

Report of the Strategic Director Regeneration and Culture to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 15 October 2014.

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Subject:

PETITION – GRANT STREET, BRADFORD

Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting that the existing No Waiting At Anytime restrictions on the south side of Grant Street are reviewed to allow parking on Saturdays and Sundays.

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1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report considers a petition from the Gurdwara Singh Sabha Temple on Grant Street requesting that the existing No Waiting At Anytime restrictions on the south side of Grant Street are reviewed to allow parking on Saturdays and Sundays.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Petition – Grant Street, Bradford (141 signatures)

- 2.1 A petition has been received from Gurdwara Singh Sabha Temple on Grant Street requesting that the existing No Waiting At Anytime restrictions on the south side of Grant Street are reviewed to allow parking on Saturdays and Sundays for the benefit of visitors to the Temple.
- 2.2 In December 2013 a consultation letter was sent to the Temple and businesses in the area proposing the relaxation of the No Waiting At Anytime restriction on the south side of Grant Street on Sundays to the restriction of No Waiting, Monday to Saturday between 8am and 6pm.
- 2.3 A local business responded to this consultation stating that if parking was allowed to take place on both sides of Grant Street it would cause problems of access to their delivery yard. They requested the existing No Waiting At Anytime remain as they were and if possible introduce an additional length of No Waiting At Anytime restriction on the opposite side of the road. They stated that deliveries are received at the weekends.
- 2.4 Grant Street is 6.8 metres wide and therefore if parking does take place on both sides of the road access to the business at the end of Grant Street would be difficult and not possible for larger vehicles including delivery lorries and fire appliances.
- 2.5 In March 2014 a letter was sent out to the Temple and the businesses in the area informing them that in the light of a representation received the existing waiting restrictions were to remain as they are with parking allowed on one side of Grant Street only. This is to enable emergency access and deliveries to be made to the business at the end of the street at all times.
- 2.6 In response to this letter the Gurdwara Singh Sabha Temple wrote to the Council challenging the decision and sent in the petition asking for the existing waiting restrictions to be changed to allow parking on Grant Street on Saturdays and Sundays. The petition is attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.7 Details of the points made in the letter accompanying the petition and officer comments are listed in Appendix 3.

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 This matter was on the agenda of the meeting of this Area Committee on 17 September 2014. However at that meeting it was resolved that consideration of the petition by deferred to a future meeting.

- 3.2 A subsequent site meeting has determined that it would be feasible to rationalise parking restrictions on Grant Street and parts of Garnett Street in the immediate vicinity of Grant Street without adversely affecting business or emergency services access arrangements; this would release additional on-street parking space. It has also emerged that some minor amendments would improve access for large vehicles.
- 3.3 Any modifications to waiting restrictions on Grant Street, as detailed in para. 3.2 would still not facilitate parking on both sides of the road (as requested by the petitioners) as this would not be supported as a result of highway safety and access concerns.

4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL

- 4.1 The estimated cost of an independent Traffic Regulation Order to modify existing waiting restrictions would be £5,000 and would need to be met from the Safer Roads Budget. Alternatively such works could be included in a future various sites Traffic Regulation Order, as and when one is approved by this Area Committee.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

- 5.1 Any proposals to allow on-street parking on both sides Grant Street would compromise potential access for emergency services vehicles and prevent deliveries to a local business.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

- 6.1 The options contained in this report are within the Councils powers as Highway Authority and Traffic Regulation Authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 states that the Council must, in the exercise of its functions “have due regard to the need to eliminate conduct that is prohibited by this Act, advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and fostering good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. For this purpose section 149 defines “relevant protected characteristics” as including a range of characteristics including disability, race and religion.

Notwithstanding this, the anticipated detrimental impact on road safety outweighs any benefit that the allowance of additional on-street parking on Grant Street would deliver.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

There are no sustainability implications arising from this report.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

There is no impact on the Council’s own and the wider District’s carbon footprint and emissions from other greenhouse gases arising from this report.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

Removal of the existing waiting restrictions on Grant Street to allow parking on both sides of the road would result in the obstruction of access to businesses premises and be detrimental to road safety.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Bowling and Barkerend ward members have been consulted.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose to follow a different course of action to that proposed in the officer recommendations; in which case they will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That no further action is taken on the request to modify the waiting restrictions on Grant Street to allow parking on both sides of the road.

10.2 That Grant Street and Garnett Street be added to the outstanding list of requests for Traffic Regulation Orders to be given future consideration for funding by the Bradford East Area Committee with a view to modifying waiting restrictions on these streets to facilitate additional parking and improve access.

10.3 That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1: Grant Street – Petition.

11.2 Appendix 2: Grant Street – Location Plan.

11.3 Appendix 3: Details of petitioners letter and officer comments.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

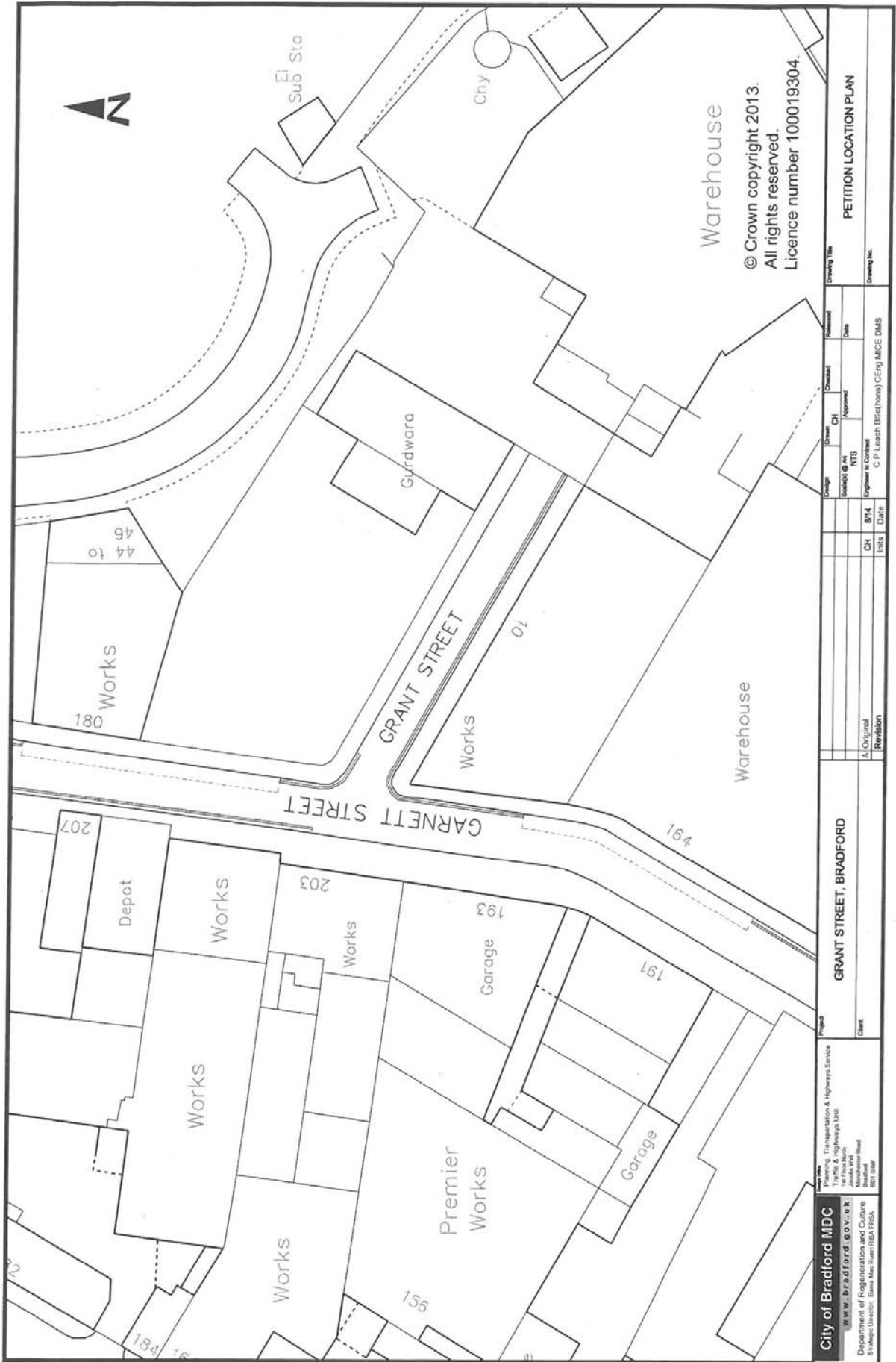
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REVERSAL ON DECISION ON 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' ON GRANT STREET, BD3.

We, the undersigned, call for the removal of the parking restrictions on Grant Street, BD3 during Saturdays and Sundays and for the Council to meet the original proposal.

We the community attending Gurdwara Singh Sabha were very pleased that the council was going to remove the parking restrictions that existed on one side of Grant Street on Saturdays and Sundays. As the majority of the congregation that attends Gurdwara Singh Sabha are either elderly or are families with young children, the additional parking spaces created by lifting the restriction would be valuable and a major benefit.

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PETITION LOCATION PLAN

| Drawing No. | Date | Description |
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| Petitioners Comments | Officers Comments |
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| The petitioners were pleased to see that existing restrictions were going to be removed on Saturdays and Sundays. | The initial letter was sent out to investigate if a Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm restriction could be implemented. Therefore restrictions would still have applied on Saturdays. |
| Many attending the congregation at the Temple are elderly or young families with children, the additional spaces created would be a major benefit. | The Temple has its own car parking facilities. There are on street car parking spaces available, both on Grant Street and Garnett Street. Grant Street is unrestricted on one side, and Garnett Street has lengths of 2hr Limited Waiting in operation, Monday to Saturday, 8am to 6pm. There is an opportunity for those managing this facility to prioritise the available parking. |
| The Temple's address is located on Grant Street. The business which does not want the restrictions changed does not have its main address on Grant Street | The Council can not allow obstructions to be made on the highway, regardless of what address properties are located at. |
| The Temple has not witnessed vehicles parked on both sides of Grant Street causing a problem to deliveries. | There are existing No Waiting At Anytime restrictions on Grant Street, therefore it is prohibited for parking to occur on one side of the street. Any vehicle parking on the existing restrictions will be in contravention of the Traffic Regulation Order. It is evident that, at times, some vehicles park either wholly or partially on the footway on Grant Street which is detrimental to pedestrian safety. It is likely that would be exacerbated if additional on-street parking were to be introduced. |
| Relaxation of the restrictions on weekends will not affect commercial interests, as there are a reduced number of deliveries, if any. | The business adjacent to the Temple has contacted the council and stated that they do receive deliveries on weekends. |
| Removing restrictions will not be at the detriment of road safety and there will be sufficient space for emergency vehicles. | Grant Street is 6.8m wide. If parking were to occur on both sides of the street then insufficient road width would remain for the passage of vehicles, particularly delivery vehicles, fire appliances and refuse wagons. |