

AREA PANEL 3 20 SEPTEMBER 2006

Report of Cabinet Member, Planning and Transportation

Parking concerns - Cameron Road, home zone

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition containing 22 signatures was received 17 May 2006. The petition concerned the perceived lack of parking on Cameron Road following construction of the Home Zone.
- 1.2 The Home Zone works on Cameron Road were constructed in early 2005 using Government funding and was the first such scheme within the City of Derby. Throughout the implementation of the scheme extensive consultation has been carried out and the proposal for angled parking was raised at an early stage and acknowledged as acceptable by the majority of the local community.
- 1.3 A small amount of work remains outstanding on Cameron Road following the construction of a new residential development but this is due to be completed by 30 September 2006. These works include the marking out of a number of additional parking bays adjacent to this development and the formalising of parking within the central section of Cameron Road thereby ensuring the maximum number of available parking spaces.
- 1.4 Parking surveys completed in August 2002 by Paul Butler Associates before the commencement of construction confirmed that the maximum number of parked vehicles at any one time on this stretch of Cameron Road was 43. The number of parking spaces provided in the Home Zone scheme is 55, which met the maximum requirement in 2002 and provides an additional 12 spaces for visitors. As with any narrow terraced street, parking will always be at a premium when car ownership exceeds one car per property and as car ownership rates rise, there is increased pressure on the available parking space.
- 1.5 Recent parking surveys have found a maximum of 52 cars parked throughout the street but it is acknowledged that demand will, on occasion, outstrip supply irrespective of the creation of the Home Zone.
- 1.6 It has been observed that the garage business occasionally parks vehicles on Cameron Road. However, it would appear that these vehicles are both taxed and insured and are therefore legally entitled to park on the Highway. Any vehicle that does not display a valid Road Tax disc should be brought to the attention of the local constabulary, for enforcement action.

1.7 A comprehensive after study of all three phases of the Home Zone is currently being organised. This will include; questionnaires to and interviews with local residents and businesses to gauge their opinions on its success; analysis of before and after accident data, traffic speeds/volumes and comparison of house prices and crime statistics with adjacent areas. It will also give occupiers a chance to raise any issues to allow further improvement of the Home Zone.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 That the area panel support the completion of the after study of the Home Zone to help evaluate the scheme against its objectives.
- 2.2 The lead petitioner be informed of the proposed actions.

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List of appendices: None