

AREA PANEL 4 29 November 2006

ITEM 7b

Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation

Petition requesting waiting restrictions, Uttoxeter Road – Littleover Ward

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1.1 A petition containing 76 signatures has been received. The petitioners are requesting the introduction of additional waiting restrictions on the northern side of Uttoxeter Road, between the City Hospital and Corden Avenue.
- 1.2 A No Waiting at any Time restriction was introduced on some of Uttoxeter Road in November 2005, this restriction extends from the City Hospital roundabout to the junction with Corden Avenue on the south side and from the roundabout for a distance of 150m on the north side.
- 1.3 The petitioners state that they are experiencing difficulties accessing and leaving their properties because of parking on Uttoxeter Road by hospital visitors, employees and contractors.
- 1.4 The hospital has always worked closely with the City Council and residents to address the parking issues in the area. Upon receipt of this petition they were asked what actions they had recently taken with respect to minimising their impact on the surrounding road network.
- 1.5 The Hospital had the following comments:
 - they actively discourage on street parking; staff who offend are reprimanded by their Line Managers
 - patients are provided with information about car parking within the hospital and transport alternatives
 - a new 120 space car park will open in a few months adjacent to the Kings Treatment Centre
 - they continue to support the introduction of the Kings Drive area Controlled Parking Zone.
- 1.6 The views of the hospital's contractor, Skanska were also sought; they said that they believe their employees have little impact on the parking situation. Workers have to clock in at a new security office located near to the subway under Uttoxeter Road so there would appear to be no benefit in parking outside the houses in this section of Uttoxeter Road which is some distance away. Their Operations Director also stated that the workforce had reduced from almost 2000 to about 250.

1.7 The Traffic Management section propose to undertake investigation and consultation with residents about the introduction of residents only parking and other waiting restrictions in Kings Drive and the surrounding area in the 2007/08 financial year, providing the Area Panel feels that this should be a priority.

PROPOSED ACTION

- 2.1 That the Area Panel agrees that the petitioners request be included within the investigations into the Kings Drive area scheme.
- 2.2 We will continue to monitor the situation on Uttoxeter Road. Should we proceed with the introduction of restrictions during 2007/08 their effectiveness will be monitored to ensure they meet our expectations. We will report back to Area Panel at a future date.
- 2.3 To note that the investigation into the introduction of additional waiting restrictions on the northern side of Uttoxeter Road has been added to the list for possible inclusion in the 2007/08 highways and transport work programme. A separate report appears elsewhere on the area panel agenda.

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Background papers: Correspondence held on Area Panel 4 file in Traffic Management Office

List of appendices: None