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City Council

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LATIMER**

**FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**7 May 2009**

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**PETITION TO COUNCIL 14 DECEMBER 2008;  
PROPOSED RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME IN THE BELGRAVE AREA**

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**Report of the Service Director Regeneration, Highways & Transportation**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To deal with a petition submitted to Council on 14th December 2008 by Mr Praful Thakrar, President of Shree Lohana Mahajan, Hildyard Road, Leicester. The petition reads "We, the undersigned strongly object to the Leicester City Council proposals to restrict parking for visitors in the Belgrave area" and was signed by 120 visitors to the temple. There was also 14 Belgrave Area Residents' Parking Survey forms attached that had been filled in by visitors to the temple.

**2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 Residents, businesses and community organisations in the Belgrave Area were sent a consultation pack about a proposed residents parking scheme in the Belgrave Area. The consultation pack consisted of a letter, an information sheet and a survey sheet to fill in and return in a freepost envelope. Mr Thakrar responded to this by a letter with this petition attached.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the decision of the Service Director to respond to this petition by the letter sent to Mr. Thakrar be supported.

**4. REPORT**

- 4.1 A petition was submitted with a covering letter to Council on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2008 by Mr Praful Thakrar, President of Shree Lohana Mahajan, Hildyard Road, Leicester, which is in Latimer ward. The petition reads "We, the undersigned strongly object to the Leicester City Council proposals to restrict parking for visitors in the Belgrave area" and was signed by 120 visitors to the temple. There was also 14 Belgrave Area Residents' Parking Survey forms attached that had been filled in by visitors to the temple. The petition was referred to the Director of Regeneration and Culture. Receipt of the petition was acknowledged by a letter on 9/2/09 (Appendix 1).
- 4.2 Residents' parking schemes are concentrated on the terraced housing areas where residents have no alternative but to park on street. Work is currently being undertaken in West End and Belgrave. Further work is already planned in Aylestone and Highfields.

The present programme of residents parking schemes will last until at least 2010 and has been agreed by Cabinet.

- 4.3 The Consultation packs were sent out to approximately 6,500 addresses in the Belgrave Area when the consultation began on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008. There were some problems with the delivery of the consultation packs especially to the businesses in the area and this resulted in an extension to the end of the consultation period from 12<sup>th</sup> December to 24<sup>th</sup> December 2008.
- 4.4 Consultation packs included an explanatory letter, translation sheet, information sheet, questionnaire and a freepost envelope. The information about the scheme proposed an annual charge of £25 per resident permit and £100 per business permit in order to cover the cost of administering the scheme. In order to cater for car borne visitors to the residents in the area, the scheme proposed charging £1 per visitor permit, each valid for a period of 48 hours.

## Results

- 4.5 By 6<sup>th</sup> January 2009 when the survey forms were collated and the votes counted for individual streets 949 survey forms had been received.
- 4.6 In response to question one, 'Do you have any difficulty parking in the area?' 77% of those that answered the question ticked Yes, 23% ticked No.
- 4.7 In response to question ten, 'Do you want a residents' parking scheme in your area?' 58% voted Yes, 42% ticked No (excluding those who voted don't know).
- 4.8 As expected the results varied from one street to another depending on the location of the streets in relation to shops and businesses premises and access to off-street and on-street parking space. Those streets with flush fronted terraced houses and little off-street parking, near to shopping areas tended to have greater percentage of respondents voting Yes to question one and question ten.
- 4.9 Many of the businesses on Belgrave Road, Melton Road and Loughborough Road objected to the proposed scheme as they felt that customers would be discouraged from visiting the area because of changes to the availability of parking space and this would result in their businesses failing.
- 4.10 The Service Director for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation, the lead member for transport and local ward councilors have been consulted and have decided not to implement a residents' parking scheme in the Latimer Ward of the City at the present time.
- 4.11 In these circumstances the Service Director has sent a further letter to Mr. Thakrar that sets out the Councils position and explains that there are no plans to introduce a residents parking scheme in the Latimer Ward at the present time. (Letter attached as Appendix 2).

**5. FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

**5.1. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications arising from the contents of this report.

**5.2 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

**6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within the report
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

Not applicable

**8. CONSULTATIONS**

Not required

**9. REPORT AUTHOR**

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Dear Mr Thakrar

### **Re: Residents' Parking Scheme in the Belgrave Area**

Thank you for contacting us on 14/12/08 with your views on the proposals for a residents' parking scheme in the Belgrave area. I apologise for not acknowledging receipt of your letter and petition earlier.

I am currently writing a report for the Service Director Regeneration, Highways and Transportation regarding the responses we have received to the public consultation about this scheme. A table showing how individual streets in the area voted is available on line [www.leicester.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.leicester.gov.uk/consultation) - choose completed consultations and select Belgrave Area Residents' Parking Scheme, click on findings and actions arising. The lead member for transport and local ward councillors will be consulted before any decisions are made regarding this scheme.

If you have any queries relating to the contents of this letter please contact me on direct line 223 2139.

Yours sincerely

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## APPENDIX 2

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Dear Mr Thakrar

### **Re: Petition against Residents' Parking Scheme in the Belgrave Area**

I refer to the petition with 120 signatures that you submitted to the Council with a covering letter dated 14/12/08.

The Service Director for Regeneration, Highways and Transportation, the lead member for transport and local ward councilors have been consulted and have decided not to implement a residents' parking scheme in the Latimer Ward of the City at the present time. The Director has asked me to write this letter to you in reply to your petition.

The Service Directors decision to deal with your petition in this way will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board at its meeting on 7 May (Town Hall 5.30pm). The meeting is open to members of the public but members of the public are not able to speak at the meeting. You are welcome to attend if you wish to do so.

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