

Report to Palfrey & Pleck Local Neighbourhood Partnership

2005

RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION WITH RESIDENTS OF ARUNDEL STREET

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to update the Local Neighbourhood Partnership on the results of a recent consultation with the residents of Arundel Street to assess whether they are satisfied with the measures already taken to resolve various problems highlighted In their previous petition.

Report detail

Residents of Arundel Street submitted a petition to the LNP meeting on the 29 June 2005 detailing their concerns over various issues in this road.

- Problems of congestion and obstruction from indiscriminate parking. Representations
 were made to Caldmore Timber Ltd about their vehicles abusing the Waiting
 Prohibition in the immediate vicinity of their premises together with materials being
 stored on the footway and there was some subsequent improvement in the situation.
- Difficulties of turning towards the end of the road. A 'KEEP CLEAR' road marking was installed in the small turning head which was frequently blocked by parked vehicles.
- Damage to the brick planter at the end of the road. This has now been fully repaired The actions taken were reported to the LNP who requested that the residents be finally consulted to determine their degree of satisfaction as to the effectiveness of the measures taken.

Of the 51 properties in Arundel Street, only 10 replies were returned of which 7 indicated that the measures taken were successful. I would add that an appropriate attachment was enclosed advising residents that the letter was available in other languages.

The respondents commented that the difficulty in turning in the street had lessened but that occasionally vehicles still parked in the turning head. Indiscriminate parking at the top of Arundel Street remains an issue with vehicles mainly associated with the Timber Company make access to the street difficult and on occasions have prevented refuse collections being made.

There is unfortunately little further action that the Council can take but clearly the lack of any further significant complaints from residents suggests that they are reasonably satisfied with the measures taken.

Resource and Legal Considerations

The enforcement of Waiting Prohibitions are the responsibility of the police, as is obstruction

of the highway.

Citizen Impact

Inconsiderate and unauthorised parking can be a cause of extreme frustration for residents and may also exacerbate existing road safety issues.

Environment Impact

The repaired brick planter now detracts less from the local street scene

Performance Management and Risk Management Issues

None relating directly to this report

Equality Implications

None directly relating to this report.

Consultation

All the residents have been fully consulted.

Links to Vision 2008

One of the Council's key priorities is to 'Make it easier for people to get around'. The provision of the 'KEEP CLEAR' markings in the turning facility should make it easier for residents and visitors to access Arundel Street

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