

Parking and transport issues in the village - an update from Hathersage Parish Council

Residents Parking Scheme

In 2021 Hathersage Parish Council (HPC) sent a questionnaire to each household in the village asking for their views on having a residents' parking scheme. 70% of those responding (45%) were interested in having a residents parking scheme

- Only 32% were interested if they would have to pay for a permit
- Fewer than 32% were interested if no guarantee could be provided as to where their parking space would be.

This means that only 14% of Hathersage residents are interested in having a residents' parking scheme if they have to pay for it. Despite the low response HPC asked Derbyshire County Council (DCC) for their view on the feasibility of a scheme. On 6th December 2021 DCC responded that:

- Most, if not all, streets in Hathersage would need to be included within a residents' parking scheme, to ensure that those streets not included within the scheme didn't see a significant increase in the number of vehicles parking on them.
- A residents' parking scheme won't guarantee anybody a parking space outside their property. A permit enables the holder to park within the restricted area but does not provide a dedicated space outside each property. Permit holders may not be able to find a space close to their home if residents from neighbouring streets had parked there.
- Any residents' parking scheme would need to be self-financing, and most residents would need to support the proposals for the scheme to be successful.
- Currently the costs of annual parking permits are £35 for the first vehicle and £50 for any additional vehicle. Sufficient revenue needs to be generated to cover the management and enforcement necessary for a scheme to work. This means that around 200-300 permit sales are generally required to cover the costs of such a scheme.
- DCC would only usually consider such a scheme where no less than 70% in the area are in support of it and 200-300 permits purchased. DCC is unlikely to approve a residents parking scheme in Hathersage because the survey results indicate that residents in favour of a scheme would fall *'well below the 70% figure that would need to be met'*.

There is a possibility that current guidelines may change. On 23rd December DCC told us that they are going to review arrangements for all on street residents' parking schemes. They will consider their operational guidelines and types of permits available, with the aim of providing a fair parking permit structure.

Parking options continuing to be explored by Hathersage Parish Council:

- B6001 western verge north of Leadmill bridge: potential for estimated 20 cars but hard surface required.
- Dore Lane, Station Road end: potential for 6 cars on village side but hard surface required
- A6187 layby below Jagers Lane: existing facility but needs tidying and enlarging plus improved access for pedestrians.
- Oddfellows Car Park Layout: potential from improved layout - DDDC due this summer to produce a plan in conjunction with provision of EV charging facilities
- HPC is looking into alternative funding possibilities due to DCC budget constraints.

Residents wishing to express their views at a meeting of the Council' Transport Committee, please contact the Clerk at clerk@hathersageparishcouncil.gov.uk,