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SALTBURN TRANSPORTATION MASTERPLAN UPDATE

Dear Saltburn Resident,

You may recall that last year an independent study of traffic and parking in the town was conducted by WSP/Capita on behalf of Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council. It involved carrying out traffic counts and parking surveys throughout Saltburn as well as a public consultation, to understand what the public consider to be the main issues with transportation in the town.

More than 1,200 responses were received. The Council has now published this study, which includes an independent assessment of the issues, as well as suggestions as to how these could be mitigated, to best meet the needs of the community. It is important to acknowledge, however, that in the current economic climate, not all of the recommendations can be delivered at this time. That said, the Council recognises that it is still important to share the findings of the study and to provide an opportunity for participants to give feedback, should they wish.

As we know, Saltburn is a popular and much-loved beauty spot, similar to seaside towns like Whitby and Whitley Bay and visitor numbers continue to grow year-on-year. Currently, all on-street parking is free and generally unrestricted for both residents and visitors, in terms of time limits on length of stay. This can cause inconvenience for the town's residents and businesses, especially during the peak tourist season. Within the consultation feedback, both Marine Parade and the 'Jewel Streets' were considered the most problematic in terms of parking, and the Council has agreed that this issue should be considered a priority, with the limited funding currently available.

The Council intends to introduce the 20mph speed limit along Marine Parade/adjoining streets and to consider lowering speed limits elsewhere in the town subject to technical assessments, public feedback, and the availability of funding. It also intends to consider a redesign of the Milton Street junction as part of the works already planned for additional parking on Marine Parade, and will continue discussions with Sustrans regards a potential diversion of the National Cycle Network Route 1 along Milton Street.

The study produced by WSP/Capita is available to view online at:

<https://redcarcleveland.uk.engagementhq.com/saltburn-transportation-masterplan>

There will also be an exhibition displaying the findings in Saltburn Library for the next few weeks. Comments or questions about the study can be made either online, at the web address above, or left at the exhibition during this period.

Once the Council has considered all the feedback received, a programme of improvements, based upon the study, will be prepared for specific schemes and include further community consultation as needed.

I have discussed this approach with your Ward Councillors, Cllr Craig Hanaway, Cllr Stuart Smith, and Cllr Philip Thomson.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C. Quartermain'.

Councillor Carl Quartermain (Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport)