

BRIEFING PAPER FOR FAILSWORTH DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

Petition: Request for Residents Parking - Beech Street, Failsworth

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Purpose of Paper

The purpose of this paper is to consider a petition submitted to the Council for the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street, Failsworth. The petition has been submitted by C Harwood and contains 10 signatures.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the District Executive consider if they wish to fund a residents' only parking scheme within the Beech Street area, Failsworth.

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“The residents of Beech Street would like residents’ parking to be considered again. Apparently, funding was available for this last year, but assume this has since been withdrawn. The request is made on the grounds that, as with Ash Street previously, we have the same amount of two-way traffic and parking problems, being directly off Oldham Road, and we would appreciate fair consideration be made to our request.”

2 Background

- 2.1 Beech Street, Failsworth is a residential street, fronted by terraced property, located directly opposite Failsworth District Centre. Although mainly residential, a hairdressing business is located at the northern end of the street, at its junction with Old Road. Beech Street connects Oldham Road and Old Road and is one of two streets which provides access to a wider residential area. Due to the properties being terraced the residents have very little off-street parking provision and therefore rely on parking within the highway.
- 2.2 Running parallel with Beech Street is Ash Street. Ash Street is also fronted by terraced residential properties and until the introduction of a residents parking scheme in October 2012 (funded by the District Partnership) suffered from high numbers of non-residents vehicles being parked throughout the day and evening; this resulted in the residents having to find parking on nearby streets. The parking problems along Ash Street were generated mainly by the dentist practice located at the junction of Ash Street and Oldham Road.
- 2.3 Further to the introduction of the scheme the residents of Beech Street have contacted the Council to explain they are now suffering the same parking problems, previously experienced within Ash Street, due to displacement from the residents parking scheme. The residents have therefore requested the introduction of residents only parking within Beech Street.

3 Discussion

- 3.1 Prior to the receipt of the petition the residents of Beech Street initially made contact with their Ward Councillors to request the introduction of residents only parking. A draft scheme was produced for the Councillors to consider and observations were undertaken to determine the level of parking along Beech Street and other adjacent streets. The observations revealed that space was always available to park, during the day along Beech Street and Old Road.
- 3.2 The observations also revealed that some of the double yellow lines on Old Road could be removed to increase the on street parking provision in the area. Old Road was previously a through route and required long lengths of double yellow lines to ensure vehicular access could be maintained. However, in March 2001 Old Road was split into two culs-de sac to stop the street being used as a short cut. The double yellow lines were not however removed at this time.
- 3.3 Due to the results of the observations the Ward Members decided the most appropriate course of action to proceed with was the removal of the waiting restrictions; the residents of Beech Street were written to and advised of this decision. Upon receiving the letter some residents of Beech Street made further contact to explain the problems were being experienced in the evening period when residents returned home from work; they explained residents from Oldham Road were using Beech Street to park. The Beech Street residents did not agree with the recommendation to only remove the restrictions and have now petitioned the Council for residents only parking. The removal of the restrictions is however still being progressed through the Council's delegated approval system.
- 3.4 Further to receiving the petition further observations have been undertaken in the area both during the day and in the evening to determine the level of parking along Beech Street and Old Road. Each visit to the area revealed that space was always available for residents to park, but not necessarily directly outside their properties. The photographs attached at Appendix B confirm this.
- 3.5 Whilst Beech Street meets the criteria for residents only parking it would not be appropriate to consider Beech Street on its own. As Ash Street is already subject to residents only parking, any additional schemes in the area should also include Old Road, Elm Street and Grimshaw Street, to avoid any further displaced parking problems. However, it should also be taken into consideration that if the problems along Beech Street are being generated by the Oldham Road residents, residents' only parking will not improve the situation. Residents' only parking schemes only entitle a resident to park within a designated area, they do not allocate the resident the space outside their property. The residents of Oldham Road would be entitled to apply for a permit and would therefore continue to park as they do at present.

- 3.6 A source of funding must also be found for the introduction of residents only parking; the cost of the draft scheme for the Beech Street area is estimated at £10,000; this includes the signing and lining arrangements, advertising costs and the first years permit allocation (assuming two permits per property). It should also be noted at this stage the Council's parking budget can no longer fund future permit issue and a report is currently being drafted to seek guidance on how these funds should be met. Until this matter has been resolved it will not be possible to progress any further residents parking schemes unless funding can be found for future permit issue.

4 The Scheme

- 4.1 The draft scheme comprises of a mixture on-street residents bays, dual function bays which allow visitors to park for a restricted period whilst permit holders are unrestricted. Residents zones are also proposed for Elm Street and Grimshaw Street due to the difficulties in marking bays. A drawing showing the draft scheme is attached at Appendix C.

5 Ward Councillors Views

- 5.1 Ward Councillors have been consulted and no comments were received.

6 Any Financial, Legal, Human Resources, Procurement, IT Implications

- 6.1 The estimated cost of introducing residents only parking within the Beech Street / Old Road area is estimated at £10,000.

7 Recommendation

- 7.1 It is recommended the District Executive advise if they wish for a residents parking scheme to progressed, when the funding of future permits has been addressed, and that funding can be allocated for the scheme implementation.

8 Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – a copy of the petition
8.2 Appendix B – photographic surveys
8.3 Appendix C – a copy of the draft scheme

APPENDIX A
COPY OF PETITION

BEECH STREET, FAILSWORTH, M35 0BE
RESIDENTS' PARKING PETITION

The residents of Beech Street would like residents' parking to be considered again. Apparently, funding was available for this last year, but assume this has since been withdrawn. The request is made on the grounds that, as with Ash Street previously, we have the same amount of two-way traffic and parking problems, being directly off Oldham Road, and we would appreciate fair consideration be made to our request.

Signature	Name	Number of address on Beech Street
<i>B Gleaves</i>	RARRY GLEAVES	3
<i>A Buckley</i>	Anne Buckley	2.
<i>M.D.A.P.</i>	MICHAEL ASHWORTH	5.
<i>Howards</i>	JOHN CONNOLLY	11
<i>Baswell</i>	Kr C. HARWOOD	13
<i>J Morgan</i>	J. MORAN	15
<i>[Signature]</i>	CHRIS LIGHTFOOT	25
<i>[Signature]</i>	S Gurner	17
<i>M. Telfer</i>	M. TELFER	7.
<i>T. Evans</i>	T. EVANS	9
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COUNCILLOR BATTYE,

RE: BEECH ST, FAILSWORTH
REQUEST FOR RESIDENTS' PARKING

FURTHER TO OUR E-MAIL CORRESPONDENCE
AS SUGGESTED BY YOURSELF, I AM
ENCLOSING A PETITION SIGNED BY
THE RESIDENTS' OF BEECH STREET.

WE SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF CONSIDERATION
COULD BE GIVEN TO OUR REQUEST AND
LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING THE OUTCOME

Yours sincerely,

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APPENDIX B – PHOTOGRAPHS

MORNING (10.30)
BEECH STREET



MORNING (10.30)
OLD ROAD



MORNING (10.30)
OLD ROAD



AFTERNOON (14.30)
BEECH STREET



AFTERNOON (14.30)
OLD ROAD



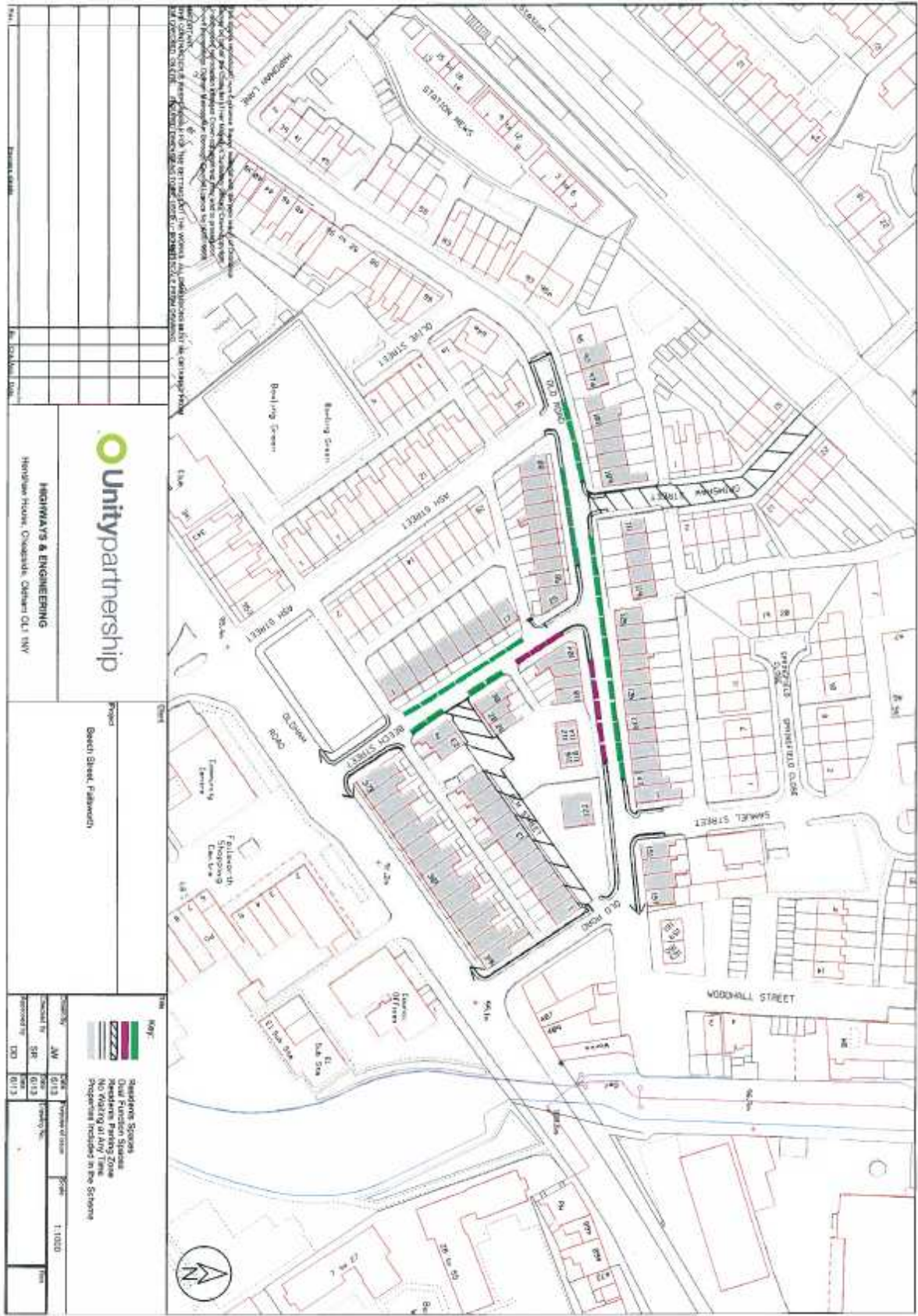
EVENING (20.15)
BEECH STREET



EVENING (20.15)
OLD ROAD



APPENDIX C
DRAFT SCHEME PLAN



Author	
Checked by	
Approved by	
Date	



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