
To: Petitions Board

On: 22 May 2023

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition - Storie Street Parking

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council has agreed procedures in relation to the submission of petitions including parameters for determining valid petitions and those areas where petitions would not be valid.
- 1.2 All valid petitions are to be submitted to the Board for consideration and a summary report is to be prepared on any petitions which are not considered to be valid in terms of the procedures. It is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.
- 1.3 A petition containing 32 signatures has been received from Ms M Letford in the following terms: -

“Please find attached a petition with regards to our situation on Storie St, as you can see all residents agree there is an issue with the parking, we are the only street in the area which does not have parking bays either for parking permits or paying. We also have a double yellow line which means no parking during the day, this was placed recently after one resident complained! So residents then have to drive around the area to find a bay available for permits. I understand that the bays are not just for permit holders only but for all public to use when coming into town, but the issue is you have people using them to park their cars and head off to work for the day! Which leaves the residents with very little parking spaces! Some of the residents have also been hit with parking fines when parked on the street they live in, when they can’t get a space anywhere else and have no option but to park on the street. An example would be one Saturday afternoon at 4.45/5, 7 residents were issued parking fines! We are not asking for parking bays on both sides of the street but at least one side and the double yellow removed, this would not cause any congestion to the street as canal terrace

has bays on one side which is a smaller road. We would be grateful if someone from the department would come out and assess the situation and a solution be resolved.

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Aiming to resolve the issue with parking for residents regarding the double yellow lines and markings which are creating major issues for ALL residents.

We propose for the yellow lines and markings to be removed and replaced with parking bays for resident parking with permit only.

Please sign below to show your support:"

- 1.4 The Transportation & Development Manager has provided a response to the concerns raised in the petition and where appropriate suggested actions to resolve them as outlined below: -

"Storie Street lies in Zone 2 of the Paisley Town Centre Permit Parking Scheme. The scheme was created to enable residents to park on-street without charge, in parking bays where other people have to pay. The scheme balances the needs of residents and visitors to the town centre by providing shared parking spaces. The double yellow lines ban parking and loading at all times and are placed to ensure through traffic has a free path at all times and that safe visibility is always available at junctions. The single yellow lines are active during the day from Monday to Saturday, allowing parking overnight and on Sundays. The Pay and Display parking spaces have a 4 hour maximum stay and a 'no return within 1 hour' restriction to prevent all-day parking. The parking restrictions in Storie Street and its surrounding area were first introduced in 2005 and have not changed since, although they are refurbished from time to time.

I am sorry that the petitioners are finding it difficult to park on the street close to their homes. It must be remembered that the road is a public space and available to all but I also realise private off-street parking is not generally available in the area. The road performs many functions, the primary one being to provide an uncongested route for traffic flow, important to the effective working of the road network. If parking space can be accommodated, it is placed where it is safe and does not cause an obstacle. This often limits how much parking space can be allowed. However, since 2005 conditions on the roads have changed and I consider that the restrictions can be re-assessed to better serve the residents. Officers will assess the feasibility of providing more Pay and Display parking spaces and changing the maximum stay period to make more spaces available to residents.

The Council is presently working on a Renfrewshire-wide traffic order to consolidate all its restrictions so any changes to current traffic orders are frozen until this is complete. Thereafter, any possible changes to Storie Street may be promoted through the usual traffic order process. However, as this process is open to public objection, I have to warn the petitioners that any changes cannot be guaranteed."

- 1.5 The role of the Board is to consider the petition and take the appropriate action in respect of the petition which will be one of the following:
- (a) that no action is taken, in which case the reasons will be specified and intimated to the petitioner;
 - (b) that the petition be referred to the relevant director/and or policy board for further investigation, with or without any specific recommendation; or
 - (c) refer the petition to another organisation if the petition relates to that organisation. The principal petitioner, together with one supporter has been invited to attend the meeting.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board considers the petition.
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3. Implications of the Report

- 1. **Financial** – none
- 2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
- 3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
- 4. **Legal** – none
- 5. **Property/Assets** – none
- 6. **Information Technology** - none.
- 7. **Equality & Human Rights** - none

The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

- 8. **Health & Safety** - none
- 9. **Procurement** - none
- 10. **Risk** - none.
- 11. **Privacy Impact** - none

12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** – not applicable

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper - 1 Petition

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