

STATEMENT: Cllr Alan Hale (delivered by Cllr Charles Gerrish)

Since before my first election now almost five years ago, the residents of Dapps Hill in Keynsham have been fighting to achieve a Residents Parking Zone. Their experience is that the roads around their home have become a car park for commuters to the town and anecdotally they believe that the majority of cars parked are those of council employees working in Riverside.

The Residents Parking Zone scheme was consulted on late last year and it is regrettable with hindsight and new knowledge, that few people wrote in to support the scheme. I have to be honest that I like them took the consultation notices to mean that the council intended to action the scheme but the consultation offered an opportunity for those who did want to object to do so and in the event two or three did so.

However those less than a handful of objectors pales into insignificance when set against the number of people who have filled in a number of surveys over the past five years, one survey being mine. There has also been a petition which was circulated and signed by the vast majority of the residents of Dapps Hill. Petition and surveys clearly showed that an overwhelming majority of people living in Dapps Hill wished to see the arrival of a residents parking zone.

All surveys and the petition were lodged with the Parking Services Manager Dorothy Miley and so there is a clear history of the wish for a Residents Parking Zone and I suspect that the residents who had on more than at least two occasions expressed their view in writing believed that there was no need to reiterate their views.

Again I shall be open and honest with you in saying that I held a similar view having been instrumental in supporting the residents over four years and writing on their behalf both to the Parking Manager and the Director. I have also had correspondence with Chris Major the new manager and so he is aware of the history. I currently await a response to my most recent email to him.

I write to you now asking that in your deliberation next week that you consider the history of this aspiration and support the Residents Parking Zone for Dapps Hill based on the paperwork held in Parking Services expressing the residents wishes. To implement limited waiting in Dapps Hill would only further frustrate the residents by preventing them from relatively close access to their homes during the day.

Thank You.

Alan Hale

Cllr Keynsham South.