

ROYSTON TOWN-WIDE PARKING REVIEW: INFORMATION NOTE

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEVELOPMENT AND BUILDING CONTROL

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update Members on progress towards the Royston Town-Wide Parking Review.

2. STEPS TO DATE

- 2.1 This Information note is at the request of the Chair of Royston Committee Councillor Fiona Hill.

- 2.2 At the last Royston Committee meeting in December 2015, the Principal Transport Policy Officer gave a verbal update to Royston Members on the progress of the Town Wide Parking Review.

- 2.3 Officers have been reviewing the priority list of roads from the September workshop and have been collecting evidence on the key issues around them. In January 2015 officers undertook site surveys of the Industrial area to ascertain any key constraints within the following roads. The roads were visited in the am peak 8.00 to 9.30 and in the pm peak 3.30 -5.00pm.

- Grantham Close
- Beverley Close
- Minster Road
- Willowside Way
- Newark Close
- Rock Road
- Orchard Way
- North Close
- Weston Avenue
- Phillips Avenue

- 2.4 Site visits were also undertaken in the roads in and around Newmarket Road at:

- Studlands Rise
- Eastfield Road
- Hollies Close
- Tall Trees

- Priory Close

These roads were visited in the am peak 8.00 to 9.30 and in the pm peak 3.30 -5.00pm

- 2.5 Following the site visits it was decided to shortlist those roads that were identified as having a parking problem. Officers then procured and commissioned consultants to undertake vehicle registration surveys. The surveys will assist in providing the necessary evidence base in identifying the key parking issues and to ascertain if it is residents parking or whether it is Industrial workers/commuters/ and or town centre workers. This will enable officers to understand the parking issues in the area and to come up with suggested recommendations to be discussed with Members in taking various schemes forward as part of the town wide parking review. The surveys undertaken were quite wide and covered the following three areas.

Area 1 : Royston Industrial Area:

- Newark Close
- Minster Road
- Rock Road
- North Close
- Weston Avenue
- Phillips Avenue
- Orchard Rd
- Green Drift

Area 2 : Royston, Princes Mews area:

- The entire length of Princes Mews and Briary Lane.

Area 3: Newmarket Rd area

- Eastfield Road

- 2.6 The surveys were undertaken over two consecutive weeks and also over one day over the weekend.

3. NEXT STEPS

- 3.1 The Vehicle Surveys were completed week commencing 8 February 2016 and the consultants are currently compiling the results into a report. Other investigatory work is on-going with regard to other parking issues raised by Members at and since the September workshop, i.e. such as the town centre issues and the need to review existing Controlled Parking Zones
- 3.2 A report will be presented to the next meeting of the Area Committee setting out the officer recommendations for suggested schemes to be prioritised and taken forward.
- 3.3 Officers will continue working on identifying any key roads of concern with a view to identifying a solution for the problems and how these can be included as part of the parking review process.

4. APPENDICES

4.1 None

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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

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