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**KIRKLEES COUNCIL**

**CABINET COMMITTEE - LOCAL ISSUES**

**Wednesday 20th September 2017**

Present:

Councillor Peter McBride  
Councillor Musarrat Khan  
Councillor Graham Turner

Apologies: Councillor Naheed Mather

In attendance: Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner

**1 Appointment of Chair**

Councillor Peter McBride was appointed chairs for the 2017/18 municipal year.

**2 Membership of the Committee**

Councillor Graham Turner attended the meeting as substitute for Councillor Mather

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes be approved.

**4 Interests**

No interests were declared.

**5 Admission of the Public**

All agenda items were considered in public session

**6 Deputations/Petitions**

No deputations or petitions received.

**7 Public Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**8 Member Question Time**

No questions were asked.

**9 Objection to Kirklees (TR) (No 8) Order 2016, proposed Permit Parking, Albany Street, Macham Street, Bland Street, Mount Pleasant, St Stephen's Road, Garden Street, Lockwood**

The Committee considered representations made in respect of the proposed Permit Parking on Albany Street, Macham Street, Bland Street, Mount Pleasant, St Stephen's Road and Garden Street, Lockwood.

A report presented to the Committee provided an update on current parking patterns, which would allow consideration of objections received to Kirklees (TR) (No 8) Order 2016. The objections were in response to the public advertisement for a proposed Permit Parking Zone on the above named streets.

The report highlighted that in 2014/15 complaints were received that commuters to the town centre, visitor and staff of local businesses, the college and the local mosque would regularly park on these streets for a large proportion of the day which prevented residents parking near their homes. In response, officers undertook site visits to the area and this showed that parking was at a premium during the day on St Stephen's Road. To resolve the issue a Permit Parking Zone was proposed together with a short section of waiting restrictions.

Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner attended the meeting and informed the Committee that she had spoken to local residents and there was overwhelming support for the introduction of permit parking and was unhappy that the proposed scheme was being shelved. She asked officers to consider a compromise of introducing shared use restrictions, permit parking plus two hours limited waiting. Two local residents in favour of permit parking were also in attendance. They explained that residents were unable to park outside their own homes because of the parking situation in the area which at times restricted disabled access. They circulated a number of photographs for consideration by Committee members.

Representatives from the Markazi Jamia Masjid Ghausia Mosque attended the meeting to outline why they were opposing the introduction of the scheme. Mr Rafiq explained that the Mosque had been at the heart of the community for over 40 years and that efforts had been made by the Mosque to ease the situation by staggering prayer times and marshalling the traffic.

The Committee was advised that more recent monitoring of the area showed that the current parking patterns did not meet the criteria set by the Council's Permit Parking Policy. Officers stated that the situation would continue to be monitored and if conditions deteriorated once again and met the criterion it can be flexibly responded to if it is within two years from the date of it being advertised. Officers explained that work is currently taking place on Lockwood Road and would be completed by Christmas. The restrictions on this road would be monitored for its impact on surrounding areas.

The Committee after considering all the representations decided that it would not deviate from the criteria outlined in the policy and felt that the solution presented by officers to continue to monitor the area and provide an appropriate response should the situation change was an acceptable one

**Resolved**

That officers continue to monitor parking patterns in the area to determine whether the scheme (TR) (No 8) meets the criteria set by the Permit Parking Policy and respond accordingly.