

# **Appendix D - Balfour Road Area Resident Parking Scheme Consultation Report November 2016**

## **Background**

The council has received a number of complaints and petitions from residents about parking issues in the Balfour Road Area. Parking pressures for local residents, visitors and businesses have increased following the introduction of parking schemes in neighbouring areas.

The council has now prepared proposals for a residents parking scheme in the Balfour Road area. Residents were given the option of a full scheme with enforcement from 9am to 8pm or a light touch scheme with different hours of operation (usually 2 separate hours in the day eg 10am to 11am and 2pm to 3pm but specific times are to be agreed). Both options would be available for five or seven days (Monday to Friday or Monday to Sunday). The consultation was open from 3 October to 11 November 2016.

## **Headline Findings**

The consultation achieved a 53% response rate.

206 (66.0%) of respondents were in favour of a Residents' Parking Scheme and 106 (34.0%) of respondents were against a Residents' Parking scheme.

194 (66.5%) favoured a full scheme and 102 (34.5%) a light-touch scheme.

197 (66.1%) favoured a Monday to Sunday scheme and 101 (33.9%) of respondents favoured a Monday to Friday scheme.

## **Methodology**

The Brighton and Hove City Council Land and Property Gazeteer was used to provide 588 property addresses in the proposed scheme boundary for the Balfour Road area. An information leaflet, detailed maps, a questionnaire and a prepaid envelope for reply was sent to each address. Respondents were also invited to complete the survey online via the council's Consultation Portal should they wish to. 88% of responses were received by mail and 12% on line. The consultation was advertised on the council's website, via social media and by a press-release to local media.

Plans could be viewed at an unstaffed exhibition at the: Parking Information Centre, Hove Town Hall: Monday 3 October to Friday 11 November - from 10am to 4.30pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm on Saturdays.

An officer was also available to take 'phone calls from those who had specific questions about the consultation.

## Results

312 valid responses<sup>1</sup> were received from within the proposed scheme boundary giving a response rate of 53% which is a very high response rate compared to previous consultations.

### Q1 Would you like your area to be considered for a residents parking scheme?

Response Base = 312

Yes		No		Total
Number	%	Number	%	
206	66	106	34	312

### Q2 If a scheme were to go ahead which option would you prefer?

Response Base = 296

Full scheme 9am to 8pm		Light touch scheme (two periods during the day 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm for example)		Total
Number	%	Number	%	
194	65.5	102	34.5	296

### Q3 If a scheme were introduced would you prefer?

Response Base = 296

Monday to Sunday		Monday to Friday		Total
Number	%	Number	%	
197	66.1	101	33.9	298

<sup>1</sup> 27 responses were removed from the analysis: 9 were duplicates, 15 were from outside the area and 3 where no address was stated.

**Results on a street by street basis:**

**Q1 Are you in favour of a residents' parking scheme in your road?**

Street	Number properties mailed	Number responses	Response rate %	Yes		No	
				Number	%	Number	%
Balfour Road	161	100	62	76	76.0	24	24.0
Bates Road	108	59	37	34	57.6	25	42.4
Gordon Road	95	36	22	25	69.4	11	30.6
Herbert Road	63	32	20	25	78.1	7	21.9
Loder Road	156	84	52	45	53.6	39	46.4
Stringer Way	4	1	25	1	100	0	0
Surrenden Road	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>66.0</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>34.0</b>

**Q4 Respondents were asked whether they are a resident, a business owner or manager or work in the area.** Respondents could tick more than one option.

	Number of responses
Resident	19
Business owner or manager	1
Work in the area	15
Other (includes care for people in area, use facilities in area)	1

**Q5 How many cars in your household?**

No. of cars	Number of responses
0	14
1	203
2	81
3	5
4 or more	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>307</b>

**Q6a What type of business do you own or manage in the area?**

<b>What type of business?</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
Retail outlet	1
Office-based	3
Other includes: Acupuncture, Building, catering business, childminder, residential developer, massage, physiotherapy, plumber, therapist	12
<b>Total responses</b>	<b>16</b>

**Q6b How many vehicles are directly associated with your business?**

<b>No. of vehicles</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
0	2
1	7
2	2
3	1
4 or more	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

## Q7 Any further comments?

An open text box enabled respondents to add comments. These comments were grouped together and themed as follows:<sup>2</sup>

Comments made	Number of times mentioned
In favour because of current parking difficulties/ general positive comments	23
No need for a scheme/ Unnecessary	19
Parking restrictions already implemented in other areas are the problem/ No problems before this	15
This will stop long term parking	14
Scheme won't help the after 8pm parking situation	12
This is a money making exercise	9
Have concerns about displacement	7
Need scheme as soon as possible/ too long to wait	7
Not enough residents parking spaces in this scheme/ will need more than one permit	7
Unhappy about suggested hours of operation	7
Concerned about the cost of visitor parking	6
Not enough visitor permits	5
Scheme needs to be strictly enforced	5
Don't want teachers to have permits	4
General negative comments	4
Problems are caused by too many business vehicles, no room for residents	3
Want different hour options – light touch	3
Want restricted parking near schools/ wavy yellow lines/ too much heavy traffic near school	3
Don't want P& D signs	2
Need more motorbike bays	2

<sup>2</sup> Figures show the amount of times a themed comment was mentioned.

## Demographic Information

### Gender

Gender	Number	%
Male	82	39.2
Female	127	60.8
Other	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100</b>

Do you identify as the gender you were assigned at birth?	Number	%
Yes	193	99.5
No	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>100</b>

### Age

Age	Number	%
18-24	4	2.1
25-34	18	9.5
35-44	46	24.3
45-54	52	27.5
55-64	39	20.6
65-74	17	9
75+	13	6.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>100</b>

### Disability

Disability	Number	%
Yes, a little	17	8.3
Yes, a lot	16	7.8
No	171	83.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100</b>

Of those who answered “yes”, disabilities were as follows:

Please state the type of impairment which applies to you.	Number
Physical impairment	13
Sensory impairment	4
Learning disability/ difficulty	0
Long-standing illness	16
Mental health condition	5
Development condition	2
Autistic Spectrum	0
Other	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>40</b>

Ethnicity		Number	%
White	White English/ Welsh/ Scottish/ Northern Irish/ British	189	84.4
	White Irish	2	0.9
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0	0
	Any other white background	11	4.9
Asian or Asian British	Bangladeshi	0	0
	Indian	2	0.9
	Pakistani	0	0
	Chinese	0	0
	Any other Asian background	1	0.4
Black or Black British	African	0	0
	Caribbean	2	0.9
	Any other Black background	0	0
Mixed	Asian & White	1	0.4
	Black African & White	0	0
	Black Caribbean & White	0	0
	Any other mixed background	1	0.4
Any other ethnic group	Arab	0	0
	Any other ethnic group	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>209</b>	<b>100</b>

Sexual Orientation	Number	%
Bisexual	4	2.0
Gay Man	4	2.0
Heterosexual/ straight	184	92.5
Lesbian/ Gay Woman	6	3.0
Other	1	0.5
<b>Total</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>100</b>

Religious Belief	Number	%
I have no particular religion or belief	110	53.9
Buddhist	2	1.0
Christian	63	30.9
Hindu	1	0.5
Jain	0	0
Jewish	0	0
Muslim	0	0
Pagan	0	0
Sikh	0	0
Agnostic	4	2.0
Atheist	16	7.8
Other	4	2.0
Other philosophical belief	4	2.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>Are you a carer</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Yes	14	7.0
No	187	93.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>100</b>

<b>If yes, do you care for a:</b>	<b>Number</b>
Parent	5
Partner or Spouse	3
Child with special needs	3
Friend	0
Other family member	2
Other	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>

<b>Armed Forces</b>	<b>Yes</b>		<b>No</b>	
	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>%</b>
Are you currently serving in the UK armed forces?	1	0.5	188	99.5
Have you ever served in the UK armed forces?	10	5.2	181	94.8
Are you a member of a current or former serviceman or woman's immediate family/ household?	5	2.7	181	97.3



## Appendix

27 responses were removed from the analysis as they fell into the following categories:

- Duplicates (only one responses per household was included)
- Responses from residents outside the area
- Responses where no address was given

15 (55.6%) of these responses were against the introduction of a parking scheme in the Balfour Area as shown in the table below:

Why removed from main report	In favour of parking scheme		Not in favour of parking scheme		Total
	Number	%	Number	%	
Duplicates	7	77.8	2	22.2	9
Outside the area	4	26.7	11	73.3	15
No address given	1	33.3	2	66.7	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>27</b>

