

# Report of the Strategic Director, Regeneration to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on 28 January 2016.

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## Subject:

WINDERMERE ROAD & SURROUNDING STREETS - PETITION

## Summary statement:

This report considers a petition requesting permit parking on Windermere Road, Great Horton Road and surrounding streets in the Bradford South constituency.

<b>Wards:</b>	11	Great Horton
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## Portfolio:

Housing, Planning and Transport

## Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Environment and Waste Management



## 1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 This report considers a petition requesting permit parking on Windermere Road, Great Horton Road and surrounding streets in the Bradford South constituency.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Masjid Taqwa Mosque and the Al Qalam Academy Madrassa are located on Great Horton Road. The former establishment has limited off-street parking and the latter has none. Thus both generate significant amounts of local on-street parking when they are operational.

2.2 The petitioners have requested that the Council implements residential permit parking on Windermere Road and Great Horton Road and the streets in close proximity around Masjid Taqwa Mosque and the Al Qalam Academy Madrassa when they are open for worship and education. The times the petitioners are mainly concerned about are on Fridays between 12 noon and 7pm and weekends between 11am and 2pm. A copy of the petitioners' submission is attached as Appendix A.

2.3 There are specific and strict criteria that determine if permit parking schemes are justified as part of the Council's approved policy. Such schemes are also costly to process and implement. As such officers must determine not only if the criteria is met, but also if there is significant support for a proposal. Formal parking surveys also require a significant officer resource; as such it is imperative that we have sufficient local information to enable an initial criteria assessment before undertaking these. A standard residents' permit parking questionnaire was sent to 179 local properties, as highlighted on the plan attached as Appendix B. Given the aforementioned criteria and resource implications, there is a minimum 80% returns threshold that must be met. From the properties consulted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November, only 24 of the questionnaires have been returned (13%).

2.4 The site has been visited when the mosque and the school are open to worship and education activities. The bus stops on both sides of the Great Horton Road were obstructed by parked cars and buses were forced to 'double park'. Parking takes place along both sides of Great Horton Road beyond the bus stops and on the existing waiting restrictions. The existing waiting restrictions are abused despite ongoing enforcement action. On-street parking also takes place on both sides of Windermere Road, Old Road, Pickles Lane (which is narrow), Coniston Road and Windermere Terrace.

2.5 In light of the comments received from the West Yorkshire Combined Authority, First Bus, the petitioner, photographic evidence provided by the petitioner, officer site visits and comments received from a number of the residents that responded the following measures are recommended:

- proposed bus stop clearways for the 2 bus stops on Great Horton Road (1 adjacent to the madrassa and the one to the west of the mosque)
- Additional waiting restrictions are required on Great Horton Road, Windermere Road, Old Road, Pickles Lane and Coniston Road to protect existing junctions, access and some drive-ways

2.6 The recommended measures are detailed on the plan attached as Appendix C.

2.7 Existing waiting restrictions and bus stop clearways are shown on the plan attached as Appendix D

### **3.0 OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 Local ward members, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority and First Bus have been consulted. The comments received have been considered in the recommendations.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

4.1 The proposed waiting restrictions would (if approved) form part of a Bradford South area-wide Traffic Regulation Order as part of the 2016/17 Safer Roads programme. The estimated cost of providing the bus stop clearways is £500; this can be met from the Minor Signing budget.

### **5.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

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

### **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 when determining the proposals in this report.

#### **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 gasses arising from this report.

#### **7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

The recommended measures would improve road safety.

#### **7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT**

None

**7.6 TRADE UNION**

None

**7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

All ward members have been consulted on the proposals.

**7.8 AREA COMMITTEE WARD PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

7.8.1 The development of future schemes support priorities within the Bradford South Area Committee Ward Plans 2015-16.

**8.0 NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS**

8.1 None

**9.0 OPTIONS**

9.1 Members may propose an alternative course of action; in which case they will receive appropriate guidance from officers.

**10.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

10.1 That no further action be taken on the request for permit parking on parts of Windermere Road, Great Horton Road and surrounding streets.

10.2 That the recommended measures for additional waiting restrictions, as detailed on the plan attached as Appendix C, be added to the list of Traffic Regulation Orders for consideration when funding is allocated for the 2016/17 Safer Roads schemes programme.

10.3 That the recommended measures for bus stop clearways, as detailed on the plan attached as Appendix C, be added to the minor signing outstanding list to be implemented as soon as possible.

**11.0 APPENDICES**

11.1 Appendix A – Petition.

11.2 Appendix B – Properties sent the questionnaire to apply for resident permit parking.

11.3 Appendix C – Recommended bus stop clearways and waiting restrictions.

11.4 Appendix D – Existing measures.

**12.0 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

12.1 City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council File Ref: TDG/THS/48233.

## APPENDIX A

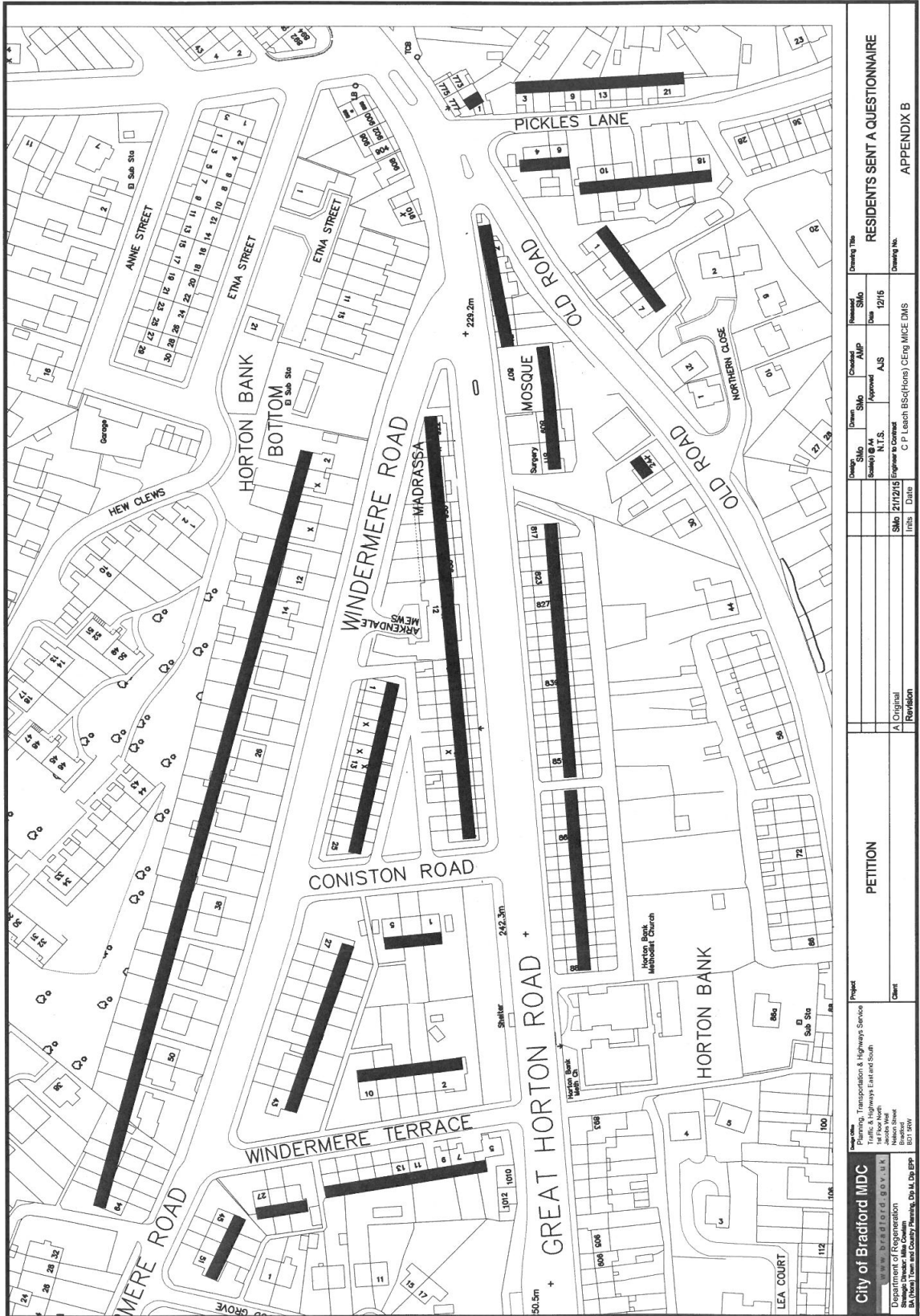
We, the residents within the City of Bradford Metropolitan District, petition the council to implement a residents only parking scheme in a distinct area of unrestricted on-street parking in close proximity to Masjid Taqwa (BD7 4AG) and Al Qalam Academy (BD7 4AE) on Windermere Road (towards Great Horton Road) and implement vehicle restrictions at bus stops on both sides of Great Horton Road whereby unrestricted parking is currently used.

We are continually inconvenienced by the very limited on-road residential parking available around this distinct portion of Windermere Road and Great Horton Road, as there has been a major increase in the number of non-residents parking their vehicles in close proximity to both the mosque and academy. This is becoming a particular issue for all residents concerned, particularly elderly residents with mobility issues, and young children. During periods of the day and late into the evening, non-residents are parking their vehicles bumper to bumper, blocking in resident's cars and driveway entrances on Windermere Road, often double parking vehicles on Windermere Road, and dangerously mounting onto pavements at bus stops to park as close as possible to the mosque/academy around this distinct area of Great Horton Road. Residents are becoming increasingly concerned with regards to lack of parking available as well as road safety issues caused by non-residents on a daily basis. Not only is this costing both residents and the police a great deal of time, money and upset, but is also impacting on resident's general health and wellbeing, and is a particular concern for elderly residents and children. Residents are also experiencing a notable increase in road traffic noise as well as increased noise caused by groups of non-residents congregating on the street in the early hours of the morning. This is causing sleep disturbance for residents, which in particular is effecting young school aged children.

We would like to urge the council to review this petition in favour of the local residents and prioritise the implementation of a resident's only parking scheme on a distinct area of Windermere Road (towards Great Horton Road), as well as ensuring road safety around bus stops, and noise reduction is of paramount concern for the residents affected on Great Horton Road.

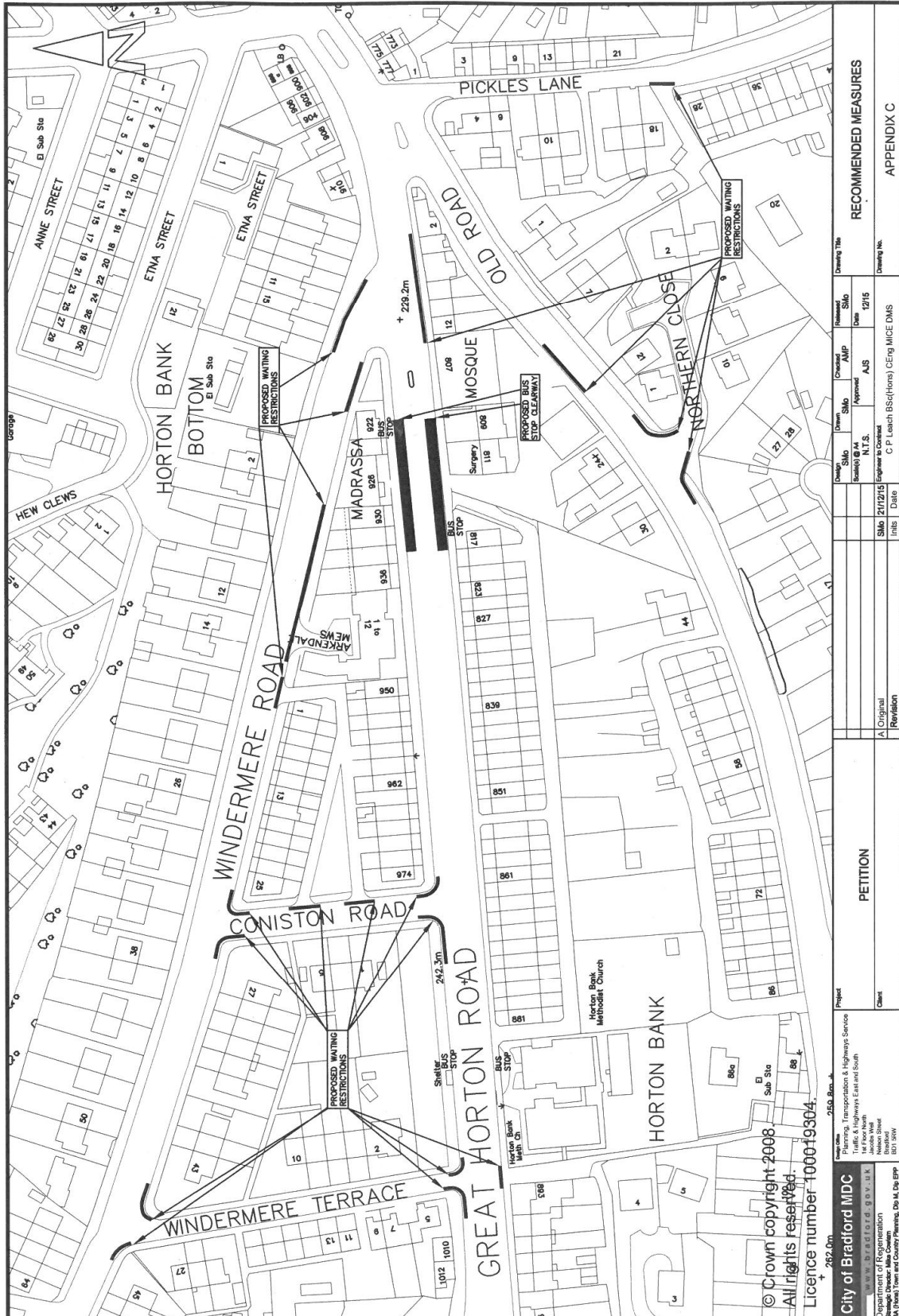
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**APPENDIX B**



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