

## Lower Street/Grove Hill Parking Questionnaire

### Area Panel South West, item 6

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### Summary

This report provides Members with details of the survey that was undertaken by the Council in conjunction with Stansted Mountfitchet Parish Council and provides Members with a recommendation to consider.

### Recommendations

That the Area Panel recommend to the Environment Committee that a scheme which prohibits anyone but residents of Lower Street and Grove Hill from parking on the aforementioned streets for one hour at some point during the working day be introduced.

### Background Papers

Lower Street/Grove Hill Parking Questionnaire; Minutes of the Stansted Parish Council Sub Committee Meeting

### Impact

Communication/Consultation	All residents affected were sent questionnaires
Community Safety	Section 17 implications have been considered
Equalities	None
Finance	The Council would need to charge a pro rata fee for the administration of the RPS – it is proposed that this is £35pa
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	Would need to introduce a new on street Parking Order
Ward-specific impacts	Stansted Mountfitchet
Workforce/Workplace	None

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#### Situation

- 1 There has been an on-going problem in the Lower Street/Grove Hill area of Stansted with commuters parking on street for a number of years. For example, the refuse collectors have been unable to access certain properties due to the fact that people have parked their cars in an inconsiderate manner.
- 2 To this end, the Parish Council requested that a joint survey be undertaken to ascertain the views of the affected residents. 42 residents were sent questionnaires and 26 residents responded. All residents were in favour of some action being taken to assist residents with on-street parking, and to eliminate commuters and people travelling from the airport.
- 3 The questionnaire contained several options. Two people supported a one hour no waiting restriction in Lower Street. 24 people favoured some form of Residents' Parking Scheme (RPS) – 5 people wanted an all day scheme introduced, 10 people wanted a one hour RPS introduced and the remaining 9 stated that they did not mind which scheme was adopted.
- 4 A sub committee of the Parish Council met with the Community Development Manager and it was considered that the most appropriate scheme to adopt which would not adversely affect traders etc. would be the introduction of a one hour no parking scheme, thereby eliminating both commuting and airport parking.
- 5 Members of the Panel will be aware that there is adequate parking provision provided by the airport and that the railway station and the Council owned car park offer commuters the facility of Season Ticket purchase at their respective car parks.

#### Financial Implications

- 6 The scheme would need to be administered by the Parking Section but it is considered that it would be inequitable to charge residents the same price for RPS that is charged in Saffron Walden. The charge for Saffron Walden is currently £70pa. To this end, it is considered that a pro rata charge of no more than £35pa would be appropriate.

#### Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
<b>Retaining the status quo</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Notices could be put on all cars in relation to appropriate parking practices vis a vis refuse collection, emergency vehicular access</b>