

Cambridgeshire County Council Record of Executive Decision
Decision taken by Traffic Manager in consultation with the local Members

Title of decision	Consider Objections Received in Relation to Proposed Parking Restriction Scheme in Trumpington Meadows, Cambridge
Date decision taken	28 th October 2021, following an earlier meeting on 12 th August 2021
Decision maker	Sonia Hansen (Traffic Manager) in conjunction with County Councillors Philippa Slatter, Brian Milnes and Maria King
Is this a key decision?	No
Is the decision subject to call in?	No
Details of decision taken	<p>Having reviewed details of the Proposed Parking Restriction Scheme, and taking into account the consultation process and written objections received, the Traffic Manager and County Councillors decided that the implementation of the proposed scheme should be deferred.</p> <p>The objectors will be informed of the outcome accordingly.</p>
Reasons for taking decision	<p>The report was presented to the meeting to allow officers to explain the proposals. The introduction of a parking scheme in Trumpington Meadows has many implications and these were discussed in detail. The following summarises the main points:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Deferment of Published Parking Scheme</u> It was felt that implementation of the published scheme should be deferred at this time, the roads should be adopted and the parking restrictions be reconsidered. Legally, the Council has until March 2023 to implement the published restrictions. Beyond that date a fresh proposal would have to be re-published and consulted on. 2. <u>Adoption of Roads</u> The developer is pressing for the roads in the early construction phases of Trumpington Meadows to be adopted as public highway as agreed as part of the planning conditions. It was expected that the implementation of the parking scheme would coincide with that process, but the adoption can proceed without the parking scheme. 3. <u>Current Parking Levels</u> Generally speaking, on-street parking appears relatively light at most times with spaces available in the designated parking bays. Some obstructive parking takes place, but, for the most part, this does not constitute a serious road safety hazard or impede essential access. This means it is difficult to make a strong case for implementing on-street parking controls, given the level of concern expressed by residents. 4. <u>Future Parking Practices</u> The roads in Trumpington Meadows are planned to be adopted as highway and the present private parking arrangements will cease. In addition, the Covid-19 pandemic has resulted in changes to

	<p>residents' working and travel patterns. Due to these and other factors, parking practices could continue to change over the coming months, so a deferment would allow time for this to be monitored.</p> <p>5. <u>Possible Residential Parking Scheme</u></p> <p>Consideration could be given to consulting residents on a different type of parking scheme. This would be a new proposal, subject to the Council's current residents parking policy and funding being available. It is important that any scheme should retain the original concept of minimising car usage and ownership by residents and incorporate provision for visitors, so that the environmental benefits of good air quality and road safety can be enjoyed without loss of employment opportunities or social wellbeing.</p> <p>6. <u>Expected Introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE)</u></p> <p>At the present time, most of Trumpington Meadows is within the City of Cambridge, but some parts are in South Cambridgeshire. This would result in complications over the enforcement of any parking restrictions, as the city already has CPE, so enforcement is carried out by the County Council. In South Cambridgeshire, enforcement is currently a police responsibility, but discussions are underway to apply for CPE in South Cambridgeshire. A deferment of the parking scheme would allow time for that process to become clearer and, if introduced, would simplify enforcement in the whole of Trumpington Meadows.</p> <p>7. <u>Other considerations</u></p> <p>Other parking options could be considered, such as designated car club spaces and short-stay parking.</p> <p>The introduction of parking restrictions should be preceded by the consideration and encouragement of alternative modes of travel and clear communication with residents.</p>
Options considered	Please see above – 'Reasons for taking decision'.
Details of any conflict of interests declared	No conflicts of interest.
Details of any disclosable pecuniary interest or non-statutory disclosable interest declared	No pecuniary interests or non-statutory disclosable interest declared.

Signature of decision maker (if appropriate)
