



The Beaudesert & Henley-in-Arden

Joint Parish Council

Working for the Benefit of the Residents of Henley-in-Arden

Report of the Traffic and Parking Working Party on 15.01.16.

Attended by Cllr. Peter Cornford, Cllr. Peter Crathorne, Sue Osborne, Cllr. Dave Broadbent.

Apologies NONE

1. The following items were listed for discussion with County Councillor Mike Perry as some of the issues causing concern within the town:-

- 1.1. Traffic speed on the High Street; this could include traffic reducing gateways at either end of the High Street, the possibility of a 20 mph speed limit on the High Street, reconfiguration of the pedestrian traffic lights to have a moment of complete stop at the centre of the town for pedestrians to cross over at any point between the two crossings, speed camera on High Street, even a dummy would do.
- 1.2. The reconfiguration of crossing points at the northern and southern end of the town allowing pedestrians to stand at the road edge of the parking spaces to clearly see traffic before crossing.
- 1.3. 20 mph speed limit for the whole of the Arden Road estate.
- 1.4. Look again at the road design for the access from Beaudesert Lane to High Street, as visibility is poor and turning safely is particularly difficult when cars are parked opposite the end of Beaudesert Lane. The suggestion of a mini island was made. This to be undertaken as part of a comprehensive redesign of the pavement and roadways from the St John's Church to Lloyds Bank similar to that undertaken in Warwick High Street.
- 1.5. Traffic island at the end of Arden Road where it joins the Warwick Road was also suggested.

2. Parking

- 2.1. Consent should be requested for the council to write to Network Rail, Birmingham Midland Railways, Taylor Wimpey and Stratford District Council for a without prejudice discussion concerning the transfer of responsibilities for car parks to permit the establishment of a comprehensive and strategic arrangement for parking in Henley.
- 2.2. The parking availability review that investigated all possibilities, private and public, giving consideration to the actual and potential parking, day and night; the purpose of this would be to make much better use of the existing facilities. This project will look at the possibility of appointing evening parking attendant to supervise the use of all private facilities made available by a number of restaurants and other establishments that do not have car parking. This project was not discussed and is given a lower priority as we respond to residents' concerns.
- 2.3. After a review of the survey of the railway station (available on request), further discussions of referrals to the working party from residents and informal reassurances that the privately owned Golf Club Car park would be minded to co-operate with a town strategy for parking, the working party felt that there were no solutions for increased long term parking in Henley to be found within the town boundaries. It recommends that the council should consider a limited breach of the green belt to enable the essential establishment of long term parking as the foundation of the comprehensive improvements for visitor, shoppers and residents parking. Without the provision of additional long term parking spaces any changes to the Medical Centre, Croft and on street parking restrictions would make parking issues worse for residents as office workers, train travellers and visitors sought cheaper solutions to their parking needs in more residential streets than they do at present. In addition without an alternative long term cheaper car park few places presently occupied by office workers and residents all day would be released for shorter term shoppers and visitors. Residents should be reminded that any plan to improve parking conditions within Henley is not without cost to the council and would require an increase in the precept. The town should be presented with a choice leave parking as it is or face the cost in monetary terms and unpalatable green belt breaches that improvements would need.

2.4. The Survey of businesses and their parking in Henley was approved and would be carried out to further inform the council of parking needs.

The Council wants to improve traffic and parking in our town. We need your help. Everyone in the office please answer the following the replies will be collected from your office in 7 days time.

DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR NAME

I am The Boss Employee Self employed

Coming to **work I** Walk travel by bus Cycle

travel by train travel by Car

By Car I park on

My own business Car Park On the street (which one) _____

In the Croft Car Park In the Medical Centre Car Park

In Golf Club (paid) Private arrangement with a pub

On someone's Drive (ROUGHLY WHERE) _____

On the Lord's Waste (ROUGHLY WHERE) _____

Elsewhere please specify _____

Thankyou.

The parish council would like to encourage the businesses of Henley to come together as a group either formally or informally to create a voice for Henley Businesses, along with other local organisations you would be influencing local development, joint events to encourage visitors. We believe organisations, businesses and residents working alongside a modern and forward thinking parish council can establish a welcoming and vibrant local community that welcomes visitors.

Put your contact details here please and await an invitation:

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Chamber of commerce/trade

Networking is as important as it is fun. When you get the opportunity, step outside, meet new people, shake hands and give out as many business cards as you possibly can – it can be more enjoyable and effective than sitting behind a computer or counter all day. By doing this, you'll help your business stand out – people will be able to put a face to the name of your company. You can create meaningful connections and engage with people directly, reaching a more captive audience than you would with other methods of communication.

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5. Next Meeting To be arranged.

RECOMMENDED RESOLUTION 18.01.16

It was resolved that the Traffic and Parking Working Party are authorised to

- 1. Request that the clerk write to Taylor Wimpey, Stratford District Council, Network Rail and Birmingham Midland Railways to request an informal without commitment discussion on parking at the Railway station linked to the development of a long term car park for the Town.**
- 2. That a proposal should be entered into the Neighbourhood Development Plan proposing parking plan for Henley that incorporates long term parking, shoppers car parking, control of street parking and protection for local residents from car owners seeking free long term parking while they visit, work or travel from Henley.**
- 3. The council review their decision about developing the green belt land adjacent to the coal yard in the light of research by the Traffic and Parking Working party that shows there is no suitable land available within the town boundary to enable a comprehensive strategy to manage parking in Henley to be instituted.**
- 4. The Traffic and Parking Working Party are authorised to meet with Cllr. Perry and the County Council's Roads Officer to look at longer term improvements to the design of the roads and pavements outside the shops in the centre of the town.**
- 5. Funding of up to £250 is approved to enable the Traffic and Parking Working Party to carry out its authorised work.**