

**Agenda item 5.1  
Milton Road Area  
Residents' Parking Scheme  
2020-25**

**Update on current state of play  
and  
next steps**

## Timeline of decision-making about parking scheme



<b>Stages in implementation of Milton Road Area Residents' Parking Scheme</b>				
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## Focus of ARERA Committee activities



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## AERA Committee engagement activities



Engagement with:
ARERA Residents
MP
Chair Exec Board, GCP
Director, GCP
GCP Project Managers
Leader, County Council
Chief Executive County Council
Local County Councillor
Chair, Cambridge Joint Area Committee
County Active Travel Lead
County Cycling Champion
Head, Highways & Transport Dept
Director, Place and Sustainability
Policy & Regulations Dept
Chair, Highways & Transport Committee
Leader, City Council
Local City Councillors
Local Press
Local Radio
National Press

Means of engagement used
AGM, member emails, website, leaflets to individual households
Emails
Emails
Emails
Emails, face to face
Emails
Emails
Emails, face to face
Emails, face to face
Emails, face to face
Emails, face to face
Emails
Emails
Emails, phone calls
Emails, face to face
Emails
Emails, face to face
Letters to editor, interviews with journalist
Interviews with journalist
Letters to specialist correspondents

March 2020

February 2024

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Engagement with:	<b>Opportunity closed</b>	<b>Opportunity closed</b>	<b>Opportunity closed</b>	<b>Opportunity closed</b>	<b>Opportunity closed</b>	<b>Opportunity open?</b>
ARERA Residents	*	*	*	*	*	*
MP		*		*	*	*
Chair Exec Board, GCP	*	*	*	*	*	*
Director, GCP	*	*	*	*	*	*
GCP Project Managers	*	*	*	*	*	*
Leader, County Council				*	*	*
Chief Executive County Council				*	*	*
Local County Councillor	*	*	*	*	*	*
Chair, Cambridge Joint Area Committee	(Liaison Committee)	(Liaison Committee)	N/A (Liaison committee abolished)	N/A (Liaison committee abolished)	*	*
County Active Travel Lead					(*)	*
County Cycling Champion				*	*	*
Head, Highways & Transport Dept				*	*	*
Director, Place and Sustainability			*	*	*	*
Policy & Regulations Dept				*	*	*
Chair, Highways & Transport Committee		*	*	*	*	*
Leader, City Council				*	*	*
Local City Councillors	*	*	(*)	(*)	*	*
Local Press		*	*	*	*	*
Local Radio			*	*	*	*
National Press			*	*	*	*
<b>Outcomes</b>	Arbury Road East included in scheme	Urban Clearway dropped	Changes denied by GCP	Opposition repeatedly ignored	Vestigial cycle path dropped(?)	Struggle ongoing

**GCP statement Residents' Parking Scheme released  
27/1/25**

**Milton Rd area:** CJAC has recommended that the Exec Director approve the TRO as a delegated decision. We are now planning implementation. The parking enforcement IT system is currently being re-procured which means that we need to wait for that to be completed before we can 'programme in' a new scheme and issue permits. We hope and expect that we can implement the Milton Road area scheme in the summer with the six-month review therefore being underway by the end of 2025. The procurement should close in January. When we know who will be the provider, we can firm up precise delivery dates.

## GCP statement about the six-month review

### Process and content of the six-month reviews and their outcomes

The six-month reviews will be commissioned and carried out externally through our professional services contract. They will be based on both feedback from residents and members and on technical evidence gathering and will include consideration of:

- Scheme demand and whether there is surplus parking space/capacity
- Whether there are any minor boundary tweaks which would improve operation
- Whether there are any design or operational issues that need tweaking (such as hours of operation, position of bays, need for additional double yellow lines etc)

Evidence to be collected will include (but not necessarily be limited to) number of permits issued, enforcement data, issues arising through the PCN appeals process, and surveys of spare capacity. There will also be a dedicated email address for people to raise operational concerns during that initial six-month period. The technical advisors will consider this evidence in the round and make recommendations as to whether there should be any changes.

Where concerns or issues have been flagged through the design, TRO and decision process these will be considered explicitly in the review. For example: with the Milton Road area scheme the question of whether the north side of Arbury Rd (including Havenfield) should be included was clearly a major issue, and so the six-month review will explicitly consider whether there is sufficient capacity to include them in the scheme.

## **GCP statement continued**

The types of things that could plausibly change in any RPS in response to a six-month review could be:

- minor boundary tweaks to avoid unintended consequences
- bays may be added or removed to improve safety, address unintended consequences on traffic flow etc.
- signing and lines may be amended
- operational hours could be tweaked
- removal of a small number of parking spaces (if there is shown to be capacity once operation has commenced), in favour of on-street car club parking, cycle parking, cycle hangars, delivery consolidation micro-hubs etc (subject to funding being available).
- it may equally recommend no change if the scheme is operating well.



## **GCP statement continued**

### **Timing/next steps after the six-month reviews**

Their report will then be considered by officers and presented to CJAC with accompanying recommendations.

Changes to the scheme are likely to require a re-advertised TRO and may require a mini-consultation depending on their scale and nature.

Where the review shows a clear need or opportunity for action we may consult with the local members and, with their agreement and that of the relevant Executive Director, carry out a mini-consultation / advertise a draft TRO before bringing the matter to CJAC, to allow for important changes to be considered more quickly.

For example, if the Milton Road area review highlights that there is capacity to include the north side of Arbury Road it is likely that we would move directly to TRO before bringing the matter back to CJAC (given that CJAC has already expressed a clear preference that the boundary should be amended if there proves capacity to do so). This will allow for quicker resolution of issues arising. However, if the best way forward were unclear, we would expect to come to CJAC first before TRO.

After the six-month reviews, it is not expected that schemes would come back to CJAC unless there were a scheme review initiated by a local member led consultation in the usual way, per the overarching Resident Parking Policy.

## Next steps in ARERA campaign



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Next stages in implementation of Milton Road Area Residents' Parking Scheme				
	Council Committees' decisions accepting GCP's parking scheme	Implementation of parking scheme as per TRO	Six-month review of initial operation of parking scheme	Publication of six-month review
Focus of ARERA Committee's activities	Continue requesting changes to conduct and reporting of review of the six-month pilot of scheme	Encouraging ARERA residents to inform GCP, H&T Committee and local county Councillor of any problems experienced during implementation of scheme via communication channel provided and, if necessary, via local press	Encouraging ARERA residents to submit their experience of the performance of scheme, including any shortcomings, via communication channel provided and, if necessary, via local press	Encourage ARERA members to respond to review report. Hold ARERA public meeting to respond to report if deemed necessary. Publicise outcomes from meeting, if necessary, via local press
Window of opportunity	<b>Opportunity open?</b>	<b>Opportunity open May to December</b>	<b>Opportunity open January to June</b>	<b>Opportunity open from June 2026?</b>

## Proposed Resolution in relation to Agenda Item 5

ARERA strongly opposes the arbitrary and unfair exclusion of northside residents from the Milton Road Area Parking Scheme and will work with determination to have them included.