

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

1. Residents' Survey Results

When the scheme was being proposed to residents earlier this year, LCC sent around a survey to residents in the area affected by the scheme, asking for their opinions on the (then proposed) scheme.

As I recall, one of the questions in the survey asked residents whether they did or did not want the residents' parking scheme in their area. I would like to know please:

ANSWER

Please find attached a copy of the results of the consultation as '4710 Attachment'.

1a) The total number of residents who replied in favour of the scheme

From the table:

- 311

1b) The total number who replied to say they did not support the scheme

- 208

1c) If available, the total number of residents in the area affected by the scheme

- Although we do not have an exact figure for the number of residents in the area affected by the scheme the number of properties surveyed in the area was estimated at 2514

2. Clarification of "Experimental"

I notice that the scheme is currently labelled as "experimental", with a view to possibly making it permanent in the future. Please could you clarify:

2a) Under what conditions the "experiment" will be deemed a success?

2b) If not clear from the above, under what conditions would the "experiment" be deemed a failure?

The experimental scheme will run for a maximum period of 18 months. This will be up until March or April 2015. The criteria used to measure the success of the scheme will be the improved parking availability for residents and businesses within the area. The City Council has carried out surveys of the parking situation on the streets within the new scheme and on the streets surrounding the scheme in the period before the scheme was introduced.

We will be carrying out further surveys on the same streets once the scheme has been running for a time. This will involve surveys of parking availability in residents' parking bays and availability of parking in limited waiting and pay and display bays for shoppers and visitors to the businesses in the area.

The City Council is aware that there may be some displacement of parking to areas surrounding the scheme and these surveys will also therefore monitor this effect. Because the area concerned is such a large area, then it would be anticipated that the displacement would be spread over a wider area of streets surrounding the scheme. In addition it is hoped that the additional distance that commuters now have to park from the City Centre, would mean that they may be encouraged to investigate alternative methods of travelling to work other than single occupancy car journeys, for example cycling, bus or park and ride. The Football and Rugby clubs have been informed of the scheme, and would be aware of the park and ride facilities that operate around the City.

In particular, I would like to know:

2c) Will residents have a further opportunity to vote on the scheme to decide on whether it becomes permanent, or will that decision be left to the Council?

Although the City Council does not intend to carry out another consultation regarding the scheme, it does invite written objections to the experimental scheme. If there are any objections that can be resolved by changes to the scheme, then the City Council will modify the scheme to accommodate these objections. Towards the end of the experimental period, any objections that cannot be resolved by this process will be included in an objectors' report. This report will be submitted to the Planning and Development Control Committee for comment. The report and comments will then be passed to the Director for Planning, Transportation and Economic Development, who will then make a decision, in consultation with the Lead Member for Highways and Transportation as to whether to abandon the scheme or for it to continue in force indefinitely.

Objections can be made in writing to Sarah Khawaja, Legal Services, Legal Services Division, New Walk Centre, Welford Place, Leicester, LE1 6FB.

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