
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting

Date: 5 February 2013

Subject: Petition – Parking Restrictions Borough Road/Howard Place Dunstable

Report of: Jane Moakes, Assistant Director Environmental Services

Summary: The purpose of this report is to present a petition submitted by Dunstable Town Councillor Reynolds from 52 residents of Howard Place and nearby streets for parking controls at the junction of Borough Road.

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Public/Exempt: Public

Wards Affected: Dunstable Manshead

Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

This work could be funded from within existing allocations

Legal:

None as a result of this report.

Risk Management:

None as a result of this report.

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None as a result of this report.

Equalities/Human Rights:

None as a result of this report.

Community Safety:

None as a result of this report.

Sustainability:

None as a result of this report

**RECOMMENDATION(S): That the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities
– Services**

- (a) be informed of the petition presented by Dunstable Town Councillor Reynolds
- (b) agree the advertisement of restrictions
- (c) inform the lead petitioner of the outcome of the meeting

Background to the petition

1. A petition has been presented by Dunstable Town Councillor Reynolds representing 52 residents of the area requesting no waiting at any time restrictions at the junction of Howard Place and Borough Road due to consistent parking of vehicles on and around the junction in such a manner as to cause potential danger to those using the junction.

Additional information

2. Parking close to junctions is discouraged within section 234 of the highway code and is generally bad practice. In some areas however it is common practice. It is impractical to offer protection to all junctions by use of traffic regulation orders where such parking is the norm but where we feel that it results in particular difficulties and potential lack of safety for road users a traffic regulation order can be justified.
3. In the case of Howard Place/Borough Road observations have been undertaken by officers and the restriction is deemed justified. As a result it will be included within a future order to be advertised within the Dunstable area.
4. The Executive Member for Sustainable Communities-Services has implemented a procedure whereby proposed Traffic Regulation Orders within a geographic area will be advertised periodically when there are a number of them to reduce the overall cost of consultation. the next advertisement for the Dunstable area is likely to be made in Feb/March 2013.

Appendix 1: Petition in support of parking restrictions on Borough Road/Howard Place