

Communication from Andrew Simcock to Warren Roper – MCC

Last night I attended a meeting of around 30 local residents and several Councillors which was in large part discussing the forthcoming consultation on the parking plans around Christie Hospital.

Here are some of the issues which emerged which I will be sharing with the group. I wanted to give you advance notice so that you can, hopefully, incorporate these points into your consultation process.

- In addition to the area shown on the map you have circulated, please include Cotton Hill and Old Broadway as part of the letter drop to residents as they currently sit just outside the proposed area and would like to be included.
- Old Broadway and other roads inside the consultation area are unadopted private roads. Please can you confirm that it is in theory possible for them to adopt the same parking measures provided the residents in those streets agree?
- Is there a cost attached to this for those residents?
- Residents on Tatton Grove were particularly concerned about the nature of the proposed scheme. They already have more cars than there is space on the road - what general rules do you have in place for identifying how many cars can be badged as belonging to local residents. One per house or more? Any there any associated costs for residents?
- One of the ideas we aim to adopt is to have a street champion for each street who will aim to boost response rates to the consultation. Do you have experience of working with them elsewhere?
- How effectively will any new waiting times and limits be policed once in place? How strong are your links with the enforcement teams?
- Concerns were raised that the initial street surveys have been rather cursory and may not have gathered information effectively. Heaton Road, and roads off were mentioned in particular. What is your view on that please?
- Concern was raised that the s106 money (roughly £190k) would not be enough for the scheme. What is your view on that please? In your experience, how much of that goes on the legal aspects?
- Provision of disabled parking as part of the scheme was also regarded as an important point.
- Roughly 50% of the people present at the meeting would respond to consultations online which, whilst encouraging from the City Council's digital strategy point of view, means that 50% have to be reached in other ways. How effectively do you find the different methods of contact work please?
- It was felt to be very important that the consultation was meaningful and that you did not simply present back effectively a 'done deal'. My understanding is that you will ask people their opinions, share with them details of schemes elsewhere as examples and then consult further on proposed plans for the area, including by public meetings. Am I correct in those assumptions?

We will be discussing this at our Neighbourhood Forum meeting next Tuesday. Originally I suggested that you didn't attend as the consultation wouldn't have started. On reflection, with so many questions raised last night, please could I ask that you DO attend and go through these points for us?

The meeting is at 5.30 p.m. at Christie Hospital Trust HQ, as before, on Tuesday 19th February and will finish at 7.00 p.m. I hope you can make it.

Thank you

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