

Central Bedfordshire Council

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT MEETING

30 OCTOBER 2018

Petition – Prince Street and Albion Street Parking

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Purpose of this report

1. To report on the petition to reverse the introduction of “resident permit holders only” parking in Albion Street and Princes Street, Dunstable.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Traffic Management Meeting is asked to:

1. **Note the Petition**
2. **Not to implement the petition request to revert the parking changes previously implemented.**

Issues

Background Information

2. Central Bedfordshire Council converted in 2017 the on-street parking bays along Albion Street and Princes Street from a 2-hour time limit, with “Permit holders exempt from time limit,” to “Resident permit holders only” parking.
3. Central Bedfordshire Council has received in October 2018 a petition to reinstate previous parking restrictions.

Options for consideration

4. The petition proposal is to allow non-resident parking on Prince Street and Albion Street with at least 1-hour maximum waiting time from 08.30am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.
5. The petition was received from Icknield Veterinary Group due to the perceived adverse effect on customer access to their premises due to the recently implemented parking restrictions.

Reason/s for decision

6. The proposal to allow non-resident parking on Price Street and Albion Street is recommended to be rejected for the following reasons:
 - a. The implemented parking changes were introduced in 2017 responding to a number of complaints made by residents stating the lack of parking spaces since these were used by non-residents. Reversing the parking restrictions to allow non-resident parking would mean returning to this issue for residents.
 - b. Icknield Veterinary Group has an existing off-road private car park which should minimise the need for customers to park on the street.

Council Priorities

7. Not applicable.

Corporate Implications

8. Not applicable.

Legal Implications

9. Not applicable.

Financial and Risk Implications

10. Not applicable.

Equalities Implications

11. Not applicable.

Conclusion and next Steps

12. The petition proposals are recommended to be rejected as there is insufficient justification to revert the existing parking restrictions.

Appendices

Appendix A: Petition Signatures

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PETITION - CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

We, the undersigned wish to draw the Council's attention to the problems caused to the clients and the personnel of the Icknield Veterinary Group by the recent change in Parking Regulations in Princes Street and Albion Street.

The change to 'Resident Permit Holders Only' is causing great difficulties in parking access for clients, and potentially increasing danger to humans, animals and property. We request that the change should be reversed to allow non-resident parking for at least 1 hour, during the hours of 08.30 am to 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

| Date | Full Name | Address | Post code | Signature |
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