

Committee:	Petitions and Representation Board			
Date of Meeting:	05 October 2020			
Subject:	Petition – Suspension of residents parking scheme – Erin Close, Luton – Consultation results			
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Implications:	Legal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Community Safety	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Equalities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Financial	<input type="checkbox"/>	Consultations	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Staffing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wards Affected:	Saints			

Purpose

1. To report to the Petitions and Representation Board, the results of the additional consultation relating to the residents parking scheme – Erin Close, Luton.

Recommendations

2. **The Board is recommended:**
 - (i) **To note receipt of the petition**
 - (ii) **To recommend to the Executive that the residents permit scheme, Erin Close, Luton is suspended and advertised for removal as part of the 2021/22 programme of works**
 - (iii) **To instruct the Service Director, Public Realm to advise the petitioners**

Background

3. A petition from 20 residents of Erin Close and Erin Court was presented to the Petitions and Representation Board at their meeting on 10 July 2019.
4. The Board requested that the local ward councillors and Portfolio holder for Public Realm met with representatives of the Erin Close to reach a consensus. This meeting was held on 14th August 2019.
5. It was agreed that a consultation was undertaken and the results of this was reported to the Board on 27 January 2020. However, the option of removing the scheme was not given as an option and therefore, the Board agreed that the consultation should be repeated.

Report

6. A letter with a questionnaire was hand delivered to all residents of Erin Close and Erin Court (46 properties) in early July 2020. Residents had until the 22 July 2022 to respond either by e-mail or to a free post address.
7. 26 responses from 24 households (52%) were received. Two responses were received from two households. These have been included in the summary below as one of the households did not agree with each other. Appendix A shows the responses. The table below shows a summary of the responses.

Preferences	No. response	% of those responding
Prefer scheme to remain Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm	1	4%
Prefer the scheme to be changed to Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm	2	8%
Prefer to the residents permit scheme to be withdrawn	23	88%

8. The cost of removing the scheme would be approximately £2500. This costs includes advertising the removal of the Traffic Regulation Order and removal of the signs. Should any objections be received to the removal of the scheme these will be considered through the usual procedures.
9. The programme of works is fully committed for 2020/21 both in terms of funding and officer resources to implement. Therefore, it is recommended that the removal of the scheme is added to the draft programme of works for 2021/22 and submitted for consideration by the Executive as part of the usual budget.
10. However, the scheme could be suspended by covering over the signs until such time as the scheme is formally removed. No refund of residents' permits would be made for the cost of purchasing the residents permits should the scheme be removed.

Proposal/Options

11. The Board has the following options
 - a. To recommend to the Executive that the residents permit scheme is suspended and advertised for removal as part of the next financial year (2021/22) programme of works as a further cost to the Council of approximately £2500. **This is the recommended option.**
 - b. To recommend to the Executive that the removal of the residents permit scheme is formally advertised within the 2020/21 programme of works –

This is not recommended as it would result in other programmed works being delayed.

- c. To continue with the scheme – Given that the costs of the scheme were clearly stated to resident at the time that the Traffic Regulation Order was advertised. Only one objection was received at this time. The scheme does regulate parking as requested in the original petition. This is not recommended as this is against the majority of the residents who responded to the consultation

Appendix

Appendix A - Responses to the residents parking scheme consultation – Erin Close, Luton

List of Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972, Section 100D

1. Report entitled Petition - Suspension of Residents Parking Scheme – Erin Close dated 10 July 2019
2. Report entitled Petition – Residents Parking on Erin Close – Update dated 18 April 2018
3. Report entitled Petition – Residents Parking – Erin Close dated 21 February 2018
4. Report entitled Petition – Residents Parking – Erin Close dated 27 January 2020

Implications

Item	Details	Clearance Agreed By	Dated
Legal			
Finance			
Equalities			
Environment			
Community Safety			
Staffing			
Consultations			
Other			