

AREA COMMITTEE: LUTON NORTH

DATE: 10TH JANUARY 2005

SUBJECT: CONTACT WITH SHOP OWNERS REGARDING CAR
PARKING OUTSIDE SHOPS NOS 146-156 SUNDON
PARK ROAD

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL		COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: SUNDON PARK

PURPOSE

1. To update the Area Committee on progress on consultation with the shop owners/traders regarding a solution to the parking problems associated with the shops at Nos. 146 to 156 Sundon Park Road.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the Luton North Area Committee notes the contents of the report and determines that if agreement cannot be reached with the owners/traders of the shops then the revised parking arrangement should be dropped from the 'Parking in Neighbourhood Shops' programme of work.

BACKGROUND

3. This issue was first reported to the meeting of the Bramingham, Northwell and Sundon Park Area Committee held on 7th January 2004 when the following was resolved: -

- i. 'That the shop owners and traders of Nos. 146 – 156 Sundon Park Road are consulted with regard to the introduction of a revised parking arrangement as described for Option B.'*
4. The outcome of this consultation was reported back to the Bramingham, Northwell and Sundon Park Area Committee on the 1st June 2004 with a verbal update on progress to the newly formed Luton North Area Committee on 21st September 2004 when the following was resolved: -
 - i. 'That the Engineering Services Manager be instructed to make further contact with the shop owners in Sundon Park in respect of the issue of car parking on the forecourt outside Nos. 146-156 Sundon Park Road on an individual basis, and to liaise with Ward Councillors on the matter'.*
 - ii. 'That if agreed the Parking Scheme outside Nos. 146-156 Sundon Park Road be funded from corporate Capital Budget rather than impose on the shop owners or Area Committee budget'.*

REPORT

5. Further contact has since been made via one of the shop owners who as been acting as a go-between with the other owners/traders. However, it has not been possible to make further progress with an agreement as some of the other owners/traders do not consider there to be a problem with the current parking situation.

PROPOSAL/OPTION

6. The Portfolio Holder for Environment has requested that all the owners/traders should be written to again setting out the revised parking arrangement and requesting their agreement/comments. A verbal update will be provided on any further progress at the Area Committee.
7. It is proposed that if agreement cannot be reached with the owners/traders at this stage then the revised parking arrangement should be dropped from the 'Parking in Neighbourhood Shops' programme of work.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. The revised parking arrangement proposed is likely to cost in the region of £5,000, however this may increase if substantial utility company alterations are required. It has been agreed that this will be funded within the Capital Programme for 2004/2005 under the Corporate Capital budget entitled 'Parking in Neighbourhood Shops'.
9. Agreed by the departmental Finance Manager 21st December 2004.

APPENDIX

None

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

None