

EXECUTIVE BOARD DECISION



REPORT OF: Executive Member for Growth and Development

LEAD OFFICERS: Strategic Director of Place

DATE: Thursday, 9 September 2021

PORTFOLIO(S) AFFECTED: Growth and Development

WARD/S AFFECTED: Blackburn South East;

KEY DECISION: N

SUBJECT:

Manxman Road Petition – Request for parking

1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A petition has been submitted signed by local residents of Manxman Road area to request additional parking on Manxman Road, opposite the shops, on the grounds of safety

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Board:

- Notes the petition
- Notes that the service had already committed to providing a new area of on street parking opposite the shops, following a request from Cllr Vicky McGurk, also supported by fellow Ward Councillor's Cllr Jim Shorrocks and Cllr Tony Humphrys
- Supports the new parking scheme designed to create more parking capacity at this location, improve road safety and address poor visibility caused by parked cars
- Request that works are added to the capital programme (once funding confirmed)
- Request that officers inform the lead petitioner of the decision

3. BACKGROUND

The petition references that the community experiences inconvenience daily due to the lack of parking facilities with shop patrons blocking driveways, double parking and using / damaging the existing grassed area. It also includes reference to safety concerns and the increased risk of an accident.

There are 3 businesses at this location including a post office and convenience stores and are all well used by the local community. They is on street parking provision directly outside the businesses but this can soon become overwhelmed.

On 2nd July 2021 Cllr Vicky McGurk contacted the highways team to express both hers and the concerns of residents over road safety in the area. There was a request for extra parking due to the numbers of cars double parking on Manxman Road to use shops, and that residents were worried it would lead to an accident.

The HoS for Highways committed to undertake investigations and consider options for additional parking. On the 13th July HoS for Highways confirmed that it would be possible to construct 15 new parking spaces located on either side of the footpath / phone box and between the telegraph poles as shown in the image below:



----- Two New Parking Bays • Telegraph Poles

Cllr McGurk approved of this scheme and requested that the service seek funding options.

On the 26th July 2021 highways received this petition.

4. KEY ISSUES & RISKS

To mitigate risk at this location the highways team had committed to undertaking investigation and implementation of a parking scheme, prior to the receipt of the petition.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

None

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Whilst the highways maintenance budget is committed to the long term programme of improvements, funding for this scheme will be sourced within the current financial year from the capital receipt from the Fishmoor scheme.

The works will not commence on site until the capital receipt has been received from the Fishmoor scheme, which is due this calendar year. Once received, an application for funding for this scheme will be submitted via. a Chief Officer Decision Report.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

The Council has a duty to maintain the adopted highway under the Highways Act 1980 and to demonstrate that they made adequate provision for upkeep and safety, as can be reasonably expected.

This is an ordinary petition as defined in the Council's constitution as being one signed by at least 50 people and submitted by people who live, work or study in the Borough. Part 7 of the Constitution outlines the possible mechanisms for petitions and this report and response is one such type of valid response.

8. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

None

9. EQUALITY AND HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

Please select one of the options below.

Option 1 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required – the EIA checklist has been completed.

Option 2 In determining this matter the Executive Member needs to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

Option 3 In determining this matter the Executive Board Members need to consider the EIA associated with this item in advance of making the decision.

10. CONSULTATIONS

Ward Cllr and public support has been expressed so no consultation is necessary. Highways will notice the works and ensure all are informed prior to commencement.

11. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

The recommendations are made further to advice from the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer has confirmed that they do not incur unlawful expenditure. They are also compliant with equality legislation and an equality analysis and impact assessment has been considered. The recommendations reflect the core principles of good governance set out in the Council's Code of Corporate Governance.

12. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

All Declarations of Interest of any Executive Member consulted and note of any dispensation granted by the Chief Executive will be recorded in the Summary of Decisions published on the day following the meeting.

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BACKGROUND PAPER:	