

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Housing Tenancy Board

Date **28 October 2013**

Report of: **Director of Community**

Subject: **REVIEW OF CAR PARKING ON HOUSING ESTATES**

SUMMARY

This report provides the Board with findings from a survey of car parking provision on housing estates.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board notes the survey findings and comments on whether funding should be set aside from the Housing Capital Programme to improve parking at identified locations where parking appears to be an issue.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the Board's meeting on 18 June 2012 there was discussion as to whether money should be set aside from the Housing Capital Programme to fund parking improvements on council housing land.
2. The Board resolved that officers be requested to review parking provision across the Borough and report back to the Board together with any proposals for parking improvements.

PARKING SURVEY

3. To help assess the need for parking improvements at housing sites a survey was carried out by the Tenancy Services Team over the summer months to identify what parking provision there is at each location.
4. Parking provision includes the following:
 - a) Off road parking in the form of a designated car park on housing land;
 - b) Parking bays in housing service areas;
 - c) Garages;
 - d) Off road parking in garden of individual dwelling;
 - e) Layby parking (Highway); and
 - f) Road parking (Highway)
5. Officers carrying out the survey were asked to:
 - a) Identify what parking provision there is at each site;
 - b) Identify how many parking spaces are available at each site;
 - c) Identify any particular parking issues at each site; and
 - d) Comment on signage and line marking

FINDINGS FROM THE SURVEY

6. The findings from the survey identified parking issues at a number of housing sites. These included the following:
 - a) Where residents were parking on grass verges;
 - b) Where residents were parking on the footpath;
 - c) Where limited parking was available;
 - d) Where designated spaces were not being used correctly;
 - e) Where parking caused an obstruction;
7. Survey findings are shown in the table at the top of page 3.

Location	Issue(s)	Options for Consideration
Barnes Close	Limited spaces available	Off road
Baytree Lodge	Designated spaces are not being used correctly	Improved Signage
Bellfield	Parking on grassed areas	Dragons Teeth
Belvoir Close	Limited spaces available	Additional spaces
Beverley Close	Designated spaces are not being used correctly	Improved Signage
Birchen Road	Parking on Footpath	Off road
Caen House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
Cort Way	Parking on grass verges	Off road
Crofton Court	Designated spaces are not being used correctly	Improved signage
Flanders House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
Fort Fareham Road	Limited spaces available	Off road
Foster Close	Causing obstruction for others	Improved Signage
Foy Gardens	Causing obstruction for others	Improved Signage
Frosthole Close	Limited spaces available	Additional spaces
Gosport Road (Stubbington)	Limited spaces available	Off road
Hewett House	Causing obstruction for others	Improved Signage
Holly Close	Parking on Footpath	Off road
Longfield Avenue	Limited spaces available	Off road
Marks Road	Limited spaces available	Off road
Marne House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
Medina House	Limited spaces available	Review garage area
Meon House	Limited spaces available	Review garage area
Minden House	Limited spaces available	Additional spaces
Nelson Court	Limited spaces available	Additional spaces
Norman Close	Limited spaces available	New parking area
Ramillies House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
Ransome Close	Designated spaces are not being used correctly	Improved Signage
Spencer Court	Parking on Grassed Areas & causing an obstruction	Dragons teeth and signage
Spithead House	Limited spaces available	Review garage area
Tebourba House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
The Hillway	Parking on Footpath	Off road
Thorni Avenue	Causing obstruction for others	Off road
Trafalgar Court	Limited spaces available	Additional spaces
Vimy House	Limited spaces available	Review garage & drying area site
Wallington Court	Causing obstruction for others	Improved Signage
Widley Court	Driving over kerbs and grassed areas	Bollards/Dragons teeth

8. The survey also identified a number of sites where line marking to parking areas had faded and needed re-marking. These sites will be included in a future programme of works to be funded from the Estate Improvement budget.
9. The need for improved signage to a number of sites was identified and these will be progressed and funded as part of the Estate Improvement programme.
10. At sites where residents are driving across or parking on grassed areas consideration will be given to the installation of bollards and/or dragons teeth, again funded from the Estate Improvement programme.

PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT

11. It is proposed that consideration be given to the provision of off road parking at the following sites subject to feasibility in terms of practicality, cost and tenant consultation:

- Barnes Close, Birchen Road, Cort Way, Fort Fareham Road, Gosport Road (Stubington), Holly Close, Longfield Avenue, Marks Road, The Hillway and Thorni Avenue.

12. Further feasibility work is required to determine if additional parking can be provided at the following sites:

- Belvoir Close, Caen House, Flanders House, Frosthole Close, Marne House, Medina House, Nelson Court, Norman Close, Ramillies House, Spithead House, Tebourba House, Trafalgar Court and Vimy House.

RISK ASSESSMENT

13. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

14. This report has provided board members with feedback following a survey of parking provision for council housing sites; and identified a number of proposals which may go some way to relieving parking issues at a number of locations.

Background Papers: None

Reference Papers: Housing Capital Programme Report and Minutes of Housing Tenancy Board 18 June 2012

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