


CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community & Environment		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	23rd September 2021 7.00pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	J MacArthur Communities and Marketing Manager and Deputy Chief Officer		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	17 Action against Inconsiderate Parking		
Background	<p>Councillors and Officers regularly receive complaints from members of the public about inconsiderate parking in their area. This is especially prevalent in areas around the railway station, town centre, Astbury Mere and other places where people visit by car.</p> <p>Cheshire East Council on their website has a section on Nuisance Parking and how to report it. Cheshire East Council will try to help find solutions, but it is not always straightforward which councillors involved with trying to help Congleton residents with nuisance parking are aware.</p> <p>Making a new traffic change (yellow lines, banning pavement parking etc) usually involves a Traffic Road Order which is a time consuming and expensive process - it takes up to two years and requires extensive public consultation. When a restriction is in place, a Civil Enforcement Officer employed by the Borough Council can enforce the parking rule.</p> <p>Where people are parking inconsiderately but there are no restrictions – e.g., if they are blocking a driveway or putting people at risk by parking within 10m of a junction, or make it unsafe to cross the road, the Borough Council recommends reporting it to the Police via the non-emergency 101 contact number.</p> <p>Due to pressures on Police time and resources, parking issues cannot always be dealt with quickly. Congleton Neighbourhood Policing Unit, in partnership with the Town Council, has designed a poster that people can download from the Town Council's website and place on parked cars that are causing a nuisance. We believe that many drivers may not understand the problems they are causing. People are also asked to keep a note of the problem as useful evidence for a potential future highway scheme.</p>		

<p>Update</p>	<div data-bbox="413 136 751 618">  </div> <p>Congleton Town Council will add a suite of downloadable posters on its website and publicise their availability on social media, Bear Necessities and the local press.</p> <p>There will also be a Parking Notice to warn against parking on grass verges and to warn against pavement parking.</p>
<p>Financial Considerations</p>	<p>There is no cost to the scheme. The Police Support Teams have developed the Junction and Pavement Poster and the Town Council has developed the grass verges poster.</p>
<p>Environmental considerations</p>	<p>Posters will only be printed off as needed so little Environmental impact.</p>
<p>Equality considerations</p>	<p>A small supply will be kept in the Congleton Information Centre for those without access to a printer.</p>
<p>Proposal</p>	<p>Town Councillors to note this report and encourage residents to use the downloadable posters.</p>