

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford East Area Committee to be held on 14 September 2017.

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Subject:

PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers the following petitions relating to traffic matters:

- 1) Gladstone Street, Bradford – Request for permit parking
- 2) Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Request for permit parking

Ward: 6 Bradford Moor

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Environment and Waste Management

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 Two petitions relating to traffic matters. These are:

- a) Gladstone Street, Bradford – Request for permit parking
- b) Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Request for permit parking

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 Background information is given in Appendices 1 and 2.

Appendix 1 Gladstone Street, Bradford (43 signatures)

Appendix 2 Rowan Avenue, Bradford (22 signatures)

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members have been consulted. No comments have been received.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 The options contained in this report are within the Council's powers as highway authority and traffic regulation authority.

7.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

Due regard has been given to Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 when investigating these matters.

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

There are no community safety implications of this report.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Bradford Moor ward members have been consulted on the petitions.

7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS

None

8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None

9.0 OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose alternative recommendations on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That no action be taken on the request for permit parking on Gladstone Street, Bradford.

10.2 That the Police and wardens (including CCTV vehicle) increase passing patrols of Rowan Avenue and that residents be encourage to contact the council in respect of blocked drives.

10.3 That officers offer a school road safety assembly to Thornbury Academy.

10.4 That no action be taken on the request for permit parking on Rowan Avenue, Bradford.

10.5 That the petitioners are informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Gladstone Street, Bradford – Petition and location plan.

11.2 Appendix 2 – Rowan Avenue, Bradford – Petition and location plan.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

Petition – Gladstone Street, Bradford (43 signatures)**Background information**

1. The petitioners are requesting the introduction of permit parking on Gladstone Street, Bradford. The signatures are from the sections of Gladstone Street between Folkestone Street and Leeds Road. The petitioners claim that people from other streets park in Gladstone Street leaving vehicles there for weeks and that because there are 3 shops and a mosque the parking is overcrowded.
2. Gladstone Street is a typical residential street of terraced properties. There are a number of similar streets in the vicinity. All of the streets in the neighbourhood were observed to have a similar level of parking.
3. The Council has an approved policy on Community On-Street Permit Parking which provides selection criteria to assess the relative severity of the parking problems and to help determine priorities for their implementation. In general terms 80% of parking space needs to be occupied for over 6 hours a day, for over 4 days a week and a significant amount of that needs to be parking by non-residents. The criteria must be met before a scheme can be considered. Four site visits have been undertaken and free parking space was available on all occasions.
4. It would not be usual practice to introduce permit parking on a single street in an area like this as this would merely transfer any problem parking from one street to another. However the introduction of a permit parking zone to encompass all of the neighbouring streets would not solve the situation described because all residents would be entitled to permits and they could park on any street within the zone. Residents parking schemes are not designed to share out limited parking space between neighbours they are to help residents who have to compete for scarce parking space which is being used by people from outside of the local area, for example commuters or students.
5. The parking needs of shops in the neighbourhood which will be serving local people would need to be accommodated in any permit scheme with for example time limited waiting for non-permit holders. However parking for shops will currently be of short term duration with a high turnover and therefore restricting parking in this way will be of no benefit. The problem parking associated with the mosque will only occur for a relatively short period of time on mosque days and whilst it is appreciated that this can cause inconvenience for local residents this parking would not meet the criteria in the council policy.

Recommendations


6. That no action be taken.

Petition for Residential Permit Parking for Gladstone St, BD3

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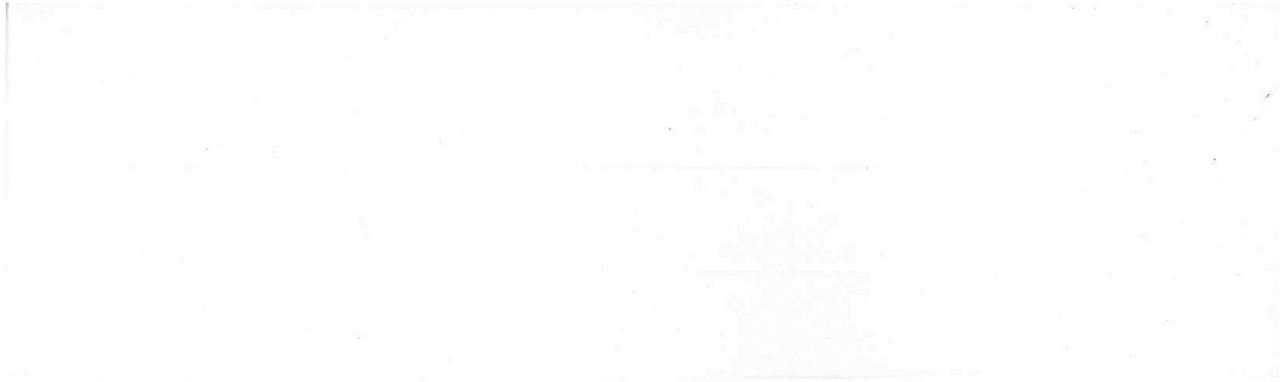
Petition – Rowan Avenue, Bradford (22 signatures)**Background information**

1. The petitioners are requesting the introduction of permit parking on Rowan Avenue, Bradford. Due to the close proximity of Thornbury Academy, children are dropped off and picked up from Rowan Avenue which causes inconvenience for residents and their visitors and safety concerns. Other streets in the area have recently had resident only parking schemes introduced which the petitioners believe has led to some displaced parking from nearby businesses.
2. This petition was initially presented to the meeting of the Bradford East Area Committee on 16 February 2017. At the meeting it was resolved:

That in relation to Rowan Avenue, Bradford a further report be presented to the Committee after consultation with Ward Officers and the Police on the issues raised by the petitioners.
3. A site meeting on 29 June 2017 was attended by officers from Highways and the Area Coordinator's office and the Police. It was concluded that:
 - i. The Police and wardens will increase passing patrols.
 - ii. The Council's CCTV car would include this area as part of its route plan.
 - iii. Residents have the option of contacting the Council to ask wardens to enforce people parking and obstructing drives (but this will need to apply to all vehicles).
 - iv. Bradford East wardens to offer a school road safety assembly to Thornbury Academy to encourage safer and more considerate parent parking.
 - v. Officers are unable to progress request for residents only parking as this location does not meet the policy criteria.

Recommendations

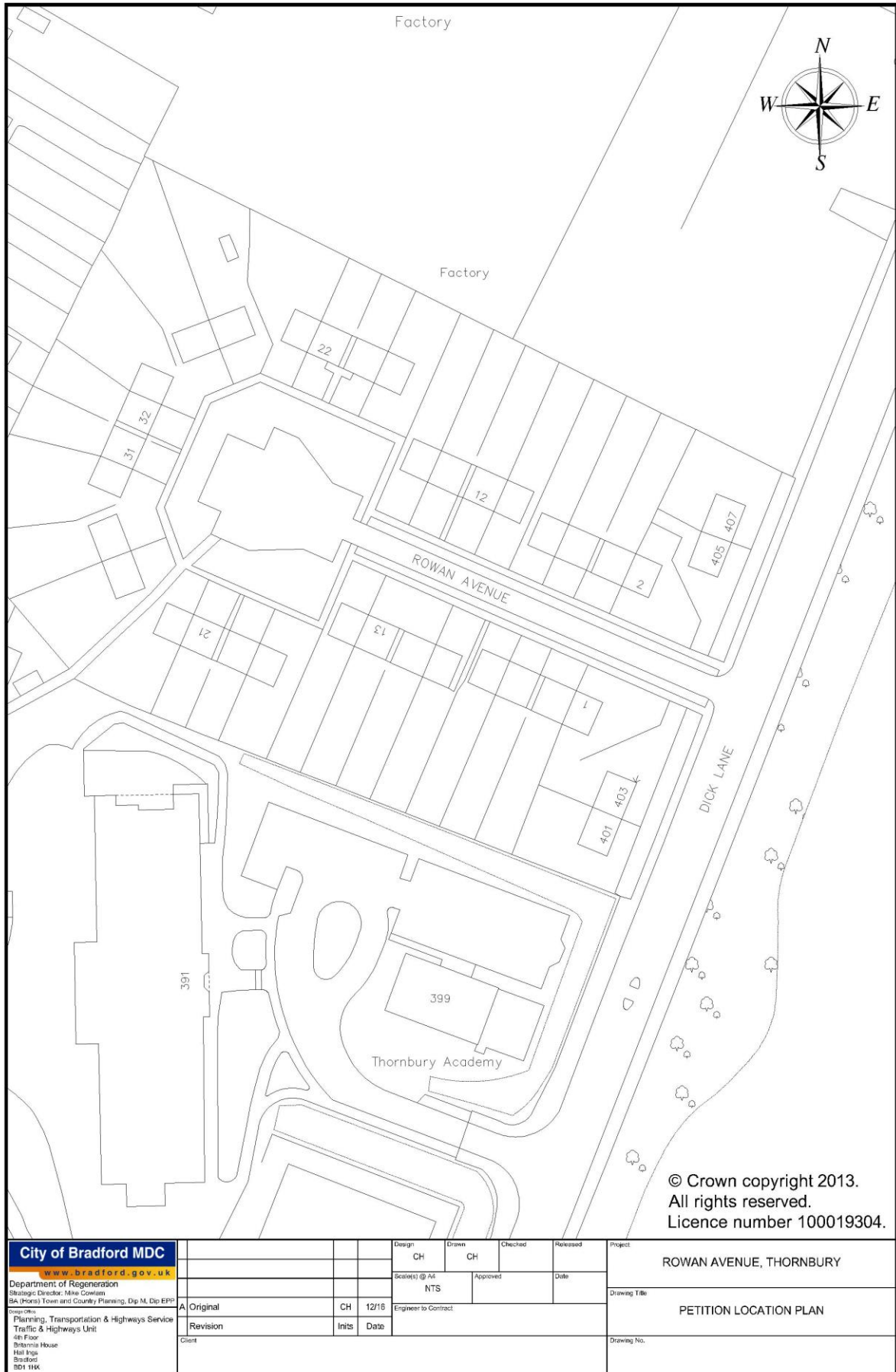
4. That the Police and wardens (including CCTV vehicle) increase passing patrols of Rowan Avenue and that residents be encourage to contact the council in respect of blocked drives.
5. That officers offer a school road safety assembly to Thornbury Academy.
6. That no further action be taken on the request for Permit Parking on Rowan Avenue.



PARKING PERMITS

We the Residents of Rowan Avenue have concerns about cars parking issues from the school, businesses, and concern about parents walking their children to school and elder people who live on this avenue as well.

We the residents are fed up with these issue, there is accident waiting to happen when it does what is going to be done about these issues we have mentioned.



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