

Appendix 2 - Friary Road/Valley Way – Parking review

An informal consultation was carried out from 22 September – 14 October 2016 with residents of Friary Road and Valley Way in an area agreed with Ward Councillors.

A letter was hand delivered to all residential properties within the consultation area, asking the recipient to complete an on-line “SurveyMonkey” questionnaire. The questionnaire asked a range of questions about the parking situation in their road/area and amongst other things, whether they had any parking related concerns in the local area, whether they would like a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and whether they would like parking issues investigated further in their road/area.

Approximately 43 letters were hand delivered to all properties in the area. A web page was also set up on the Council’s Engage Portal containing details of the informal consultation. The closing date for the consultation was 14 October 2016. Paper or emailed copies of the questionnaire were also made available to residents on request if they were having difficulties or were unwilling to complete the questionnaire online.

A total of 38 questionnaires were returned – a response rate of 88%

Key headlines resulting from the consultation are that, of those who responded to the relevant questions:

- 13 (38%) are happy and 21 (62%) respondents are not happy with the parking situation in their road;
- 19 (51%) of respondents find it difficult to park in their road, whereas 18 (49%) do not find it difficult to park;
- 18 (53%) respondents would like and 16 (47%) would not like their road to be included in a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)

From the responses received it appears that the majority of respondents are not satisfied with their current parking situation, and sees the need for further investigations or a Controlled Parking Zone.

Additional analysis is required to establish whether there is consistent demand for action across the whole consultation area or whether there are concentrated areas of concern/interest and whether any action is required in those roads or areas. After liaising with the relevant Ward Councillors, the analysis will be reported back to a future re meeting of this Committee outlining the detailed findings and any proposals.