

**AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET**

**Name of Committee** Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee

**Date of Committee** 25th January 2006

**Report Title** Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement

**Summary** Following public consultation of proposals for resident parking schemes and pay and display parking this report considers the responses to that consultation and recommends the way forward.

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**Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?** Yes/No

**Background Papers** Various consultation responses including letters, petitions and e-mails

**CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-** *Details to be specified*

Other Committees  .....

Local Member(s)  Councillor Mrs P Henry } for information  
(With brief comments, if appropriate) Councillor B Hicks }  
Councillor B Longden }  
Councillor K Singh }  
Councillor Mrs Tandy }

Other Elected Members  .....

Cabinet Member  .....  
(Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive  .....

Legal  I Marriott - comments

Finance  .....

- Other Chief Officers  .....
- District Councils  .....
- Health Authority  .....
- Police  .....
- Other Bodies/Individuals  .....

**FINAL DECISION**                      **YES/NO**      *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

**SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :**

*Details to be specified*

- Further consideration by this Committee  .....
- To Council  .....
- To Cabinet  .....
- To an O & S Committee  .....
- To an Area Committee  .....
- Further Consultation  With local residents and stakeholder groups to review the proposals.

**Nuneaton and Bedworth Area Committee –  
25th January 2006**

**Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement**

**Report of the Strategic Director of  
Environment and Economy**

**Recommendation**

That:-

1. In response to the recent consultation, proposals for new residents parking schemes and on-street pay and display in Nuneaton and Bedworth, the advertised scheme be withdrawn.
2. The Strategic Director of Environment and Economy should engage with residents and other stakeholder groups and review the proposals.

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement (DPE) under the Road Traffic Act 1991 involves the creation of Special Parking Areas in which violations of on-street parking regulations cease to be criminal offences and responsibility for enforcement is transferred from the Police to the Highway Authority. Previous reports to this Committee have linked the creation of new residents parking zones in Nuneaton and Bedworth to the proposed introduction of DPE.
- 1.2 Consultants were commissioned in 2003 to undertake a study of parking in the Nuneaton and Bedworth areas. A report in February 2004 from the consultants identified residential areas that are being used for parking by commuters, town centre workers and other non-residents leading to a shortage of parking spaces for residents where little off-street parking is available.
- 1.3 The findings in the Consultant's report were discussed by a Joint Member Working Group comprised of relevant elected Members from the County and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC). The Group approved the carrying out of a consultation with residents on a set of proposals for a residents parking scheme. The outcome of this consultation, which resulted in modifications being made to the original proposals, were considered by this Committee at its meeting in November 2004. It was agreed that revised proposals for a residents parking scheme based on five zones in Nuneaton and

one zone in Bedworth, as shown in outline on the plans in **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**, should be advertised.

- 1.4 The proposals were formally advertised in the Nuneaton Tribune and the Coventry Evening Telegraph in October 2005 together with proposals for on-street pay and display arrangements. Details of the proposals including a plan and covering letter were hand delivered to every residential property in the proposed zones. In addition plans were displayed in the main libraries in Nuneaton and Bedworth and public exhibitions were held in Nuneaton and Bedworth town centres on various dates up to Saturday 5th November.

## **2. Objections**

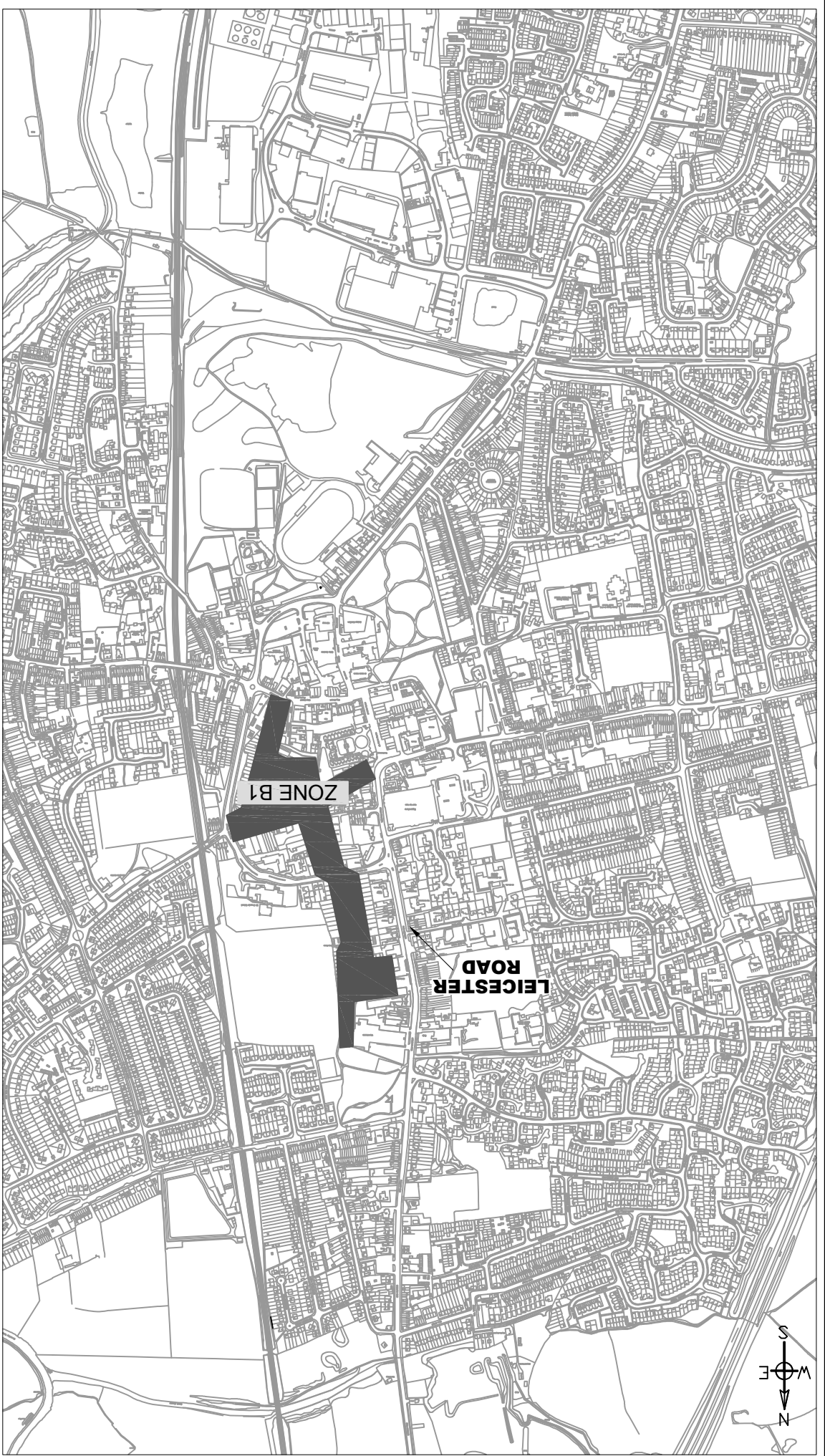
- 2.1 A considerable number of objections have been received. They include petitions and a report from a group known as Residents Against Parking Permits (RAPP). This organisation has carried out street by street surveys and has collected a substantial number of identical but individually signed letters of objection from residents.
- 2.2 The objections have been summarised, zone by zone, in **Appendix C**. There are a number of specific objections to detail as well as more fundamental opposition to the principles of the scheme. This is particularly the case with objections which have been received from the Nuneaton Muslim Society.

## **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 In view of the large number of responses received and the complexity of some of the issues raised it is recommended that, in partnership with NBBC, further consultations with residents and stakeholder groups be undertaken to review the proposals.

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 PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING ZONES - BEDWORTH

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25th January 2006**

**Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement**

**Objections/Responses by Zone**

NB Figures count one email, one letter or a signature on a petition as 1 objection or statement of support etc.

\* Responses seeking further clarification of points of detail. No statement of support or objection

**1. Zone N1 – Nuneaton**

**Responses:**

Objection	Support	Neither*
472	7	6

**Objections:**

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP Letters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
93	131	232	16	472

**Summary of Objections and comments  
Number received ( )**

- Residents Parking Permits and Visitors Permits should be issued free of charge. (Petition containing 232 signatures of Zone N1 residents)
- Proposed restrictions on Burgage Walk will prevent Corporation Street residents from parking in front of their own garages. (36 signature petition and 4 Letters)
- Graham Street. should be designated as a Pay and Display Area, with exemption permits issued for Residents of Graham Street. only and their visitors. (38 signature petition)
- Graham Street. restrictions should start earlier and finish later to prevent vehicles being left overnight whilst people go into town for a night out. (1)
- There should be more Visitors Permits available to residents, especially those who do not have a vehicle registered to their home.(1)
- Retail businesses in residential areas would be affected and be forced to close due to loss of customers and resident vehicles filling designated parking areas.(3)

- The reduction in parking space will cause there to be insufficient space for all resident permit holders to park and will result in tension amongst neighbours.(Petition, containing 232 signatures of Zone N1 residents and 6 letters)
- My car will be vandalised if I park it out of sight on a nearby street. (4)
- Turning heads at the end of cul-de-sac streets could be used as designated parking areas. (1)
- The street I live in does not experience problems with commuter or shopper parking. (2)
- There is no guarantee of being able to park outside our own home (1)
- The value of my property will be lowered as prospective buyers will not want to pay to park in front of their own home (2)
- I will not be able to park outside my own home because there will be double yellow lines on the road (1)

## 2. Zone N2 - Nuneaton

### Responses:

Objection	Support	Neither*
328	1	1

### Objections:

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP Letters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
75	186	63	4	328

### Summary of Objections and comments.

#### Number received ( )

- We should not have to pay for the right to park outside our own homes. (58 signature petition and raised in most letters received)
- There is not a current problem with parking during the day. The parking problem occurs in the evenings and at weekends. Why should we pay £15 per year for no benefit? (These issues were raised in virtually all the correspondence received from Zone 2)
- My car will be vandalised if I park it out of sight on a nearby street.(1)
- There is no guarantee of being able to park outside our own home, the scheme should be 'Residents Only' (3)

- Parking should be allowed on Manor Court Road rather than the double yellow lines proposed (4)

### 3. Zone N3- Nuneaton

#### Responses:

Objection	Support	Neither*
47	5	2

\*No statement of support or objection

#### Objections:

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP SLetters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
3	0	39	5	47

#### Summary of Objections and comments. Number received ( )

- Wheat Street. should be designated a 'Residents Only' parking zone (1)
- Start Wheat Street. restrictions earlier and finish later to prevent vehicles being left overnight whilst people go into town for a night out.(3)
- We are opposed to paying for parking permits, the introduction of pay and display parking in some residential areas and continuing to allow others to park for free in other areas. (39 signature petition and 1 letter)

### 4. Zone N4 - Nuneaton

#### Responses:

Objection	Support	Neither*
9	0	1

#### Objections:

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP Letters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
3	1	5	0	9

#### Summary of Objections and comments. Number received ( )

- The charge is insurmountable for those having a form of disability and on Incapacity Benefit.(1)
- There should not be Pay and Display on Heath End Road as it still encourages non-residents to park there.(1)



- The Pay and Display parking should continue after 6pm and Mondays to Saturdays inclusively and should be active on Sundays too. (2)

## 5. Zone N5 - Nuneaton

### Responses:

Objection	Support	Neither*
1443	5	14

### Objections:

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP Letters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
177	1106	149	11	1443

### Summary of Objections and comments.

#### Number received ( )

- This is just another tax on the motorist. We already pay Council Tax, Road Fund Tax and Fuel Tax, why should we pay another? This is just a Stealth Tax. (Raised in most correspondence received)
- Why should I pay £15 per year to park when most people in the Borough don't? (Raised in most correspondence received)
- The time restrictions on the streets and the fact that only 1 Visitor Permit is available will affect the community. Weddings and funerals and social gatherings etc. will not be possible. (Raised in most correspondence received)
- There is no guarantee of being able to park outside our own home. (Raised in most correspondence received)
- Edward Street, Bracebridge Street, Norman Avenue. and Marlborough Road. should be made One-Way streets. Often cars meet head on and one is forced to reverse the length of the street due to parked cars on either side. (Raised numerous times in correspondence received from Bracebridge Street, Norman Avenue and Marlborough Road.)
- The hours of restriction will affect the ability to visit for prayer at the Mosque, along with other events. (Raised in approximately 25% of correspondence).
- There is no guarantee that the permit charge will not dramatically increase in the future.(Raised in approximately 25% of correspondence)
- Lowering Borough Council Car Park Charges would solve the problem with no cost to the resident. (2)
- There is not a current problem with parking during the day. The parking problem occurs in the evenings and at weekends. Why should we pay £15 per year for no benefit? (Raised in the majority of correspondence received from Bracebridge Street, Clement Street, Norman Avenue and Marlborough Road).

- My car will be vandalised if I park it out of sight on a nearby street. (1).
- Riversley Road should be designated a “Residents Only parking zone. (1).
- Could the double yellow lines on the junction between Norman Avenue and Queens Road be extended to cover the loading capabilities of businesses on this junction? (1).
- I am a Disabled Blue Badge holder and currently have an Advisory Disabled Persons’ Parking Bay outside my home. What will happen to me? (2).
- Retail businesses in residential areas would be affected and be forced to close due to loss of customers and resident vehicles filling designated parking areas.(3).

## 6. Zone B1 - Bedworth

### Responses:

Objection	Support	Neither*
160	4	4

### Objections:

Non-RAPP Letters and Petitions	RAPP Letters	RAPP Petitions	Personal Emails	Total No. of Objections
160	N/A	N/A	0	160

### Summary of objections and comments Number received ( )

- Residents Parking Permits and Visitors Permits should be issued free of charge.
- Why should residents living close to the Town Centre be penalised? (2).
- Lowering Borough Council Car Park Charges would solve the problem with no cost to the resident (1).
- There is no guarantee of being able to park outside our own home (2)
- Reduce waiting time in Chamberlain Street from 2 hours to 1 hour or charge for the parking and extend the restrictions to 8pm to discourage parking for the local Bingo Hall (2).

## **7. Issues Raised by Residents Against Parking Permits (RAPP)**

The standard letter made available to residents by RAPP contains a number of points of objection to the proposals under the following headings:-

- Lack of benefit to the local community.
- The proposals are not just anti-community but anti-family.
- The proposals offer no guarantee of parking availability.
- The proposals are not community minded.
- The proposals are financially unfair.
- Inappropriate initial consultation process.
- The proposals will (detrimentally) affect house prices.