

<b>Report to:</b>	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 10 January 2022
<b>Subject:</b>	Molyneux Road area, Waterloo - results of consultation		
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Highways and Public Protection	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Church;
<b>Portfolio:</b>			
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

To report on the results of a consultation with residents regarding the implementation of a Residents' Privileged Parking (RPP) scheme in the Molyneux Road area of Waterloo.

### Recommendation(s):

- (1) That Licensing & Regulatory Committee note the results of the consultation;
- (2) That the proposed Residents' Privileged Parking scheme for the Molyneux Road area not be progressed, with the exception of the section of highway fronting Nos. 1 to 7 Hicks Road;
- (3) That Licensing & Regulatory Committee request Cabinet Member – Locality Services to authorise the progression of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order for Hicks Road, Waterloo;
- (4) That residents be informed of the results of the consultation.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

Authorisation to proceed with Highway schemes fall under the remit of the Licensing & Regulatory Committee.

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

None

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue Costs**

None

**(B) Capital Costs**

All costs associated with the proposed RPP scheme on Hicks Road will be funded from Church Ward allocations.

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<p><b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> There are no costs arising from this report.</p>									
<p><b>Legal Implications:</b> There are no legal implications</p>									
<p><b>Equality Implications:</b> There are no equality implications.</p>									
<p><b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b></p> <p>The recommendations within this report will</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Have a positive impact</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a neutral impact</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Have a negative impact</td> <td>N</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors</td> <td>Y</td> </tr> </table> <p>This report seeks to inform members on the results of a consultation which involved the proposal to implement a Traffic Regulation Order to control parking. It does not include any Climate Change implications, positive or negative.</p>		Have a positive impact	N	Have a neutral impact	Y	Have a negative impact	N	The Author has undertaken the Climate Emergency training for report authors	Y
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**Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: Not Applicable
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: Not Applicable
Commission, broker and provide core services: Not Applicable
Place – leadership and influencer: Not Applicable
Drivers of change and reform: Not Applicable

Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Not Applicable
Greater income for social investment: Not Applicable
Cleaner Greener: Not Applicable

**What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?**

**(A) Internal Consultations**

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services (FD.6645/21.) and the Chief Legal and Democratic Officer (LD.4846/21.) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

**(B) External Consultations**

Consultation with 319 property occupiers in the Molyneux Road area, Waterloo.

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Immediately following the Committee / Council meeting.

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**Appendices:**

There are no appendices to this report

**Background Papers:**

There are no background papers available for inspection.

## 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 As part of the current Policy for the introduction of Residents' Privileged Parking (RPP) schemes, whereby all Ward funded schemes are progressed in chronological order, officers have recently completed consultation on the next scheme on the waiting list, covering an area adjacent to Molyneux Road, Waterloo.
- 1.2 This has been requested by Church Ward Members following a number of complaints and requests from residents in the area.
- 1.3 Consultation with residents has now taken place, and as per the Council's constitution, the results are now reported to Licensing & Regulatory Committee for information and to seek their views with regards to progression of the scheme.

## 2.0 Consultation

- 2.1 A total of 319 consultation documents were hand delivered to every property in the area. Copies of the consultation documents, showing a plan of the proposed scheme, covering letter, questionnaire and 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet is attached as Annex A.
- 2.2 Out of the 319 documents delivered, 117 (36.7%) were returned, of which 69 (59%) were in favour and 48 (41%) were against.
- 2.3 Previous return rates in other locations for this type of scheme, where the availability of parking for residents is being improved, has usually been in the region of 66% and it is concerning that approximately two thirds of the residents chose not to respond.
- 2.4 In order to analyse these figures, the table below shows the number of questionnaires returned from each road. It should be noted that on Crosby Road North, multiple photocopied questionnaires were received from one shop, voting against the scheme, but these have been omitted from the totals and only one vote attributed to that property. No other duplications occurred.

ROAD NAME	YES (%)	NO (%)	TOTAL RETURNED FROM ROAD (%)
Crosby Road North	2 (33.3%)	4 (66.6%)	6 (35.3%)
Galloway Road	16 (66.7%)	8 33.3%)	24 (48%)
Hicks Road	4 (80%)	1 (20%)	5 (71.4%)
Milton Road	23 (59%)	16 (41%)	39 (44.8%)
Molyneux Road	12 (54.5%)	10 (45.5%)	22 (24.8%)
Stuart Road	0 (0%)	4 (100%)	4 (26.7%)
Winstanley Road	12 (70.6%)	5 (29.4%)	17 (32.1%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>117 (36.7% response)</b>

- 2.5 It should also be noted from the plan shown in Annex A, that the scheme only encompasses the 5 side roads, but property occupiers on Stuart Road and Crosby Road North were also consulted as they may also park in the side roads and it was only right that they should be able to offer their views on the scheme.
- 2.6 From the results, it can be seen that response rates from the five side roads, where residents would mostly be affected, ranged from 71.4% (Hicks Road) to 24.8% (Molyneux Road).
- 2.7 Out of the 117 responses, 93 of the residents chose to include comments. Generally, many of them related to common themes and these can be broken down into seven categories, which are shown below. The number against each comment relates to the number of residents making that comment. Some residents chose to make more than one comment.
- Make road one way due to rat run / driver confrontations / speeding (35)
  - Too many cars parked in the evening / weekend / overnight / multi car households (32)
  - No daytime parking problems (10)
  - Can't park 9am-6pm (9)
  - Comments about paying for permits (4)
  - Where would our staff / customers park (4)
  - Strongly oppose these proposals (2)
  - Remove illegal parking cones (2)
- 2.8 As can be seen, there were a large number of comments relating to two issues. The first related to making the roads one-way, to avoid confrontations. The second related to the perception that there were too many vehicles vying for parking spaces during the evening and overnight, exacerbated by multi-car households. Neither of these issues would be solved by the introduction of RPP in the area.

### **3.0 Discussion**

- 3.1 The results of the consultation have been shared with the three Church Ward Members, in order to obtain their views, especially due to the fact that the response rate was much lower than expected for a scheme which would supposedly assist the residents. In addition, it was pointed out that the largest number of comments suggested that the residents' issues were with driver confrontations, with the second largest number of comments suggesting that the parking problems occurred in the evening and overnight due to the fact that car ownership by the residents themselves was so high.
- 3.2 Under Sefton's current policy on the issuing of permits, all vehicles registered at any of the properties in the five side roads will be eligible for a resident's permit, and each property owner will be eligible for one visitor's permit. This will include every flat in houses of multiple occupancy. Effectively, this means that if residents are currently experiencing difficulty parking in the evening and overnight, the introduction of an RPP scheme will not assist.

## **4.0 Response from Church Ward Members**

- 4.1 Having reviewed the results from the consultation, Church Ward Members considered that, with the exception of Hicks Road, the introduction of the proposed RPP scheme was not supported by enough residents and would not assist due to the high volume of car ownership by the residents themselves and as a consequence should not be progressed.
- 4.2 With regards to Hicks Road, it was considered that support for the scheme by residents was sufficiently high, probably due to the fact that many of the vehicles currently parking there were displaced from the new residential apartments in Crosby Gardens rather than the volume of vehicles owned by the residents themselves. An RPP scheme fronting the four properties on Hicks would certainly assist these residents and should be progressed.
- 4.3 Given the number of comments and requests about one-way working, Church Ward Members further requested that officers consider the implications and costs associated with such a proposal. Any further scheme arising from this suggestion, or subsequent consultation with residents would be reported back to this Committee.

## **Proposed Residents' Permit Parking Scheme Molyneux Road area, Waterloo**

# **CONSULTATION**

Following complaints from residents regarding lack of on-street parking for residents in the side roads east of Crosby Road North, Church Ward Councillors have agreed to fund the introduction of a Residents' Parking scheme in this area.

The roads which are proposed to receive the Residents' Privileged Parking (RPP) scheme are:-

- Hicks Road
- Winstanley Road
- Galloway Road
- Molyneux Road
- Milton Road

As you will know, all of these roads provide parking for adjoining businesses and shops on Crosby Road North, and it is important to ensure that there is still a reasonable amount of available on-street parking for these businesses to maintain the viability of your thriving community, whilst at the same time allowing residents to park in their own roads.

In order to achieve a good balance of parking for residents and shoppers, it is proposed to introduce a mix of waiting restrictions. On all of the roads, with the exception of Hicks Road, it is proposed to have Residents' parking bays on the north side of the road and Limited Waiting bays on the south side. The Limited Waiting bays will have an exemption for vehicles displaying residents permits. For clarity, residents will be able to park on both sides of the roads. Shoppers will only be able to park on the south side up to a maximum of two hours. On Hicks Road, due to the width and general lack of parking, only a Residents' parking bay will be provided outside Nos. 1,3,5 & 7.

A plan showing the proposed RPP bays and Limited Waiting bays is attached with this letter.

If the scheme is progressed, both the RPP bays and Limited Waiting bays will operate Monday to Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. Outside of these hours, any vehicle is permitted to park, for any length of time or without displaying a permit.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek your views on the proposals. Included with this letter is a plan showing the proposals and a questionnaire. Please take the time to fill in the questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided, to reach us **no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2021**.

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **How much will the permits cost?**

Each resident can apply for a Residents' permit for each vehicle which is registered at their address. In addition, they may also apply for one Visitor's permit per property. Each permit (Resident's or Visitor's) will be subject to a one-off £30 registration fee, i.e. if you have two vehicles and also want the Visitor's permit, you will be charged a total of £90 for the three permits. If you change your vehicle in the future, you will be charged another £30 registration fee to change the Resident's permit.

### **Do I have to pay for a new permit every year?**

No – you will only have to pay once, when you initially apply for the permits. The only exception to this is if you change your vehicle and need a new permit with the new registration number on it.

### **Why should I pay to park in my own road?**

Any vehicle can park on any public road provided it is legally taxed, tested and insured. What the residents' parking scheme does is prevent any vehicle from parking in your road unless it is displaying a permit. Effectively you are paying to prevent outsiders from taking up the parking spaces throughout the day in your road.

### **Will the permit guarantee a parking space outside my own house?**

No – all it will guarantee is that it will prevent outsiders taking up parking spaces for long periods of time in your road. You and your visitors will be able to park anywhere in the road, but generally most residents will tend to park outside their own houses.

### **Why are you still allowing non-residents to park on the south side of each road?**

It is recognised that some on-street parking is still required for shoppers and clients of the shops and businesses on Crosby Road North. Without this parking, shops and businesses will suffer and may close. In order to stop long term parking in the side roads, users of the shops and businesses will be able to park on the south side of each road, up to a maximum of 2 hours. Residents will also be able to park in these 'Limited Waiting' bays, longer than 2 hours, provided they are displaying their permit.

### **Why have you chosen the south side to have the 'Limited Waiting' bays?**

The north side of each road has marginally more parking spaces, so these have been dedicated as 'Resident Only' bays. The south side, which has marginally less, has been designated as the 'Limited Waiting' bays. Residents can still use the 'Limited Waiting' bays if they wish to park directly outside their own house.

### **Who will enforce the scheme?**

Sefton's own parking attendants will regularly patrol each of the roads throughout the day, and issue tickets on any vehicle which does not display a valid permit.

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**What will be the hours of operation?**

The scheme is aimed at preventing office and shop workers from parking in your road during working hours, so the scheme will operate Monday to Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. In the evenings and on Sundays, vehicles may park without having to display a permit.

**Will I be able to receive deliveries?**

Yes – Any vehicle will be able to park and unload goods without having to display a permit.

**Will tradespeople be able to park when working on my house?**

Yes, but they will need to display your visitor's permit. (Don't forget to get it back before they leave)

**This is just a way of the Council making money!**

The £30 registration fee for each permit simply covers staff time in receiving applications, inputting your details onto our records, printing off the permit and posting the permit out to you. All other costs, such as this consultation, production of Committee reports, advertising the legal Order in the local Papers and provision of signs and carriageway markings are being funded by the Council in order to provide a service to residents. Sefton Council will make no money from this scheme.

**What happens after the end of the consultation?**

The results will be collated and presented to show the number of votes, for and against the scheme. Councillors on the Licensing and Regulatory Committee will use this information to decide whether to proceed with the scheme as shown on the plan.

**Proposed Residents' Parking Scheme  
Molyneux Road area, Waterloo**

**QUESTIONNAIRE**

Are you in favour of the proposed Residents' Parking Scheme, as detailed on the enclosed plan?

(Place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box): -

**YES**

**NO**

**Comments** (continue overleaf if necessary):

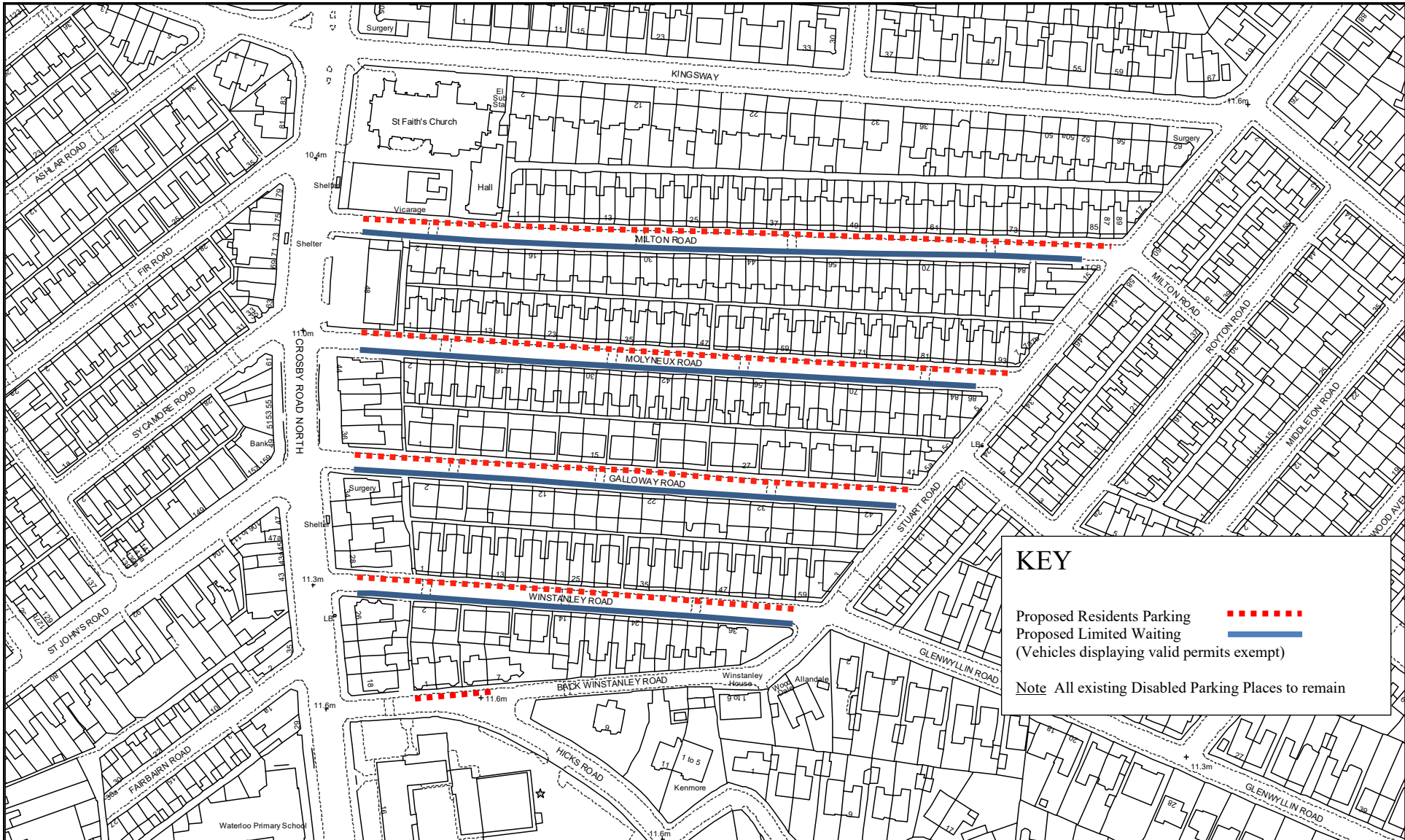
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**Sefton MBC Traffic Services Unit  
Highway Safety Team**



**KEY**

Proposed Residents Parking - - - - -

Proposed Limited Waiting

(Vehicles displaying valid permits exempt)

Note All existing Disabled Parking Places to remain

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Molyneux Road area, Waterloo

**Proposed RPP / Limited waiting scheme**

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**Date** July 2021

