
Meeting: Traffic Management Meeting
Date: 20 March 2014
Subject: Arlesey - Petition Requesting Parking Controls
Report of: Paul Mason, Head of Highways
Summary: This report presents representations received from residents of Arlesey seeking parking controls

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: Arlesey
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

Financial:

There is an allocation within the Local Area Transport Plan for Arlesey for the parking study.

Legal:

None from this report

Risk Management:

None from this report

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None from this report

Equalities/Human Rights:

None from this report

Community Safety:

None from this report

Sustainability:

None from this report.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Executive Member for Sustainable Communities - Services note that a car parking study will be undertaken following the completion of the private car park and implementation of parking controls in the station access road and that the lead petitioner be advised accordingly.

Background and Information

1. A petition has been received from the Arlesey Residents Association seeking parking controls to address concerns at commuter parking in residential streets in Arlesey.
2. Arlesey has a main line rail station to the north of the village that attracts considerable numbers of commuters mainly arriving by car.
3. There is insufficient parking at the station to accommodate these vehicles. A Traffic Regulation Order has also been implemented on the station access roads to keep these free of parked cars and maintain access to the station and other property accessed from it.
4. A private car park has been constructed close to the station and this is currently in use but not being charged for until additional waiting restrictions and the necessary car park management equipment are in place. This is likely to be in the next few months.
5. The Council has included undertaking a study of the car parking in the part of Arlesey closest to the station to determine the level of commuter parking within the Local Area Transport Plan to with a view to addressing it. It has not yet proved appropriate to undertake this as the operation of a new private car park and subsequent changes to parking controls on the station access road, both factors that will affect on street parking, have yet to be fully implemented.
6. The petition from the Arlesey Residents Association included the results of a house to house survey representing 186 properties. This shows a strong preference amongst those who responded for the introduction of single yellow lines rather than double yellow lines or residents parking. This information will be retained and will be useful in looking at any required measures following the study.
7. The car parking study will be undertaken after the new parking regime at the station has settled down. This will be undertaken as soon as is reasonably possible but will avoid the school summer holiday as this affects commuter numbers. The study will also take into account wider concerns about on-street parking raised by Arlesey Town Council.