

<b>Report to:</b>	Licensing and Regulatory Committee	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	Monday 8 January 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Church Gardens, Bootle – Proposed Residents’ parking scheme		
<b>Report of:</b>	Assistant Director of Place (Highways and Public Protection)	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	Linacre;
<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cabinet Member – Locality Services		
<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 of the Church Gardens area of Bootle and to recommend the removal of the residents’ parking scheme from the current works programme.

**Recommendation(s):**

- (1) Members note the results of the consultation;
- (2) The proposed Residents’ parking scheme for the Church Gardens area of Bootle not be progressed.

**Reasons for the Recommendation(s):**

Due to a very low response rate and a majority of respondents not being in favour of the progression of the scheme, it is proposed that the scheme should not be progressed and should be removed from the works programme for Residents privileged parking schemes.

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

None

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

**(A) Revenue Costs**

Nil

**(B) Capital Costs**

Nil

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> None								
<b>Legal Implications:</b> None								
<b>Equality Implications:</b> There are no equality implications.								
<b>Impact on Children and Young People:</b> None								
<b>Climate Emergency Implications:</b>  The recommendations within this report will								
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This report provides the results of a recent consultation, it does not include any Climate Change implications, positive or negative.								

**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 Corporate Resources & Customer Services has been consulted and notes the report (FD 7472/23)

Chief Legal and Democratic Officer has been consulted and has no comments on the report. (LD 5572/23)

**(B) External Consultations**

None

**Implementation Date for the Decision**

Not applicable

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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/Background**

- 1.1 Following complaints of parking by students of Hugh Baird College and shoppers and workers from the Strand shopping centre, Linacre Ward Members requested that a consultation exercise be carried out with residents in the Church Gardens area of Bootle.
- 1.2 It was suggested that in order to prevent such parking, a residents' parking scheme, in the form of a 'Permit Parking Area' (PPA) be introduced in the area, the cost of which would be funded from the Linacre Ward delegated budget.
- 1.3 The introduction of a PPA would simply require the provision of zone entry signs on Church Gardens and Pleasant Street, with a number of repeater signs throughout the estate. No road markings would be required in the area, thus reducing initial costs and future maintenance costs.

## **2.0 Consultation**

- 2.1 A total of 129 consultation packs were hand delivered to all properties within the proposed PPA, as indicated in Annex A.
- 2.2 18 questionnaires were returned by the deadline, giving a response rate of 14%. This is extremely low for this type of consultation.
- 2.3 Out of the 18 returned questionnaires, only 7 (38.9%) were in favour of the scheme, and 11 (61.1%) were against.

## **3.0 Proposal**

- 3.1 Given that the majority (61%) of the respondents are not in favour of the introduction of a Residents' parking scheme and based on an extremely low response rate of 14% it is recommended that the PPA scheme should not be progressed and be deleted from the programme of proposed Residents' parking schemes in the Borough.
- 3.2 It is therefore recommended that Licensing and Regulatory Committee support the removal of the proposed scheme from the Residents' parking Scheme programme.

**Proposed Residents' Permit Parking Scheme  
Church Walk area, Bootle**

**CONSULTATION**

Following complaints from residents regarding lack of on-street parking for residents in the Church Walk area of Bootle, Linacre Ward Councillors have agreed to fund the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking scheme in this area.

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

- Church Walk
- Church View
- Chapel Terrace
- Pleasant View
- Pleasant Street
- Church Gardens

As you will know, all of these roads provide parking for residents and the local shops on Irlam Road but increasingly staff and students for Hugh Baird College are using the area to park for the College buildings which are a short walk away.

In order to achieve a good balance of parking for residents and shoppers, it is proposed to introduce residents parking in most roads, with the exception of the layby in front of the shops on Irlam Road, which will be converted into a limited waiting parking bay, restricted Monday to Saturday 9.00 am to 5.00 pm. For clarity, residents will be able to park on both sides of the remainder of the roads whilst displaying a valid residents privileged parking permit. All permits, whether they are Residents or Visitors permits cost £30. You are entitled to apply for a Resident's permit for each vehicle you have registered at your address. You may also apply for one Visitor's permit per property. If you change your vehicle, you will need to pay another £30 for registration of your new vehicle. If you never park on-street and always use your private parking, there is no need to apply for a permit.

If the scheme is progressed, the Permit Parking Scheme will operate Monday to Friday between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to mainly prevent student parking from Hugh Baird College.

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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

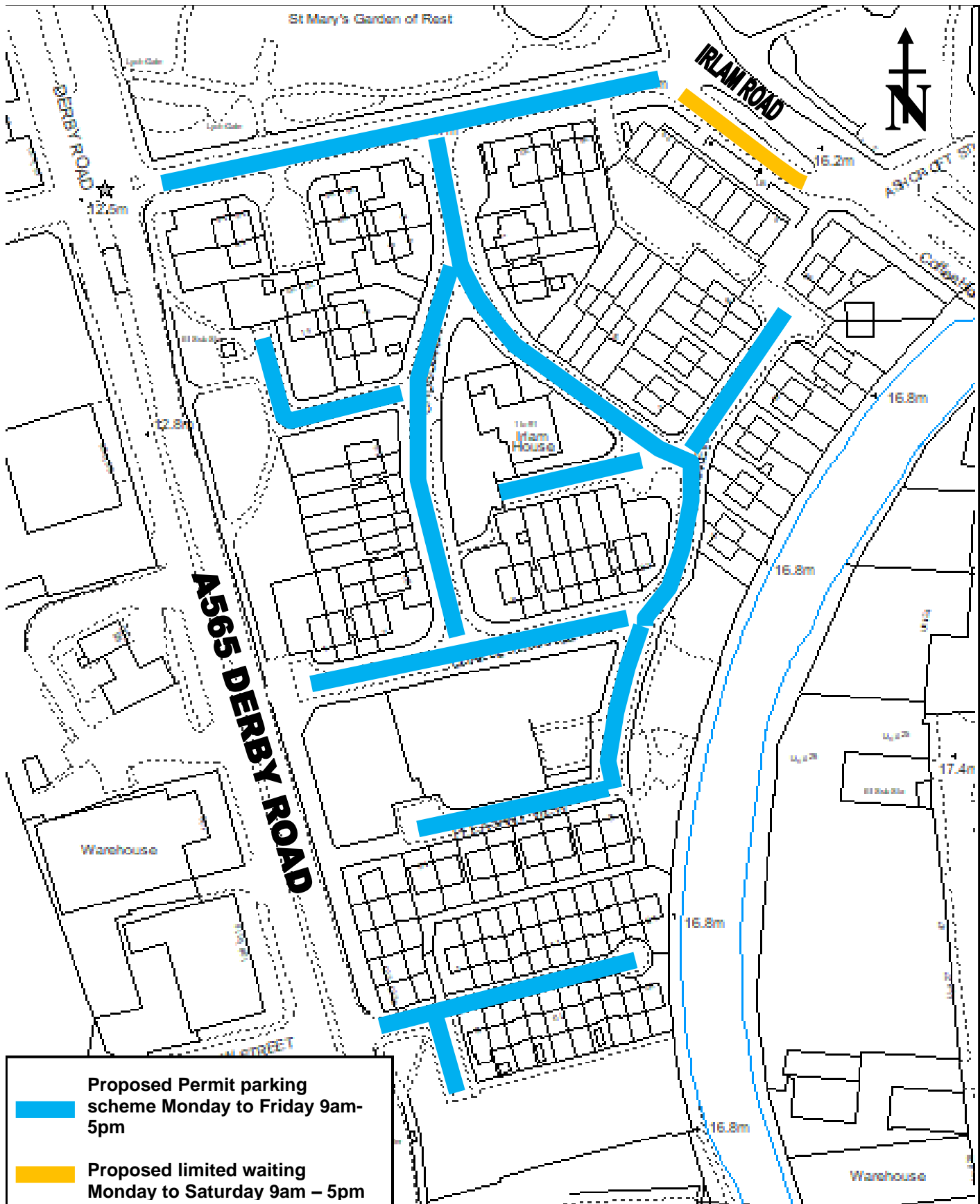
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The results of the consultation will be taken to the Licensing and Regulatory Committee where Councillors will review all of your comments or objections and decide whether the scheme is taken forward. The next meeting of the Committee will be on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 6.30 p.m. at the Bootle Town Hall, Bootle. You are welcome to attend the meeting, but not permitted to speak unless authorised to do so.

If you require any further information before completing your questionnaire please read the attached 'Frequently Asked Questions' sheet, or phone our Contact Centre on 0345 140 0845 and leave a message for Colin Taylor. Colin will get back to you as soon as possible. Please let Colin know if you require this information in large print, or any other format. Calls cost 2p per minute plus your phone company's access charge. Alternatively, you can contact Colin by e-mail on [traffic.management@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:traffic.management@sefton.gov.uk)

**Many Thanks,  
Dave Marrin  
Service Manager – Transportation, Highways & Infrastructure**





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## **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 Permit 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.

### **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.

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

The scheme is aimed at preventing others like college staff and students from parking in your road during working hours, so the scheme will operate Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. In the evenings and at the weekend, 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)

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**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.