limited waiting be provided near the community centre on Rigton Drive.
- 2.4 Ward Members have highlighted the parking problems around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre. Residents and shoppers are experiencing parking problems due both the overspill of parking from the Health Centre and St James's Hospital staff and as a result are unable to find suitable parking. The lack of parking provision for shoppers is having a detrimental effect on business trade.
- 2.5 The majority of the streets around the Lincoln Green Shopping Centre are subject to either Residents Permit Parking or limited waiting and Cromwell Mews at present is not part of any Residents Permit scheme. This is attracting non-residential parking which is creating parking issues for residents.

- 2.6 Since the removal of the bus lane section from Rigton Approach towards York Road, parking on this section of Burmantofts Street is creating traffic flow issues and to ensure the free flow of traffic, an extension of the waiting restrictions are necessary.
- 2.7 On Nippet Lane, problems arise when cars are parked up, drivers travelling Harehills bound are forced to enter the on-coming lane and this creates head on conflicts. This has resulted in a number of near misses in this location. Ward members have requested that this length of road have restrictions to remove the parking from here.

3 Main issues

3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.

- 3.1.1 **Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens** – It is considered that to remove indiscriminate and all day commuter parking, a 24 hour, all days, Resident Permit Parking is proposed and no waiting at any time restrictions at key locations. It is also considered that some parking provision is made for non-residential visitors to the Ebor Gardens Community Centre. Therefore, it is proposed that limited waiting 4 hours no return 2 hours be implemented.
- 3.1.2 **Lincoln Green Shopping Centre** – It is proposed that parking restrictions be implemented on Cromwell Mount at the health centre side and behind the shopping centre. Proposals are to formalise the existing bays to make them a combination of Resident Permit Parking (for those who reside in the flats) or limited waiting 1 hour no return 1 hour (help shoppers and turnover of parking) and business permit parking. The restriction will be Mon-Fri 8am to 6pm.
- 3.1.3 **Cromwell Mews** - It is considered that to remove non-residential parking, a 24 hour, all days, Resident Permit Parking is proposed.
- 3.1.4 **Burmantofts Street** – It is proposed that the existing waiting restrictions are extended on Burmantofts Street up to the Rigton Approach junction to prevent parking which will ease traffic flows.
- 3.1.5 **Nippet Lane** – It is therefore proposed that no waiting at any time restrictions be implemented on this length of road. Whilst this may transfer the parking elsewhere, it is considered that the transference will not have major safety impact on road users.

3.2 Programme

- 3.2.1 Subject to approval being granted, it is proposed to design the scheme and advertise the draft Traffic Regulation Order and implement works in the 2014/15 financial year.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 Ward Members: Ward Members were consulted by email on the 15 June 2014. All three ward members were fully supportive of the proposals. All three ward members have campaigned for a Residents Only scheme to be introduced and had made a financial contribution of £15,000 for a scheme to be implemented.
- 4.1.2 Emergency Services and Metro (WYPTE): Emergency Services and Metro were consulted on the 15 June 2014. The WY Police had no objections. The other emergency services and Metro had no objections.
- 4.1.3 Internal Consultation: Colleagues in Highways and Transportation have been consulted as part of the design process.
- 4.1.4 External Consultation: Affected local residents were consulted by letter dated 8 September 2014. 6 replies were received all from residents of Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate; 4 in support and 2 against.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 An Equality, Diversity / Cohesion and Integration Screening (Appendix 1) has been carried out on the proposals and has determined that an impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested.

The screening process identified the following impacts:

Positive: the introduction of these restrictions will benefit both residents and businesses in the area and support the local amenities of the area.

Negative: the introduction of these restrictions will result in visitors seeking parking elsewhere. However, there still remain many locations where unrestricted parking is available.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Environmental Policy; the proposals contained in this report are in accordance with Aims 6 and 7 of the Policy in that the proposals will aid to “reduce the impact of traffic in the city by changes to the road system” and “develop a safe, healthy local environment which provides the best quality of life for Leeds residents.
- 4.3.2 The proposal contributes to the policies in the West Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 2011-26 as follows: P18. Improve safety and security, seeking to minimise transport casualties.
- 4.3.3 Community Safety: The proposals contained in this report have no implications under Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

5 Resources and value for money

- 5.1 The estimated costs of the scheme are £15,000 comprising of £5,000 works, £3,000 legal fees, £2000 traffic management and £5,000 staff fee, funded by Ward Members contribution.

6 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 6.1 The report is not eligible for call in as the proposal falls below the relevant threshold.

7 Risk Management

- 7.1 There are no risk issues over and above those expected when working within the public highway.

8 Conclusions

- 8.1 The introduction of these restrictions will improve the control of parking in the vicinity and support the amenities of the area.

8 Recommendations

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10 Background documents¹

- 10.1 None.

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.

Appendix 1

Equality, Diversity, Cohesion and Integration Screening



As a public authority we need to ensure that all our strategies, policies, service and functions, both current and proposed have given proper consideration to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

A **screening** process can help judge relevance and provides a record of both the **process** and **decision**. Screening should be a short, sharp exercise that determines relevance for all new and revised strategies, policies, services and functions. Completed at the earliest opportunity it will help to determine:

- the relevance of proposals and decisions to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.
- whether or not equality, diversity, cohesion and integration is being/has already been considered, and
- whether or not it is necessary to carry out an impact assessment.

Directorate: Highways Services	Service area: Traffic Management
Lead person: Bobby Viridi	Contact number: 0113 2475297

1. Title: **Proposed Resident Permit Parking and Traffic Management Measures – Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens/Lincoln Green Shopping Centre**

Is this a:

Strategy / Policy

Service / Function

Other

If other, please specify

2. **Please provide a brief description of what you are screening**

The screening focuses on the report seeking approval to introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for Resident Permit Parking and various traffic management measures, on Rigton Approach/Ebor Gardens estate and around Lincoln Green Shopping Centre.

3. **Relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration**

All the council's strategies/policies, services/functions affect service users, employees or the wider community – city wide or more local. These will also have a greater/lesser relevance to equality, diversity, cohesion and integration.

The following questions will help you to identify how relevant your proposals are.

When considering these questions think about age, carers, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation and any other relevant characteristics (for example socio-economic status, social class, income, unemployment, residential location or family background and education or skills levels).

Questions	Yes	No
Is there an existing or likely differential impact for the different equality characteristics?	√	
Have there been or likely to be any public concerns about the policy or proposal?	√	
Could the proposal affect how our services, commissioning or procurement activities are organised, provided, located and by whom?		√
Could the proposal affect our workforce or employment practices?		√
Does the proposal involve or will it have an impact on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eliminating unlawful discrimination, victimisation and harassment • Advancing equality of opportunity • Fostering good relations 		√

If you have answered **no** to the questions above please complete **sections 6 and 7**

If you have answered **yes** to any of the above and;

- Believe you have already considered the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 4**.
- Are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration within your proposal please go to **section 5**.

4. Considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration
<p>If you can demonstrate you have considered how your proposals impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you have carried out an impact assessment.</p> <p>Please provide specific details for all three areas below (use the prompts for guidance).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have you considered equality, diversity, cohesion and integration? (think about the scope of the proposal, who is likely to be affected, equality related information, gaps in information and plans to address, consultation and engagement activities (taken place or planned) with those likely to be affected) <p>The Emergency Services, Ward Members and residents have been consulted. The Ward Members and residents have responded in support of the proposals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key findings (think about any potential positive and negative impact on different equality characteristics, potential to promote strong and positive relationships between groups,

potential to bring groups/communities into increased contact with each other, perception that the proposal could benefit one group at the expense of another)

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• **Actions**
(think about how you will promote positive impact and remove/ reduce negative impact).
 N/A

5. If you are not already considering the impact on equality, diversity, cohesion and integration you will need to carry out an impact assessment.

Date to scope and plan your impact assessment:	N/A
Date to complete your impact assessment	N/A
Lead person for your impact assessment (Include name and job title)	N/A

6. Governance, ownership and approval
 Please state here who has approved the actions and outcomes of the screening

Name	Job title	Date
Nick Borrás	Senior Engineer	20/10/2014

7. Publishing

This screening document will act as evidence that due regard to equality and diversity has been given. If you are not carrying out an independent impact assessment the screening document will need to be published.

If this screening relates to a **Key Delegated Decision, Executive Board, full Council** or a **Significant Operational Decision** a copy should be emailed to Corporate Governance and will be published along with the relevant report.

A copy of **all other** screening's should be sent to equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk. For record keeping purposes it will be kept on file (but not published).

Date screening completed	20/10/2014
If relates to a Key Decision - date sent to Corporate Governance	
Any other decision – date sent to Equality Team (equalityteam@leeds.gov.uk)	20/10/2014