

September 2009		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
PETITION FOR EXTRA PARKING FACILITIES IN LOMAN PATH, SOUTH OCKENDON		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rockliffe, Highways and Transportation		
Wards and communities affected: Belhus	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard, Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery		
Accountable Director: Bill Newman, Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities		
This report is public		
Purpose of Report: To consider a petition for a request for extra parking facilities to be provided in Loman Path, South Ockendon		

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that no extra parking facility is provided and that the lead petitioner be notified accordingly.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 A petition was received and dated 18th May 2009 from the residents of Loman Path, South Ockendon. The residents are requesting the need for extra parking facilities in Loman Path due to increased number of cars owned by residents as well as neighbouring streets that use Loman Path to park in.
- 2.2 The petition holds 17 signatures all residents of Loman Path.
- 2.3 Loman Path is a cul-de-sac with approximately 20 residing properties. Hamble Lane, Garron Lane and Humber Lane are the neighbouring roads. The majority of these properties have off-street parking, with some parking on street as there are no existing waiting restrictions in this area.

- 2.4 The north section of grass verge in Loman Path was converted to hard stand to provide parking spaces for residents and can accommodate approximately 20 car parking spaces. The Housing Department initially provided funding for the hard stand to provide social housing tenants parking facilities at the time. However, over time, some of the properties are now privately occupied, therefore resulting in a mixture of social and privately owned housing within Loman Path and neighbouring roads.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 According to Council's existing policy, it is under the general presumption that grass verge will not be hardened for parking except in exceptional circumstances, e.g. on grounds of road safety. No funding has been allocated for the provision of hardstands within the 2009/10 Integrated Transport Programme. A request for additional parking would usually be logged as a service request to be prioritised and considered in the 2010/11 programme of works.
- 3.2 The neighbouring roads, Hamble Lane, Garron Lane and Humber Lane are narrow with parking restricted on one side of the carriageway. The majority of properties (with the exception of some properties on the corner of Garron Lane and Hamble Lane) have off-street and on-street parking. It is recognised that there is limited availability to provide additional parking space especially for a two-car household.
- 3.3 Converting the southern grass verge into hardstand in Loman Path is the only option available to provide approximately 10 additional parking spaces. The estimated cost of this is approximately £20,000 excluding any works associated with the diversion of underground services.

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 4.1 This report is not subject to Overview and Scrutiny.
- 4.2 **Member Consultation**

The Ward Members were consulted between 28th September – 5th October 2009 and no comments were received.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 5.1 These actions accord with the Councils Parking Strategy 2007.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

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If additional parking was to be provided and recommendations over-ruled; this is to be managed as part of the budget allocation within the sustainable communities directorate. Should the recommendation not be upheld, a funding source would need to be identified from the Transportation Manager.

6.2 **Legal**

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There are no legal implications arising out of the report.

6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

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There are no Diversity and Equality implications arising out of the report.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None

7. **CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 The existing parking facility is seen to be reasonable for the number of properties in Loman Path and additional parking would prove very expensive to justify. As it is not in the interest of the Council to provide hard standing areas, additional parking should not be granted in this instance.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Petition

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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