

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Cabinet**  
**27th January 2022**

**Scrutiny Action Plan and Parking Strategy - Phase 1**

**Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities and Communications,**  
**Councillor A Powell**

**Classification:** This report is public

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to detail the response of the Lead Officer to the findings of the Scrutiny report on Residential Parking and to agree the schemes for phase 1 of the programme for provision of estate parking.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Consider and note the response of the Lead Officer, Senior Engineer - Property Services to the findings of the Scrutiny report on Residential Parking (Appendix 1).
2. Consider and note the preferred options for the priority sites in Appendix 5
3. Note the scheme costs in Appendix 4 and the overall increase in cost of £4,000 compared with the initial budget estimates. The overall increase of £4,000 is still within the allocated budget
4. Note that as the full cost of the priority 1 works can be covered within 2021-2022, some of the approximately £19,000 surplus will be used to carry out a trial project using grass protection matting to provide parking at Adlington Avenue, Wingerworth. It is estimated that this trial will cost between £8,000 and £10,000 depending on supplier and specification. Any remaining funding can be used for one of the smaller, priority 2 schemes.

Approved by the Portfolio Holder - Cllr A. Powell

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## IMPLICATIONS

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**Finance and Risk:**      Yes       No

**Details:**

Parking improvements will be funded through the HRA. There will be a permanent increase in maintenance liability.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):**      Yes       No

**Details:**

As in the report and appendices

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:**      Yes       No

**Details:**

Parking improvement works to be carried out by the Council's Term Maintenance Contractor and managed by the Council's Engineering Section using existing staff.

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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## DECISION INFORMATION

<b>Decision Information</b>	
<p><b>Is the decision a Key Decision?</b> A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><b>BDC:</b> Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>NEDDC:</b> Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £250,000 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Please indicate which threshold applies</p>	Yes
<p><b>Is the decision subject to Call-In?</b> (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	Yes
<b>District Wards Significantly Affected</b>	None
<p><b>Consultation:</b> Leader / Deputy Leader <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cabinet / Executive <input type="checkbox"/> SAMT <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Members <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details: Parking working group: Cllr Cupit, Cllr. Powell, Cllr Gomez-Reaney, Gill Callingham, Niall Clark.</p>

### Links to Council Ambition (BDC)/Council Plan (NED) priorities or Policy Framework including Climate Change, Equalities, and Economics and Health implications.

Increasing residential parking will help to enhance our residents' quality of life.

## REPORT DETAILS

### 1 **Background** (reasons for bringing the report)

1.1 **Scrutiny Review:** Following the Residential Parking Scrutiny Review, an action plan has been created which details proposals of how officers intend to address the recommendations made by the scrutiny panel, as set out at Appendix 1.

1.2 The Scrutiny review aimed to:

- Consider the provision of residential parking within the District
- Gain an understanding of what the resident parking issues are within the District
- Identify any actions the Council could consider to resolve these resident parking issues

1.3 The recommendations following the review were that:-

- The Council consider the introduction of a facility on its own website for residents to report bad parking within the Councils area.
- The Council investigate the feasibility of providing an increased Civil Enforcement budget for use directly by the Council or if this was not possible to Derbyshire County Council to undertake additional enforcement on our behalf.
- That the effectiveness of using Grasscrete at suitable locations within the District to offer further parking opportunities for residents be investigated
- That the Council investigate the feasibility of setting a minimum standard of two car parking spaces per property for both Council and private developments.
- That as part of the review into garages and garage sites consideration be given as to whether they can provide additional residents parking.

1.4 A copy of the report produced by the Communities Scrutiny Committee is attached at Appendix 2.

1.5 Parking Schemes: As part of the response to the Residential Parking Scrutiny Review, North East Derbyshire District Council has been working on a more strategic approach to providing parking throughout the District. In a Cabinet report presented by Rykneld Homes on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Appendix 6), it was agreed that three pilot projects, led by RHL, would be carried out in Holymoorside, Apperknowle and Kelstedge. Following consultation at Holymoorside, no works were carried out due to the nature of the problems and the consultation responses received from the public meant that the proposed solutions were not pursued by the council. The Apperknowle scheme has just been granted planning permission and works are being finalised with DCC prior to construction. The public consultation for the village wide scheme at Kelstedge was delayed due to Covid-19 and a revised date has not yet been provided. It is anticipated that the scheme will be included in the 2022-23 programme.

1.6 Each of the priority areas, which were taken from the information gathered from the Scrutiny review, were assessed based on a set of criteria (Appendix 3) and options were then drawn up and costed (Appendix 4). A number of options, including the preferred schemes are shown in Appendix 5. The pilot parking project at Apperknowle is to be funded from this pot and will cost approximately £120,000, an increase of £20,000 on the estimated cost due to design changes requested by the Highway Authority to provide further parking and improve safety on New Road.

1.7 The priority 1 locations are as follows:

1. Alton Lane/Stubben Edge Lane, Littlemoor
2. Beech Crescent (45-59), Killamarsh
3. Broom Drive/Grange Walk, Grassmoor\*

4. Dovecotes, Ashover\*\*
5. Reynard Crescent
6. Wren Park Close

\*It had been suggested that on safety grounds, Whitmore Avenue and Furniss Close should be included in this scheme as part of a whole estate approach but the additional cost of £130,000 for parking plus further costs for junction improvements at Whitmore Avenue is prohibitive within current budgets. It is recommended that these be dealt with in 2022-2023.

\*\*The works at Dovecotes will hopefully be carried out in conjunction with garage repairs, a new path and lighting improvements, which have been approved at Asset Management Group.

- 1.8 Consultation has been carried out with Rykneld homes on the proposed options and need for public engagement. Wider public consultation for the small, single site schemes is being undertaken as part of the planning process.

## **2. Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 There is be £288,000 per year of funding from the HRA allocated to improving parking in the District. This funding can only be used on HRA land and assets and part of the criteria used to assess the sites is that the properties affected must be majority NEDDC owned. The cost estimates for the priority 1 schemes total £268,968.02. There may be ancillary lighting and replacement tree planting works required but these would be contained within the overall budgets.

- 2.2 Part of the surplus funding is proposed be used to carry out a trial project using grass protection matting to provide parking at Adlington Avenue, Wingerworth. It is estimated that this trial will cost between £8,000 and £10,000 depending on supplier and specification. Care must be taken to note that this is a trial and that it does not form a permanent access or confer a right of vehicular access to the individual properties.

- 2.3 Where there are multiple options for a particular location, the preferred options have been selected as follows:

2.3.1 Beech Crescent, Killamarsh – Largest number of spaces, lowest cost per space, ease of installation, no third party permissions required.

2.3.2 Broom Drive, Grassmoor – Lowest cost per space, retention of more green space.

2.3.3 Reynard Crescent (East), Renishaw – Lowest cost per space, fewer tree removals, retention of more green space.

2.3.4 Reynard Crescent (West), Renishaw – Lower average cost per space, retention of more green space, removal of a greater stretch of damaged verge.

2.3.5 Wren Park Close, Ridgeway – More spaces, lower cost per space, better protection for telegraph pole.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Based on the agreed criteria, and budget allowed, the recommended options provide best value and that highest priority locations are dealt with first.
- 3.2 The trial at Adlington Avenue will allow the Council to assess the viability of a cheap option which may allow us to provide parking in many more locations in a shorter space of time. This option will not be suitable for every location.

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 No works carried out. This has been rejected on the grounds that parking, including safety and access, is a particular concern in many villages and towns within the District and is a growing problem. A budget has been allocated and priorities agreed.
- 4.2 Use other 'non-preferred' options. This has been rejected because these options do not represent best value in terms of cost per space and other benefits noted above would not be realised.

## **DOCUMENT INFORMATION**

<b>Appendix No</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Residential Parking Review Action Plan V4
2	Residential Parking Review – Final
3	Car parking proposal and criteria
4	Scheme Costs
5	Scheme Option Plans
6	Proposed Residential Parking Strategy pilot projects...
<b>Background Papers</b> (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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