

Report of the Strategic Director Place to the meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee to be held on 16 February 2022

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Subject:

PETITIONS RELATING TO TRAFFIC MATTERS – BRADFORD WEST

Summary statement:

This report considers petitions relating to Traffic matters at the following locations:

- i. Great Horton Road, Bradford
- ii. Redburn Road, Heaton

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

It is expected that there would be no disproportionate impact from the scheme recommended for future consideration within this report. Where a scheme is prioritised for funding it will be subject to Equality Impact Assessments if potential disproportionate impact is identified through more detailed investigation and design.

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1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers petitions relating to Traffic matters at the following locations:

- i. Great Horton Road, Bradford
- ii. Redburn Road, Heaton

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Background information is provided in the Appendices to this report as follows:

Appendix 1 - Petition Great Horton Road, Bradford (48 signatures)

Appendix 2 - Petition Redburn Road, Heaton, Bradford (105 signatures)

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

3.1 The petition in respect of Redburn Road was presented to the meeting of the Council on 25 January 2022 where it was resolved:

'That the petition be referred to Bradford West Area Committee.'

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations within this report. Funding for the Great Horton Road area on-street parking restrictions would be subject to future prioritisation by the Bradford West Area Committee as and when the Safer Roads budget is next determined.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no significant risks arising out of the implementation of the proposed recommendations.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 There are no specific issues arising from this report. The course of action proposed is in general accordance with the Council's powers as Highway Authority.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

7.1.1 None

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

7.2.1 None

7.3 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.3.1 There are no community safety implications arising from the report recommendations.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.4.1 There are no implications on the Human Rights Act

7.5 TRADE UNION

7.5.1 There are no implications for the Trade Unions

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.6.1 Ward members have been consulted on the petitions.

7.7 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 There are no relevant priorities within the City or Heaton ward plans

7.8 IMPLICATIONS FOR CORPORATE PARENTING

None

7.9 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

8.1 None

9. OPTIONS

9.1 Members may propose alternative actions from those recommended on which they will receive appropriate officer advice.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the request for parking restrictions on Great Horton Road be retained on the list of schemes to be given consideration by the Bradford West Area Committee when the 2022-24 Safer Roads schemes programme is determined.
- 10.2 That the Police and wardens be requested to increase passing patrols of Great Horton Road and that residents be encouraged to contact the Police in respect of obstructive and/or dangerous parking.
- 10.3 That local residents be encouraged provide as much information as possible about the sale of vehicles from the highway to enable this to be further investigated by the Council's Highway Enforcement team.
- 10.4 That no further action be taken on the request to introduce traffic calming measures, traffic islands or safety cameras on Redburn Road.
- 10.5 That the Police be requested to continue their patrols to tackle the anti-social behaviour in the area

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1 Appendix 1 - Petition Great Horton Road, Bradford.
- 11.2 Appendix 2 - Petition Redburn Road, Heaton, Bradford.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None

Petition Great Horton Road, Bradford (48 signatures)

Background Information

The petition

The petitioners have submitted this petition to “raise the parking issues and the resulting traffic safety concerns at Great Horton Road between Summerville Road and Alexandra Street.

The primary concerns of local residents and businesses are listed below:

- *Visitors to the local snooker centre parking outside resident properties for numerous hours as the business has no parking for customers.*
- *Visitors to local food outlets remaining in their cars to have their food.*
- *Illegally parked cars causing obstruction for pedestrians and wheelchair users.*
- *Various delivery drivers, serving the local food outlets, using Great Horton Rd as a base to park.*
- *Employees from Passenger Transport Services (PTS) parking along the road during working hours (07:30 to 16:00).*
- *University students parking along the road as other local streets, surrounding the University, have parking restrictions.*
- *Surrounding streets, such as Rand Street and Alexandra Street, having been granted parking restrictions in favour of local residents has resulted in the parking issues at Great Horton Rd to become exacerbated.*
- *Also, residents of Rand Street and Alexandra Street who may not have parking permits due to an excess number of vehicles per household or with vehicles registered at other addresses use Great Horton Rd for parking.*
- *Cars for sale left along the road due to the high number of visitors to the area.*
- *On numerous occasions large commercial vehicles, not owned by local residents, left on the roadside overnight.*
- *Obstruction and delays to routine maintenance required along the highway due to parked cars. After receiving communications from the council, residents make efforts to accommodate access for maintenance operations. However, unfortunately vehicles not from the local area, who have not received similar communications from the council, cause obstructions. This is something the council is already aware of. During the most recent gully maintenance on Tuesday 6th July 2021, a number of gullies were inaccessible to the council’s maintenance teams due to parked cars who were not residents,*

*As a result of the above, the undersigned are petitioning for parking restrictions as shown in **Figure 1**, to be applied along the aforementioned area.*

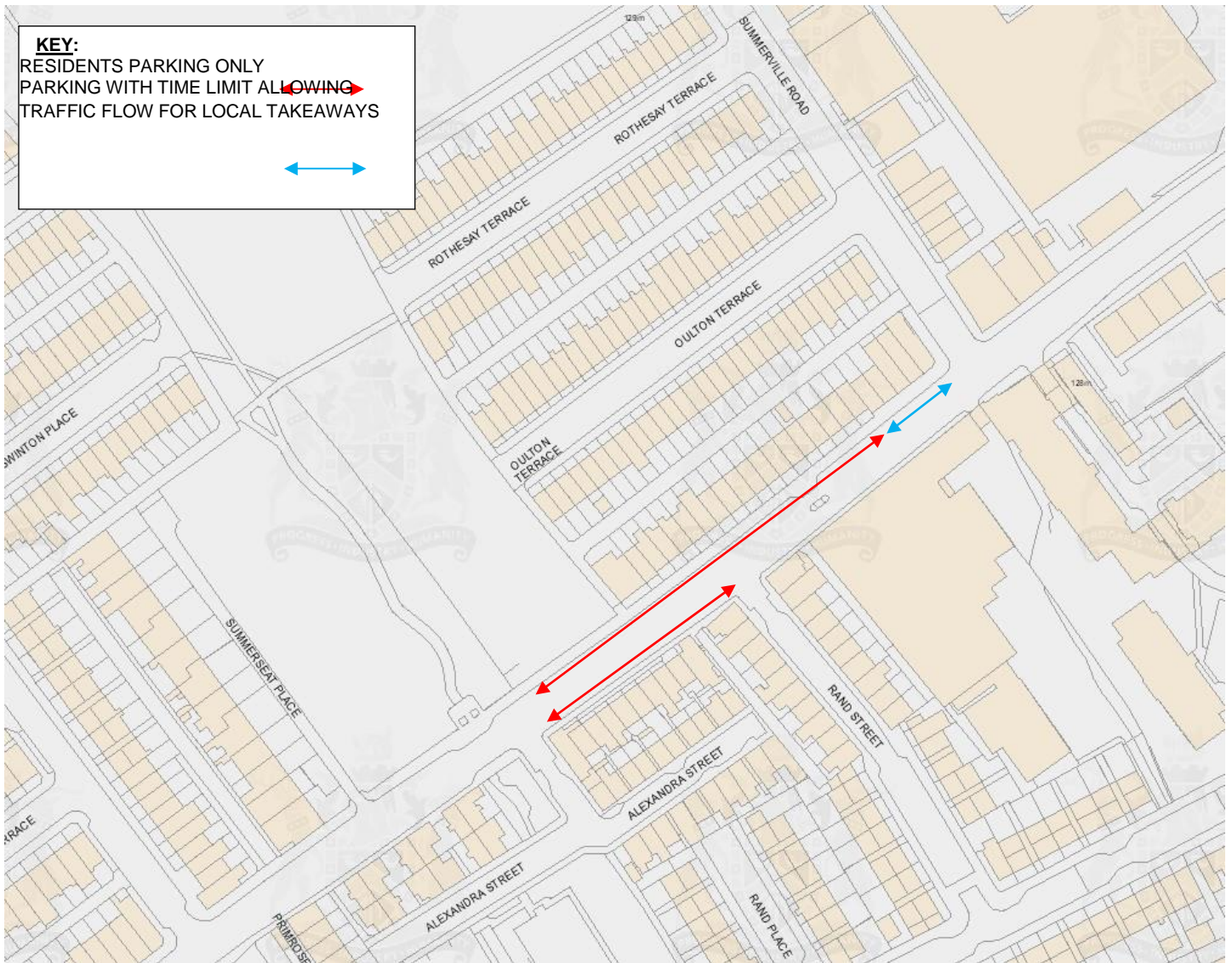


Figure 1: Parking Restrictions Proposed by Concerned Residents and Businesses

We have currently received written support from Councillor Aneela Ahmed, We look forward to hearing from you.”

Officer comments

1. Great Horton Road is a busy route to the west of the city centre with a mixture of residential and business properties (which are predominantly fast food outlets).
2. It would not be appropriate to consider wholesale parking restrictions on Great Horton Road in isolation as any displacement of parking would more than likely migrate to other residential streets on the northern side of Great Horton Road. It would also be necessary to carry out a substantial consultation exercise to establish the needs of both the residents and businesses.
3. A previous request for measures to manage parking, which would include permit parking and limited waiting, on St Margaret's Road, St Margaret's Terrace, St Margaret's Place, Summerseat Place and Great Horton Rd is on the list of schemes awaiting funding from the Bradford West Safer Roads budget. The list of schemes will be considered next financial year (2022/23) when a new programme of works will be prioritised by the Bradford West Area Committee.
4. With regard to car traders 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 traders and the cars for sale being provided to the Council's enforcement team.
5. Incidences of obstructive and dangerous parking can be enforced by the Police and parking on waiting restrictions or bus stop clearways by the Council's Wardens. It is also possible that increased warden patrols can encourage more responsible parking.
6. The gully cleaning team did have problems accessing some of the gullies in the area. However, these were not solely because of the parked cars there were also issues with the gully wagon and the traffic management. Letters were delivered to all residents and on the day a multidisciplinary team of Council Wardens, Police and gully cleaning staff were in attendance to try and identify vehicles and get them moved where possible. This is not unique to Great Horton Road, similar problems occur throughout the district, particularly where the housing stock is made up of terraced houses and there is a heavy reliance on on-street parking.

Recommendations

1. That the request for parking restrictions on Great Horton Road be retained on the list of schemes to be given consideration by the Bradford West Area Committee when the 2022-24 Safer Roads schemes programme is determined.
2. That the Police and wardens be requested to increase passing patrols of Great Horton Road and that residents be encouraged to contact the Police in respect of obstructive and/or dangerous parking.
3. That local residents be encouraged provide as much information as possible about the sale of vehicles from the highway to enable this to be further investigated by the Council's Highway Enforcement team.



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Petition Redburn Road, Heaton, Bradford (105 signatures)**Background Information****The Petition**

“We the undersigned petition the council to Implement as a matter of urgency and before someone is killed one or more of the measures below to curb the dangerous driving, speeding, racing and illegal parking which has been taking place on Redburn Road since 2017/18 and is getting worse each year; Traffic Islands, speed cameras, speed bumps The Council and the Police have been aware and involved in trying to resolve these issues since 2017/18 but to no avail. In fact because they have not been stringent enough or enforced the measures taken have been futile and ignored and in reality the frequency of issues has risen significantly. There has also been a PSON (13190184302) in place for over 2 years. Numerous local residents have logged countless calls to 999, Council and online. We're told once someone is killed, action will be taken. Isn't this cost too high, given the money it would take for highways to build a smart island that would eradicate all the issues and hopefully the constant littering in one small but badly needed investment in the safety of Bradford citizens. Don't let an innocent child or adult lose their life to have to prove what we already know needs to happen. Thank you”

Officer Comments

1. It would appear that the problems highlighted in the petition are the result of non-residents parking on Redburn Drive and using the area for anti-social behaviour. As stated in the petition, the problems have been an issue for the residents for some years and have been reported to the Police and the Council.
2. In 2019 the Council carried out a traffic survey to determine the extents of the speeding issues. The survey was carried out over 5-days and 3330 vehicles were recorded. The results showed that the average speed was found to be 21mph which is at or below the average expected on a residential street.
3. The accident data for the previous 5-year period has been studied and there have been no recorded collisions resulting in injury.
4. Due to the limited funding available new highways safety schemes have to be prioritised and it is recommended that priority is given to locations where there are significant numbers of road injuries and the Council is confident that any work proposed is likely to address the specific casualty patterns and improve road safety. With the low average speed and the good road safety record Redburn Road could not be classified a priority for funding.
5. The current average speed is what would be expected on a traffic calmed road. The introduction of traffic calming measures would therefore not significantly reduce traffic speeds.
6. The construction of traffic islands for the purpose of preventing parking would only move the reported problems from one location on Redburn Road to another and would not fully remove the reported anti-social behaviour. It has also been found that traffic islands can be a hindrance to residents as they prevent convenient parking

outside the property where they are located. Traffic islands are introduced for various reasons for example to segregate Traffic flows, reduce collisions, assist pedestrians to cross a road and improve road safety on main roads. They would not be considered a practical measure for stopping parking. It is considered unlikely that the people undertaking the anti-social behaviour would be deterred by a traffic island without robust enforcement.

7. Safety cameras can only be installed if the location meets the selection criteria set out by the West Yorkshire Camera Partnership; Redburn Road does not meet the required criteria.

Recommendations

1. That no further action be taken on the request to introduce traffic calming measures, traffic islands or safety cameras on Redburn Road.
2. That the Police be requested to continue their patrols to tackle the anti-social behaviour in the area.

