

Meeting: **SEFTON EAST PARISHES AREA COMMITTEE**

Date of Meeting: **18 MARCH 2010**

Title of Report: **RESULTS OF ON-STREET PARKING RE-CONSULTATION –
MAGHULL STATION AREA.**

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Purpose of Report

To report the results of the recent re-consultation with residents in residential roads in the vicinity of Maghull station where parking measures were not implemented last year, and to recommend the way forward

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that :-

- (i) the results of the public consultation shown in Annex B of this report be noted.
- (ii) a Traffic Regulation Order restricting waiting Monday to Friday 10.00 am – 11.00 am be implemented on Melling Lane (part), Hurst Road and Heathfield Road as shown on the plan in Annex C, be approved.
- (iii) the necessary legal procedures, including those of public consultation and advertising the Council's intention to implement the Order(s), be approved.

Corporate Objective Monitoring

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1.	Creating a Learning Community		✓	
2.	Creating Safe Communities	✓		
3.	Jobs and Prosperity		✓	
4.	Improving Health and Well-Being	✓		
5.	Environmental Sustainability		✓	
6.	Creating Inclusive Communities		✓	
7.	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy		✓	
8.	Children and Young People	✓		

Financial Implications

	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011/ 2012 £	2012/ 2013 £
<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure	£2000			
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources	£2000			
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N		When?		
How will the service be funded post expiry?		Traffic Management Budget		

Departments consulted in the preparation of this Report

NIL

List of background papers relied upon in the preparation of this Report

Sefton East Parishes Area Committee 21 March 2002 – Receipt of Petitions – On-street parking conditions Swan Walk, Rutherford Road & Gatley Drive, Maghull

Sefton East Parishes Area Committee 18 July 2002 – Results of On-Street parking surveys, Maghull Station / Results of speed surveys – Station Road & Melling Lane, Maghull

Sefton East Parishes Area Committee 22 March 2007 – Assessment of on-street parking surveys – Maghull Station area

Sefton East Parishes Area Committee 13 September 2007 – Results of on-street parking consultation – Maghull Station area

Sefton East Parishes Area Committee 11 September 2008 – Results of on-street parking consultation – Maghull Station area

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members will recall that the issue of on-street parking in residential roads in the vicinity of Maghull railway station has been the subject of a number of complaints, consultations and Committee reports over the past five years or so.
- 1.2 As a result of an extensive consultation with residents in the vicinity of Maghull railway station with regard to this matter a scheme of parking restrictions was implemented in 2009. The parking restrictions operate between Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 11.00 am. These are designed to deter all day parking by commuters whilst still providing residents with some flexibility by enabling them and their visitors to park on-street outside of the restricted hour.
- 1.3 It is normal, following the implementation of such a scheme to review the effectiveness and any comments / complaints about the scheme after a suitable period following implementation, that period is usually approximately six months. The scheme was completed in May 2009, however, in the past few months a number of complaints have been received from residents from adjacent streets to the above mentioned waiting restrictions.
- 1.4 As a consequence it was approved by this Committee to complete a further consultation with residents of properties in adjacent roads to where the recently implemented waiting restrictions are located.
- 1.5 The roads included in the consultation were Hurst Road, Daisy Mount and Spring Gardens where residents will be re-consulted on potential parking restrictions. It was also approved that initial consultation take place with residents of Heathfield Road, Molyneux Road, Ashleigh Road, Poverty Lane and Melling Lane (between its junction with Summerhill Drive and No. 55 Melling Lane)
- 1.6 The roads to be initially consulted regarding proposed waiting restrictions are Melling Lane (part), Heathfield Road, Ashleigh Road, Molyneux Road and Poverty Lane.

2.0 PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The public consultation took place between Wednesday, 27 January and Friday, 19 February. A total of 130 questionnaires were delivered out of which 73 were returned. This equates to a return rate of 56%, which is considered to be a good response rate for this type of consultation.

The totals are summarised in Annex B of this report

- 2.3 Analysis of the responses from each of the individual roads has been carried out. These are shown in the following paragraphs, together with a resume of any comments made by residents.

3.0 INITIAL CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS

- 3.1 Response from **Melling Lane** residents:-

13 questionnaires delivered, 11 returned. This equates to an 85% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	9	(82%)
No current action required	2	(18%)

Comments were included by some residents, a summary of the comments are :

- Since the introduction of the waiting restrictions commuters now park outside my house restricting my view of oncoming traffic on Melling Lane, which is dangerous.
- Expand the railway station car park.
- Parking opposite our driveway causes us difficulty in getting in and out of our house.
- Speeding is the problem in Melling Lane, if cars are allowed to park it slows vehicle speeds down.

3.2 It can be seen that all but two respondents are in favour of the introduction of parking restrictions. The resident not in favour of the proposals stated that vehicles parked in Melling Lane slow the traffic down, which they consider to be a problem.

3.3 Response from **Ashleigh Road** residents:-

16 questionnaires delivered, 9 returned. This equates to a 56% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	2	(22%)
No current action required	7	(78%)

Comments were included some residents, a summary of the comments are :

- During the weekday there does not appear to be a parking problem.
- We are totally opposed to parking restrictions in our road, we are not affected by overspill parking from Maghull station.
- Everybody has off road parking so nobody should be inconvenienced if parking restrictions are introduced.

3.5 Response from **Molyneux Road** residents:-

30 questionnaires delivered, 16 returned. This equates to a 53% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	9	(56%)
No current action required	7	(44%)

Comments were included by most residents, a summary of the comments are :

- Not bothered about people parking for the station, I don't want my visitors penalised between 10am – 11am as they have been in neighbouring roads.
- If parking restrictions are placed in adjoining Heathfield Road then parking could become a problem, in which case please ask us again.
- If more parking at the railway station cannot be arranged then the Maghull North station should be built as soon as possible.
- The station should be for residents of Maghull and Lydiate – not Lancashire residents.
- Parking at the junction of Summerhill Drive and Heathfield Road causes problems.
- We need traffic calming in Molyneux Road, this road is used as a shortcut.
- Parking outside Blueline Taxis is a danger.
- Parking on the pavements is a particular problem.

3.6 The results show that the results are close, however most respondents are in favour of waiting restrictions.

3.7 Response from **Heathfield Road** residents:-

16 questionnaires delivered, 12 returned. This equates to a 75% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	8	(66.6%)
No current action required	3	(25%)
Don't know	1	(8.3%)

Comments were included by most residents, a summary of the comments are :

- Only 4-5 cars park in Heathfield, they don't park in front of houses.
- A parking restriction will inconvenience residents and visitors more than the current situation.
- If waiting restrictions are implemented, exemption for residents should be honoured.
- Cars park on Heathfield blocking my driveway.
- Commuters now park in roads not suitable for all day parking.
- All day parking prevents Sefton Council from cleaning the road.

3.8 The results show that most respondents are in favour of waiting restrictions.

3.9 Response from **Poverty Lane** residents:-

18 questionnaires delivered, 9 returned. This equates to a 50% response rate

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	3	(33%)
No current action required	6	(66%)

Respondents commented as follows :

- The problem affects us when we wish to use the shops at Station Road, we have generally been prevented from doing so as every parking space is occupied by commuters.
- Being next to Summerhill Primary school we have had problems for years.
- Parking is only an issue at 9.00am and 3.30pm due to the school.
- Tarmac the grass verge outside the school to give more room for parking.
- The recent parking restrictions have made no difference to the parking in our road.

3.10 The results show that most respondents are not in favour of the introduction of the waiting restrictions.

4.0 PREVIOUSLY CONSULTED RESIDENTS

4.1 Response from **Hurst Road** residents:-

10 questionnaires delivered, 8 returned. This equates to a 80% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	8	(100%)
No current action required	0	(0%)

Comments were included by almost half of all respondents, a summary of the comments are:

- Most necessary
- Since the parking restrictions have been in place, Hurst Road has now become the main attraction for commuter and shoppers who have no consideration for residents. I have made five calls to the Police and this has resulted in at least two cars being towed away.
- We have suffered almost daily difficulty just in leaving and returning to our homes.
- I suggest the restriction should be 10am to 1pm to aid refuse collection and home deliveries.
- Double parking has resulted in no bin collections, deliveries and not even being able to get out of our own road.

It can be seen that all respondents are in favour of the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions.

4.2 Response from **Daisy Mount** residents:-

16 questionnaires delivered, 8 returned. This equates to a 50% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	3	(38%)
No current action required	4	(50%)
Don't know	1	(13%)

Most respondents included comments, a summary of the comments are:

- We have no off road parking and would have to move our car if the proposal went through.
- The answer to the whole problem is to build a new station.
- My primary objection is that this would result in fines for residents.
- In theory if you implement these parking restrictions the problem will move to Poverty Lane and Brook Road – why not do every road in Maghull now ?
- If the scheme gets the approval enforcement officers should be given a list of residents vehicle registration numbers that should not be ticketed if they are parked on the road.
- I feel this parking restriction is now required in Daisy Mount.
- The refuse collection could not take place today due to parked vehicles.
- Once this parking restriction was applied to adjacent streets it was always going to have a knock-on affect.

It can be seen that a majority respondents are not in favour of the introduction of the waiting restrictions. A point to note is that many of the residential properties on one side of Daisy Mount cannot provide off street parking facilities.

4.3 Response from **Spring Gardens** residents:-

11 questionnaires delivered, 2 returned. This equates to a 18% response rate.

Preference		
Short term waiting restrictions 10 am – 11 am	1	(50%)
No current action required	1	(50%)

No comments were provided by either of the respondents.

It can be seen that there is an even split on the response. Given the very low response rate and that there is an even split between respondents, it is suggested that no action be taken at the current time.

5.0 SUMMARY & PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The consultation results show that in roads previously consulted, residents of Hurst Road and Heathfield Road are in favour of the introduction of the proposed waiting restrictions.
- 5.2 The split of responses from residents of Molyneux Road shows that, in the main the respondents in favour of the proposed waiting restrictions reside closest to the railway station. However, there have been three respondents closest to its junction with Heathfield Road who are not in favour of the implementation of waiting restrictions. It is highly likely that if waiting restrictions are implemented in Heathfield Road parked vehicles will migrate into the adjacent Molyneux Road, however, at the current time it is proposed not to introduce waiting restrictions.
- 5.3 Residents of Melling Lane who were consulted have responded generally in favour of the introduction of the parking restrictions. It is therefore suggested that the 10 am to 11 am parking restriction be implemented between its junction with Willow Hey and No. 55.
- 5.4 Residents of Ashleigh Road, Poverty Lane, Spring Gardens and Daisy Mount are generally not in favour of the introduction of waiting restrictions. It is therefore not proposed to introduce any waiting restrictions in these roads.
- 5.5 Given the results of the consultation, it is proposed to introduce a Traffic Regulation order restricting waiting between the hours 10.00 am to 11.00 am Monday to Friday in :

Melling Lane (part)
Hurst Road
Heathfield Road

All existing waiting restrictions will be retained for the purposes of road safety and freeflow of traffic.

6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The initial parking restrictions in the vicinity of Maghull Station were funded from within existing traffic management budgets. However, given recent budgetary restrictions, parking schemes are continued to be funded from within traffic management budgets if the scheme delivers a road safety benefit as opposed to those which deliver an amenity or environmental benefit for residents.
- 6.2 Elsewhere in the Borough recent parking schemes that have been approved by Area committee's and implemented as a result of amenity or environmental parking issues have been funded by the Area Committee and not from within traffic management budgets.

- 6.3 It is therefore recommended, to ensure consistency and fairness to other Wards in the Borough that the scheme described in the residential roads listed in paragraph 5.5 of this report be funded from the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee budget.

Andy Wallis
Planning & Economic Regeneration Director



NEWSLETTER

ON-STREET PARKING SITUATION - MAGHULL RAILWAY STATION

The purpose of this newsletter is to invite you to give us your thoughts following the recent introduction of waiting restrictions in the vicinity of Maghull Station.

You may be aware that during last Summer a parking restriction was introduced into many residential streets in the vicinity of Maghull Station following complaints from residents. The parking restriction was designed to restrict all day parking by commuters as it operated between the hours of 10 am and 11 am Monday to Friday. In the main the scheme has worked well, however, recently we have received comments from residents in adjacent roads commenting that parking is now taking place in their street.

Parking assessments and discussions with some residents has taken place, and to some extent the problem has migrated into adjacent roads.

You were not consulted during the original consultation as it was considered that your residential street was a significant distance from Maghull Station and any displacement of parking caused by the introduction of the short term waiting restrictions would not affect you. However, given the volume of complaints about displaced parking, it has been approved by the Sefton East Parishes Area Committee to consult you on your current views concerning the parking situation in your street.

It is considered that the one hour parking restriction provides a deterrent to commuters who cannot park all day on the waiting restriction. However, it still provides residents with some flexibility outside of the hour whilst preserving a road virtually free from commuter parking throughout the day. It is realised that at peak times e.g. lead up to Christmas, the restriction will not remove parking by afternoon / evening shoppers from visiting Liverpool.

As other streets in the area have been offered the chance to have the one hour parking restriction in their street the same action can be considered for your street. This is your opportunity, if you consider the parking situation to have deteriorated, to provide us with your views and vote accordingly on the attached questionnaire.

Residents have asked us why Residents Privileged parking schemes cannot be considered for this area to resolve the parking problem. In answer to those enquiries, any proposals

would have to be included in the priority rating list currently held by Technical Services, This list includes well over 100 roads or areas in the borough where requests for Residents Privileged Parking have been received. However, due to the financial and staffing situation in our Traffic Management team at the current time, it is envisaged that no Residents Privileged parking schemes will be considered for the foreseeable future. There is a priority list and residents of some roads on the list, who have no opportunity to park in their private gardens or garages and have no option but to park on-street, form the highest priority. Where residents suffer overspill parking from shopping centres or office quarters in some parts of the borough would also be considered a high priority.

However, as most residents in the vicinity of Maghull railway station have, or could make use of parking within the curtilage of their own property, this would be considered a low priority. In this case, although the area could be included on the priority list it will be many years before it reached the top of the priority list.

So, the most appropriate options for action are :

- A short term waiting restriction eg Monday - Friday 10 am - 11 am
(Removes all commuter parking, may be restrictive to residents who have to park on-street during hour of operation)
- No action at the current time

The proposed short term waiting restrictions are considered to be a positive workable solution, as their introduction can be funded from within existing budgets, are easy to enforce by the Council's parking contractor and within reason will generally give residents flexibility.

This consultation is your opportunity to indicate to Sefton Council what action you may wish to take place.

Included with this correspondence is questionnaire. Please take the time to complete the questionnaire and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided to reach us **no later than Friday, 19 February 2010.**

Should you require any further information before completing your questionnaire please telephone our call centre on 0845 140 0845 and leave a message for Colin Taylor, the officer co-ordinating this consultation to return your call, you should receive a response within two working days. Please telephone if you require this information in large print.

Many Thanks,

Andy Wallis
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION DIRECTOR

**REQUIREMENT FOR PARKING MEASURES
RESIDENTIAL STREETS - VICINITY OF MAGHULL
RAILWAY STATION**

QUESTIONNAIRE

Do you consider that a short term waiting restriction (10 am - 11 am Monday to Friday) is required to address the current parking situation in your residential road ?
(Place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box): -

YES

NO

Comments (continue overleaf if necessary):

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Name:

House Number

Address:
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Please complete and return in the pre-paid envelope provided, to reach us
no later than **Friday 19 February 2010**

Sefton MBC Planning & Economic Regeneration Department
Traffic Services Unit

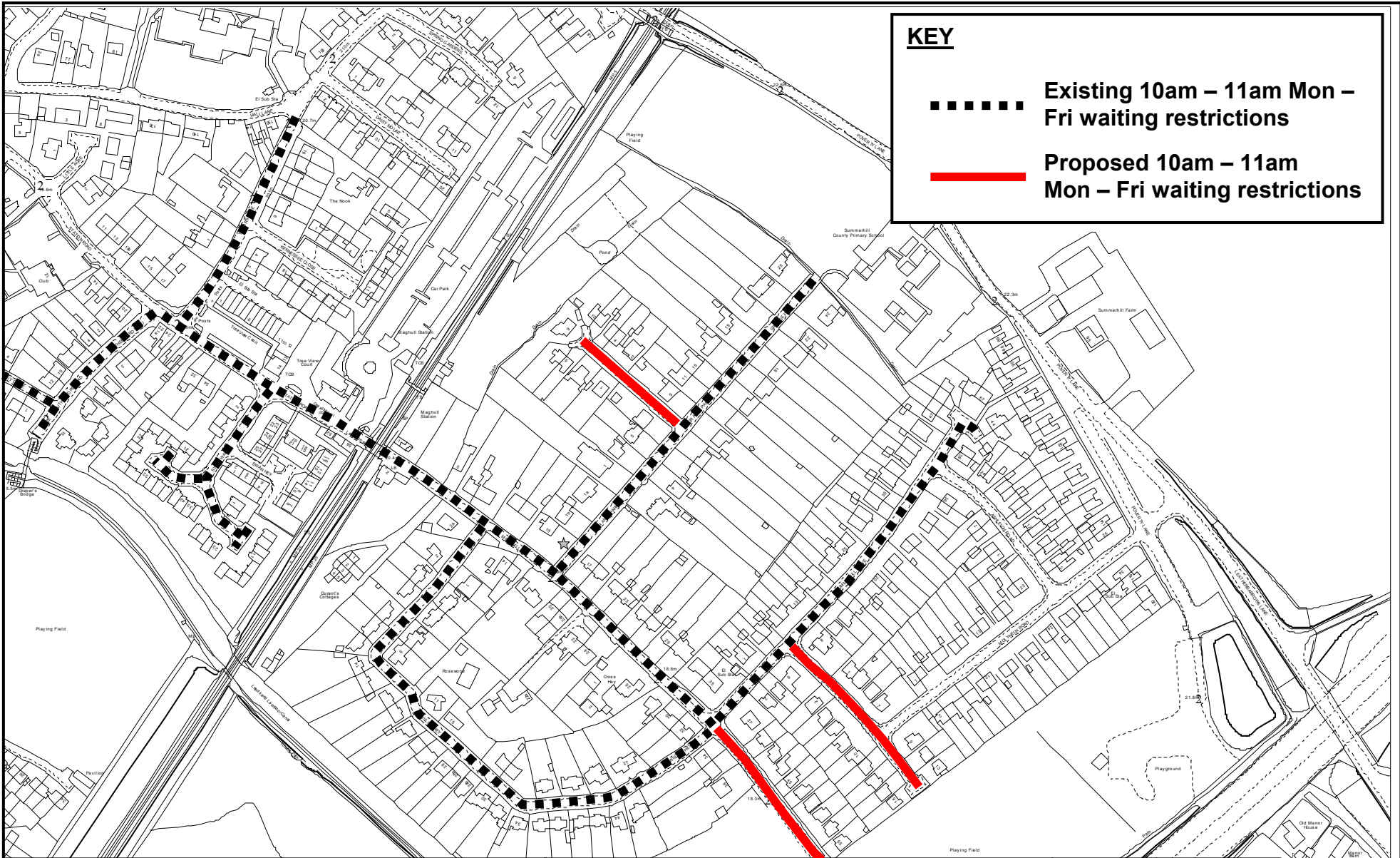
MAGHULL STATION RE-CONSULTATION RESULTS - RETURNS

FAVOUR	NO. DELIVERED	IN FAVOUR	NOT IN
MELLING LANE	13	9	2
ASHLEIGH ROAD	16	2	6
MOLYNEUX ROAD	30	9	7
HEATHFIELD ROAD	16	8	3
POVERTY LANE	18	3	6

STREETS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY BEEN CONSULTED

HURST ROAD	10	8	0
DAISY MOUNT	16	3	4
SPRING GARDENS	11	0	1

TOTAL **130**



METROPOLITAN BOROUGH OF SEFTON

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MAGHULL RAILWAY STATION

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

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