

COMMITTEE: NORTH AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 31ST MAY 2007

SUBJECT: PETITION - AMENDMENT TO PARKING
RESTRICTIONS, MOUNT PLEASANT ROAD

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING & TRANSPORTATION

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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	✓	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES		ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	✓	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING		OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: LIMBURY

PURPOSE

1. To report to this Area Committee the receipt of a petition containing 18 signatures from users of the Busy Bees Pre-School Nursery, Mount Pleasant Road requesting that they be provided with sufficient (on-street) parking for parents to pick up children.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That the North Luton Area Committee note receipt of the petition.
3. That the North Luton Area Committee agree that the restrictions relating to the two residents only parking bays opposite the church be amended to allow short term visitors to park for up to 30 minutes.

BACKGROUND

4. In December 2005 the Legrave Area Residents Parking Scheme was introduced. The effect of this was to make a number of roads in the area, including Mount Pleasant Road, available only for residents parking. The scheme operates Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm.
5. Busy Bees Pre-School Nursery operates from the Methodist Church situated in Mount Pleasant Road. The Church has very limited off-street parking facilities. The Legrave Area Residents Parking Scheme was introduced following extensive consultation and, at that time, parking for the Church during the weekdays was not raised as a problem.
6. There are approximately 20 spaces provided on-street for permit holders, and there are 18 such permit holders in Mount Pleasant Road. Observations carried out at one mid-day period recorded 9 vehicles displaying permits, so there would appear to be some spare capacity for short-term visitors

PROPOSAL/OPTION

7. It is proposed that the restrictions relating to the two residents only parking bays opposite the church be amended to allow short term visitors to park for up to 30 minutes.
8. The North Luton Area Committee should note that there may be objections following publication of the proposal. Objections can be dealt with by the Head of Engineering and Transportation in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, however, any significant or contentious objections will be reported to this Committee.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The changes will require an amendment to the Traffic Order. Agreed with the relevant solicitor in Legal Services 17 May 2007.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The amendment to the Traffic Order and new signage will cost approximately £1000. Funds for this are available in the LTP budget for 2007/2008 under outstanding items for completion of parking schemes. This has been agreed with the Finance Manager on 17 May 2007.

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

There are no background papers to this report.