

Residents' parking scheme for the West End – a further update



Residents will recall that I had recently raised with the City Council the need to complete the consultation on a possible residents' parking scheme for a significant area in the east and north of the West End Ward.

The consultation was abruptly suspended back in March due to the lockdown caused by the COVID-19 health emergency. As I indicated to council officers, I do not want to see this kicked into the long grass as the parking problems for many residents continue.

The council's Parking and Sustainable Transport Team Leader has now updated councillors as follows :

"The report on the proposed extension of a residents' parking scheme came before the City Development committee on 9 March 2020 and officers were instructed to conclude the consultation with relevant community groups before bringing back a further options report to the committee.

The public consultation in the West End was largely completed prior to lockdown with a lot of community feedback collated following two public events held at Blackness Library in March 2020. Further public engagement events in Maryfield and Coldside wards were unable to take place due to lockdown restrictions.

Council officers from City Development, with support from the Communities Team, expect to recommence the public engagement on resident parking issues in March 2021 or at the earliest possible date after restrictions on public gatherings are lifted. It is then anticipated that a full options report will be presented to committee later that year.”