

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 23 December 2019

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Subject:

PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS

Summary statement:

This report considers the following traffic matters:

- 1) Bonn Road, Bradford – Requesting permit parking
- 2) Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Request for bollards and street works

Wards: Toller and Clayton & Fairweather Green

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1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers two petitions relating to traffic matters. These are:

- a) Bonn Road, Bradford – Requesting permit parking
- b) Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Request for bollards

2.0 BACKGROUND

Background information is given in Appendices 1 and 2:

Appendix 1 Bonn Road, Bradford – Requesting permit parking (30 signatures)

Appendix 2 Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Request for bollards/street works (27 signatures)

3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 Local ward members have been consulted. Any comments received will be reported verbally to this meeting.

4.0 FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no financial or resource implications arising from this report. Any schemes nominated for future consideration will be subject to the prioritisation of funding through the Safer Roads capital programme.

5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no risks arising from this report.

6.0 LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no Legal implications associated with the officer recommendations. Any Traffic Regulation Orders approved for inclusion in future programmes could be promoted under 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 this matter.

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.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

There are no implications on the Human Rights Act.

7.6 TRADE UNION

None

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

Bonn Road is located within the Toller ward and the local ward members have been consulted on the petition.

Vine Terrace East is located within the Clayton and Fairweather Green ward and the local 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 further action be taken on the request for permit parking on Bonn Road, Bradford.

10.2 That an item for Traffic Management Measures on Vine Terrace East be added to the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Bradford West Safer Roads budget.

10.3 That as and when Vine Terrace East has been prioritised for funding as part of the Bradford West Safer Roads programme, a consultation exercise with local residents, ward members and other key partners be carried out to determine a preferred scheme.

10.4 That no further action be taken on the requests to undertake highway improvement works or street cleansing operations on Vine Terrace East.

10.5 That the petitioners be informed accordingly.

11.0 APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 – Bonn Road, Bradford – Petition background information and location plan.

11.2 Appendix 2 – Vine Terrace East, Bradford – Petition background information and location plan.

12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

12.1 None.

Petition – Bonn Road, Bradford (30 signatures)**Background information**

1. The petitioners have stated *“We, the undersigned, request Bradford West Area Committee and the highways department to consider a residents parking scheme for Bonn Road as it is becoming extremely difficult to cope with the double parking and residents & car dealers parking their vehicles on Bonn Road. We would like to add Bradford Royal Infirmary is within 500 yards from Bonn Road and we believe hospital users have been using our road for parking which is cause for concern.”*
2. Bonn Road is a typical residential street of terraced properties. There are a number of similar streets in the vicinity. Other streets in the neighbourhood have been observed to have a similar level of parking and reported similar issues in the past.
3. A number of site visits to Bonn Road, Heidelberg Road and Mannheim Road have been carried out throughout the day and it was found that spaces were available in the daytime. On Heidelberg Road some double parking was observed which made it difficult for vehicles to pass. The reason for this was not clear as, as stated before, there were free kerbside spaces available. On a night time visit there were very few vacant parking spaces and it is considered that this can be attributed to there not being enough on street space to accommodate the residents’ needs.
4. 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. It is also stated that issues must be attributable to a significant level of parking from external sources (for instance commuters, students or large employment sites) rather than from residents. 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. 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. Furthermore 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.
6. With regard to car dealers parking their vehicles on the street; it is difficult to identify vehicles that are for sale on the highway with most sales being carried out on the internet. Enforcement therefore relies mainly on information about the dealers and the cars for sale being provided to the enforcement officers.
7. Incidences of obstructive and dangerous parking can be enforced by the Police. It is also possible that increased warden patrols can encourage more responsible parking.

8. This petition was previously reported to the Bradford West Area Committee on 28 November 2018. It was resolved that the matter “*be deferred until such time as the outcomes of the members’ permit parking working group are known.*” The discussions through the working group have now come to a close. No changes to the existing policy are proposed at this time.

Recommendations

9. That no further action be taken on the request for permit parking on Bonn Road.
10. That the Police and wardens increase passing patrols of the Bonn Road area and that residents be encouraged to contact the Police in respect of obstructive and/or dangerous parking.
11. That the residents provide as much information as possible about the illegal sale of vehicles from the highway and this can be investigated by the Enforcement Officers.



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Petition – Vine Terrace East, Bradford (27 signatures)**Background information**

1. The petitioners are requested that Vine Terrace East have bollards put up in the centre of the road and the whole street be repaired by the Council. An issue with litter is also raised. The petition wording is attached in Appendix 2.
2. Vine Terrace East is an unadopted residential street of terraced properties. It is adjacent to Vine Terrace West and Olive Grove, both of these are adopted.
3. In August 2018 one-way systems were introduced on Vine Terrace West and Olive Grove. This was to address traffic flow issues at school start and finish times and also the rate of collisions at the Vine Terrace (West) and Olive Grove junctions with Thornton Road. Before the scheme was implemented there had been 7 collisions resulting in injury (2 collisions at Vine Terrace (West) and 5 Collisions at Olive Grove). In the 14 months since the introduction of the one way systems there have been no collisions at these junctions. The scheme was promoted as a casualty reduction project and at the time of investigating potential schemes, for inclusion in the Safer Roads Programme, there had been no collisions at the Vine Terrace (East) junction; this continues to be the case to date.
4. Vine Terrace East is a street which is not maintained at public expense. The Council has no responsibility to carry out repairs or cleansing to the street. The rate of Council Tax set for the properties on Vine Terrace East will take into account that the road is unadopted. The duty to maintain the street rests with the residents.
5. The current policy on street adoption is that the owners of properties on the street are responsible for paying the full cost of making the road up to adoptable standard, however the Council would also need to agree that the road is suitable for adoption as the future responsibility for maintenance would pass to the Council if the road were to be adopted. The residents would need to arrange the work themselves to an agreed standard and the Council would monitor any work carried out for compliance with the agreed specification. The Council are able to provide advice on the process, specification and also the selection of suitable contractors.
6. For this to be successful it would need significant support from the residents as they will all need to contribute. Construction to adoptable standard is generally quite expensive as it usually includes the provision of road drainage, new street lighting, full construction of road, kerbs and footways, consequently the cost can sometimes be prohibitive and occasionally residents have chosen to carry out a scheme to a lesser non-adoptable standard. The benefit of this is that the cost can be tailored to the amount of money available and so a scheme is more likely to be successful, but obviously in this case the street would not be adopted on completion and so its maintenance would remain the responsibility of the residents.

7. Further information and advice on the process can be provided and a meeting arranged to inspect the suitability of the road for possible adoption if required by the petitioners.
8. The Council's Street Cleansing team does not carry out work on undaopted streets.
9. The designation of Vine Terrace East as an unadopted road precludes any highway improvement works by the Council. However, as it is still classed as a public highway, the promotion of orders to control traffic movement is still permissible.

Recommendations

10. It is recommended that an item for Traffic Management Measures on Vine Terrace East be added to the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Bradford West Safer Roads budget.
11. It is also recommended that as and when Vine Terrace East has been prioritised for funding as part of the Bradford West Safer Roads programme, a consultation exercise with local residents, ward members and other key partners be carried out to determine a preferred scheme.
12. The Council cannot action any request to undertake highway improvement works or street cleansing operations at this location.

Petition to Bradford council and highways

I agree to Bradford Council adopting or installing bollards in the middle of the street of Vine Terrace East, Bradford, BD8 0LF. This is to improve living conditions and safety of residents.

It is respectfully requested that the council consider making Vine Terrace East, Bradford, BD8 0LF a safe road for the residents of the street.

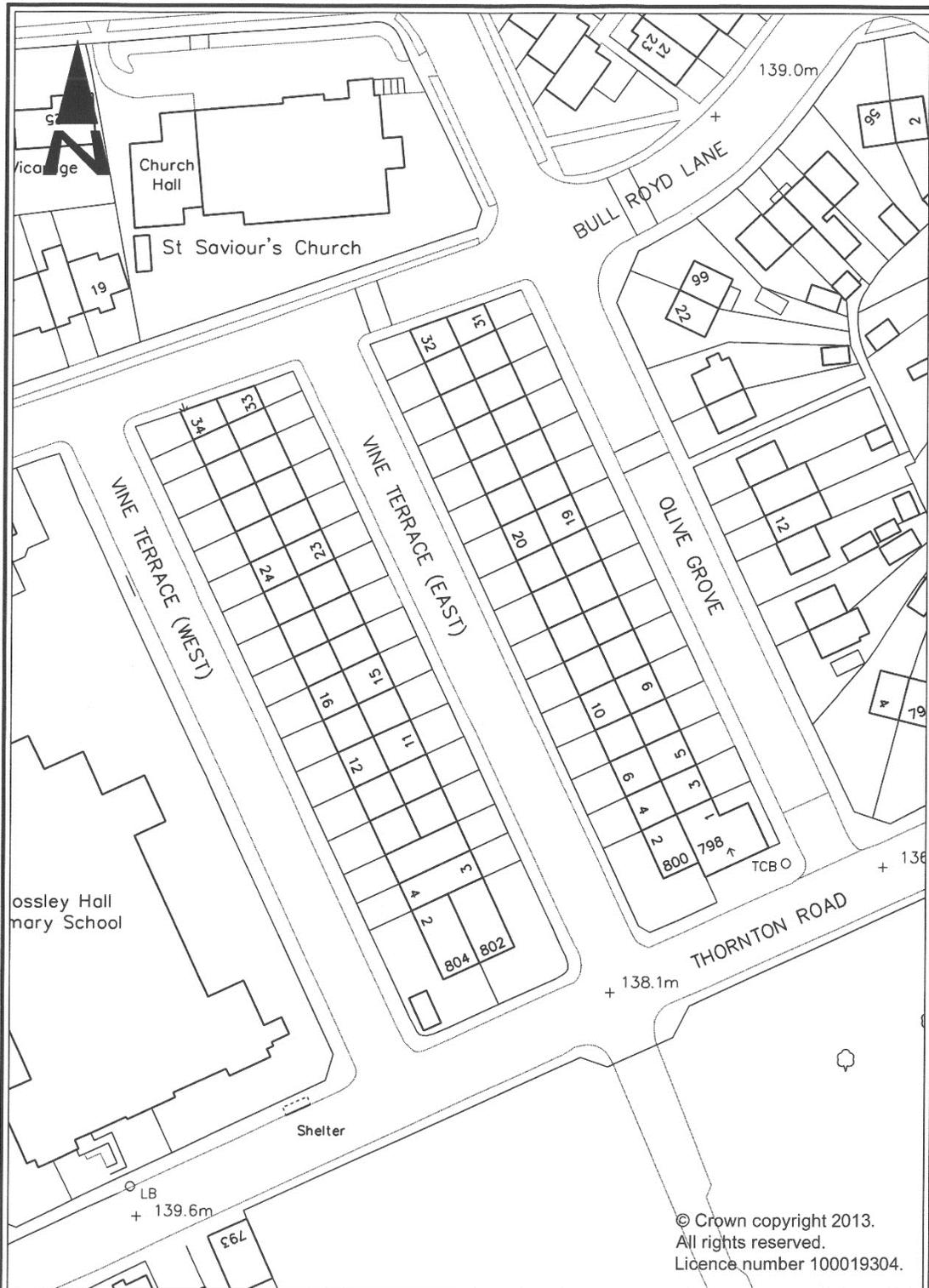
The ratepayers and residents of Vine Terrace East, whose names, details and signatures are set out on the attached list support this proposal.

The summary of reasons for the proposal is to put bollards in the middle of the street to prevent the general public using the street as a rat run (This is the best option) or adopting the full street and putting bollards in the middle to prevent non residents taking a short cut and damaging the road with wider and deeper holes being formed. Numerous flags on the pavement have been stolen due to it being Yorkshire stone which is an expensive stone. For this reason if the whole street was fully done to a good standard with tarmac then we will not be seeing flags being stolen any more and the council can reuse them for other things. The pot holes have gone much deeper and have opened up which is causing problems to the residents of Vince Terrace East vehicles (please see pictures attached). We only have two lamp posts which are dull in light. These could be replaced with energy efficient light bulbs and an extra two lamp post being installed due to the darkness in the evening and especially when elderly people walk down the street and they feel frightened as there is not much light. There is litter spewed on the street and we have not seen a single litter picker picking the mess of the street but we pay council tax (please see pictures attached). We the residents are sick and tired of the public using our street as a rat run and causing us stress and grief as they have no care in the world.

This proposal contains the signatures of the residents of Vine Terrace East and is served on behalf of the listed signatories.

Your Sincerely

Date: 30/07/2019



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