

ORIGINATING DIVISION: HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION - CAPITA

REPORT TO: BLACKBURN WITH DARWEN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

DATE: 21st January 2016

TITLE: PETITION – BLACKBURN STREET RESIDENTS’ PARKING

WARD: SHEAR BROW

COUNCILLORS: Suleman Khonat
Hussain Akhtar
Shiraj Vali

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of a petition from residents of Blackburn Street, Blackburn regarding Residents Only Parking.

2.0 BACKGROUND

A petition was received on 3rd December 2015, stating that the residents of the bottom part of Blackburn Street, from nos 1 – 19, request, demand and require residential parking for their part of the street for an initial period, on a temporary basis, as has been done previously for the bottom part of Bicknell Street.

The petition was signed by 11 residents of 11 properties from a total of 63 properties on Blackburn Street. The signatories all reside at properties within nos 1- 19.

The lead petitioner indicates that two petitions have been submitted previously but he has been informed that ‘.....*these are missing from your department...*’

With regard to the ‘missing’ petitions’, there indeed have been two petitions received from the residents of Blackburn Street. These were reported to this committee in December 2012 and October 2014 respectively. Both were also reported as part of the Shear Brow Parking Review submitted to the Executive Member at the September 2015 meeting of the Regeneration Senior Policy Team. It is not known who has informed the lead petitioner that these petitions have gone missing.

This third petition is almost identical to the petition that was received in 2012 which had 12 signatories with 9 signatories being common to both petitions.

3.0 DETAIL

Blackburn Street is located in the Shear Brow ward, linking London Road to Carr Street, and is situated close to Randal Street and the Whalley Range Bazaar area.

As indicated above an almost identical petition was submitted in 2012 calling for Blackburn Street to be included in the proposed Residents Only Parking scheme. The petition was signed by the residents from 12 properties on the street mostly from the section of the street between Altom Street and Randall Street. However, during the 2012 consultation which led to the proposed expansion to the existing scheme, of the 63 properties on Blackburn Street, only 17 responded to the consultation; 9 of which wanted the expansion to include Blackburn Street, 8 of which did not. The Committee at its meeting in December 2012 therefore supported the officer recommendations that the petitioners’ request be declined and the lead petitioner was informed of the decision.

During the current 2014 consultation exercise, again only 17 responded but with 11 wanting the scheme to be expanded to include Blackburn Street and 6 who did not. Officers did not therefore feel that there was sufficient support from the residents of the street and therefore, in the Shear Brow Parking Review submitted to the Executive Member at the September 2015 meeting of the Regeneration Senior Policy Team, recommended that the original decision not to include the street remain.

Of the 11 residents who have signed the latest 2015 petition requesting the introduction of residents only parking, only 4 returned the 2014 questionnaire sent to residents as part of the Shear Brow Residents Parking Scheme review. Of these 4 returns, 2 residents indicated that they wished to see the scheme extending into Blackburn Street whilst the other 2 residents indicated that they did not want residents only parking introduced. As this review was only completed and reported in September 2015, there have been no significant changes which would alter the officer's recommendation that the existing scheme is not expanded to include Blackburn Street.

The second petition was signed by residents from 37 of the 63 properties on Blackburn Street and requested that the street be made one-way. This request was approved, for the length between London Road and Carr Street, as an element of the review and the necessary Traffic Regulation Order has been advertised with the statutory objection period finishing on the 8th January 2016. Any objections will be reported to a future meeting of this committee.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

Customer	None
Financial	None
Anti-poverty	None
Crime and Disorder	None

5.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

- the Committee support the officer recommendations that the request for the introduction of Residents Only Parking on Blackburn Street be refused.
- the lead petitioner is informed of the decision.

6.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS: Petition

7.0 CONTACT OFFICERS: George Bell

8.0 DATE PREPARED: 6th January 2015