

Report to: Lead Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
Date of meeting: 17 October 2016
By: Director of Communities, Economy and Transport
Title: Petition calling on the County Council to introduce parking restrictions at the top end of St John's Road, St Leonards on Sea
Purpose: To consider whether to consult on the petitioners' request to introduce permit parking in St John's Road

RECOMMENDATION: Lead Member is recommended to advise the petitioners that their request to introduce parking restrictions in the form of a permit parking scheme in this section of St John's Road is declined

1 Background Information

1.1 At the County Council meeting in July 2016, Councillor Webb presented a petition to the Chairman. The petition asks East Sussex County Council to introduce parking restrictions at the top end of St John's Road, St Leonards on Sea.

1.2 A copy of the petition is available in the Members Room. Standing Orders provide that where the Chairman considers it appropriate, petitions are considered by the relevant Committee or Lead Member and a spokesperson for the petitioners is invited to address the Committee or Lead Member. The Chairman has referred this petition to the Lead Member for Transport and Environment.

2 Supporting Information

2.1 This part of St John's Road is a small connector road in the residential area of St Leonards on Sea.

2.2 Councillor Webb has confirmed that the request for parking restrictions is in fact a request for a resident permit scheme to be introduced to this road as the lead petitioner is experiencing difficulty finding available parking near his house. The lead petitioner has previously contacted officers asking for a resident permit scheme to be introduced to this road.

2.3 The petition has signatures from eleven local residents. Eight of the residents live in The Cloisters, a private development opposite the lead petitioner's address. The Cloisters has its own off road parking and these eight signatories would not be eligible for a permit if a scheme was progressed. One of the residents lives in Magdalen Road and would also not be eligible for a permit if the scheme was introduced in St John's Road.

2.4 The lead petitioner and the remaining signatory live at the only property directly fronting this road. If a scheme was introduced in this section of St John's Road then these would be the only residents eligible for a permit. Although it is accepted that parking is in high demand in this area, the introduction of a permit parking scheme in this section would mean local workers, commuters, and residents of neighbouring roads would not be eligible for permits. This would create a sterile environment at this location where around 20 vehicles can currently park and would not be an effective use of available road space. The location is shown in Appendix 1.

2.5 Previous consultation has shown that there is no great demand to introduce permit parking in the wider area.

3 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Any new requests for the introduction of permit parking schemes must have the support of the majority of local addresses. The majority of signatures on the petition would not be eligible if a permit scheme was introduced. If the petitioner can show support from the residents of nearby roads, this request can be considered as part of a future review of parking in the area.

3.2 The Lead Member is therefore recommended to inform the petitioners that the request is declined.

RUPERT CLUBB

Director of Communities, Economy and Transport

Contact Officer: Michael Blaney

Tel. No. 01424 726142

Email: michael.blaney@eastsussex.gov.uk

LOCAL MEMBERS

Councillor Trevor Webb

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

NONE