



## **Report to Pelsall & Rushall Local Neighbourhood Partnership**

30 Oct 2006

### **PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING – HIGH STREET, PELSALL**

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Neighbourhood Partnership on the results of a recent survey on the volume of parking in High Street Pelsall.

#### **Report detail**

The issue of whether parking Restrictions are required in High Street, Pelsall arose several years ago and formed the basis of a report to the then Highways & Transportation Committee in March 2000 where it was resolved that no further action be taken. Further concerns were raised in the public forum at the Pelsall & Rushall LNP on the 10-October 2005 over vehicles being parked for an excessive period of time in Pelsall preventing shoppers from parking near to shops and businesses in the village centre. In order to assess whether the situation had changed significantly it was agreed to undertake appropriate surveys and report back to the next meeting on the 9 January 2006.

The survey and subsequent evaluation is now available and briefly detailed herewith:

*Survey undertaken between 0700-18.30 in half hourly intervals of both sides of High Street.*

- ***East Side (Common Side).***

*106 vehicles parked for... up to half an hour*

*15 vehicles parked for... up to one hour*

*8 vehicles parked for...up to two hours*

*18 vehicles parked between...two hours – eleven & a half hours.*

- ***West Side (Shop Side).***

*133 vehicles parked for...up to half an hour*

*9 vehicles parked for...up to one hour*

*5 vehicles parked for...up to two hours*

*19 vehicles parked between... two hours – eleven & a half hours*

There are approximately 29 parking spaces on the East Side and 24 parking spaces on the West Side. These figures do show that a substantial part of the available on-street parking potential is being utilised for the whole of the working day.

It seems likely that the long term parking is from local employees from the shops who would possibly prefer their vehicles to be parked on-street reasonably within sight. Conversely it would arguably benefit the business community more if they could alternatively park a little distance away in the two Council car parks in Ashtree Road and in High Street adjacent to the Library.

The only cost effective measure available to resolve the situation is to introduce 2 Hour Limited Waiting in the High Street but it has to be said that the effectiveness of any Waiting Restrictions, particularly Limited Waiting, is dependent on the level of perceived enforcement. Members of the Partnership should be aware that it is doubtful if there will be a sufficient level of enforcement until Decriminalised Parking Enforcement is in place by April 2008.

### **Resource and Legal Considerations**

Following consultation with the shopkeepers, proposals for Limited Waiting will be assessed for inclusion into the 2007/8 Capital Budget under 'Highway Efficiency Measures' subject to funding

### **Citizen Impact**

Inconsiderate parking can be a cause of extreme frustration for visitors to Pelsall and may also exacerbate road safety issues

### **Environment Impact**

The reduction in congestion should improve the degree of environmental enjoyment for shoppers in the immediate area.

### **Performance Management and Risk Management Issues**

None relating directly to this report

### **Equality Implications**

None directly relating to this report.

### **Consultation**

The various businesses situated in High Street will be consulted on the proposal to introduce 2 hour Limited Waiting Restrictions.

### **Links to Vision 2008**

These proposals will accord with the Council's vision to '*Make it easier for people to get around*' by reducing the circulation of traffic in the area trying to find a parking space.

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