

BRIEFING NOTE

TO: HEALTH SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

DATE: 23 NOVEMBER 2009

RE: PARKING ISSUES AROUND THE MANOR HOSPITAL

Purpose

To brief the panel on general parking issues and enforcement of parking restrictions on roads surrounding the Manor Hospital.

Background information

The responsibility for parking enforcement on the public highway is split between the Council and the Police. The Council undertakes enforcement at all locations where formal parking restrictions exist. The Police retain the powers to issue fixed penalty notices at any location, irrespective of parking restrictions existing, if they view the vehicle to be obstructing the public highway.

In Practice the Council undertakes daily patrols of all roads in the vicinity of the Manor Hospital where parking restrictions exist. A penalty charge notice is issued to any vehicle found to be parked in contravention of the restrictions.

The Police have the ability to undertake enforcement of the public highway at any time but more recently has been undertaking a number of high profile enforcement campaigns. Vehicles found to be obstructing the public highway are being issued with a fixed penalty notices and, or, moved to a more suitable location.

The formal parking restrictions in place around the hospital are a mixture of double / single yellow lines and residents only parking zones in Moat Road and Wilbraham Road. The Council regularly undertakes reviews of the need for further parking restrictions primarily to assist with reductions in traffic congestion and to maintain road safety. However, the implementation of parking restrictions is controlled by primary legislation and requires that the proposals are advertised for public consultation, allowing for objections to be raised and determined prior to implementation on street.

Existing off - street parking provision is currently provided by the hospital for its employees at Brineton Street. Additionally a further car park will shortly be made available on the junction of Pleck Road / Rollingmill Street. This will help to alleviate some of the concerns of local residents whose daily parking requirements are being impacted by hospital related parking requirements. Limited visitor parking is provided on the current hospital site and this will be improved during the redevelopment of the hospital.

The Council is likely to gain the powers to enforce obstruction of dropped kerbs by the spring of 2010, but only under limited circumstances. These powers could potentially be used to improve problems experienced by local residents as a result of visitor and construction staff parking in the immediate vicinity of the hospital site.

In the interim, the Council will continue to work with the Police to ensure all parking restrictions are complied with, and the need for any new restrictions is considered.

Recommendations

That the panel note the content of this briefing.

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