



14 JUNE 2012

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR HIGHWAYS

TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOWER ROAD RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for the temporary waiver of residents parking permit scheme charges for the Lower Road scheme during the NET tram construction works.

Proposal

2. Lower Road, Beeston is on the line of the Chilwell extension to the NET tram network and is therefore directly affected by construction works over the following 12 to 18 months.
3. Some properties on Lower Road will have their vehicle access disrupted during the construction works and the tram operator has arranged with the County Council to buy parking permits to lend to those residents for the duration of their displacement.
4. However, the works will potentially reduce the availability of parking within the scheme and use of the street generally so it is proposed to waive the charge for renewal of an existing permit during this period.
5. Permits should be applied for through the usual process even though this may still refer to a charge.
6. Where a permit has recently been renewed and extends through the construction period a repayment of the charge will be made on application.
7. Applications for new permits will still be subject to the standard charge.
8. It is proposed that the Service Director Highways is delegated the authority to extend this arrangement as required to cover the construction period of the tram, to determine applications for refunds associated with this arrangement and to determine waiver of charges for new permits in this scheme on an exceptional basis.

9. There are no other existing residents parking schemes directly on the line of the tram extensions.

Other Options Considered

10. To continue to charge for the renewal of residents parking permits despite the concerns raised by local residents as detailed in this report.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. To respond to the concerns of residents of Lower Road in relation to on-street parking during construction works associated with the tram.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

13. It is RECOMMENDED to

- a. waive the charge for renewal of an existing permit for the Lower Road, Beeston Residents Parking Scheme not covered by the tram funding during the construction works associated with the tram;
- b. repay the charge on application where a permit for the Lower Road Residents Parking Scheme has recently been renewed and extends through the construction period;
- c. delegate to the Service Director Highways authority to extend this arrangement as required to cover the construction period of the tram, to determine applications for refunds associated with this arrangement and to determine waiver of charges for new permits in this scheme on an exceptional basis.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 06/06/2012)

14. Transport and Highways Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report. The Committee is responsible for the planning, management and maintenance of highways including traffic management and residents' parking schemes.

Financial Comments (MA 08/06/12)

15. The waiver will result in an under recovery to the scheme of up to £5,000, and this will need to be contained within the overall Committee budget.

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Beeston South & Attenborough Cllr Eric Kerry