

Subject:	West Hove area – initial resident parking scheme consultation		
Date of Meeting:	14th March 2017		
Report of:	Executive Director of Environment, Economy & Culture		
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FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to address responses to an initial consultation in the West Hove area. The consultation asked residents, businesses and services whether they would like to be consulted on a full detailed design for a resident parking scheme and the hours and days of operation. Permission to proceed with the initial consultation was agreed at the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting on 15th March 2016.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves that a detailed design proposal for a resident parking scheme as a light touch (two periods during the day which are proposed to be 11am -12 Noon and 6pm - 7pm) and Monday to Sunday be consulted upon in the whole consultation area as detailed at Appendix A.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 As part of the Parking Scheme Timetable report presented to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee Meeting in October 2015 it was agreed to consult residents in the West Hove area to determine whether they would like to be consulted on a full detailed design for a resident parking scheme. Permission to proceed with the initial consultation outlining the consultation area and hour / day options was agreed at the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting on 15th March 2016.
- 3.2 In November 2016 a letter was sent to all property addresses in the West Hove area.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The main alternative option is doing nothing which would mean the proposals would not be taken forward.
- 4.2 However, it is the recommendation of officers that these proposals are proceeded with for the reasons outlined within the report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Brighton & Hove City Council Land and Property Gazeteer was used to provide 2494 property addresses in the proposed scheme boundary for the West Hove Area. An information leaflet, map, a questionnaire and a prepaid envelope for reply was sent to each address.
- 5.2 Respondents were also invited to complete the survey online via the council's Consultation Portal should they wish to. 93.9% responses received were by mail and 6.1% on line.

Headline figures

- 5.3 1103 valid responses were received from within the proposed scheme boundary giving a high response rate of 44.23%.
- 5.4 Overall, 67.4% of respondents wanted a residents parking scheme, and to see a detailed design to consider while 32.6% of respondents did not want a parking scheme in their area.
- 5.5 22.2% of respondents wanted a 9am-8pm residents parking scheme while 78% wanted 2 periods during the day (light touch scheme).
- 5.6 47.2% of respondents wanted a Monday to Sunday scheme while 52.8% wanted Monday to Friday.
- 5.7 Analysis took place of all the responses received from respondents and the full results analysis of the consultation is outlined in detail in Appendix B. A plan showing the results road by road is outlined in Appendix C.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 It is the recommendation of officers that the Council proceeds to the next stage of consultation to the whole area as 67.4% in favour of seeing a detailed design.
- 6.2 It is recommended that a detailed design proposal for a resident parking scheme as a light touch (two periods during the day) and Monday to Sunday be consulted upon in the whole area. The hours of operation are proposed to be 11am-12 Noon and 6pm-7pm and residents will have the opportunity to comment on these hours during the detailed design consultation period.
- 6.3 The reason for a seven day scheme is that it is felt if a five day scheme was introduced it would lead to vehicle displacement at weekends particularly as other schemes nearby are all seven day. Although the respondents were slightly in favour of a Monday to Friday parking scheme they would have another opportunity to comment on this proposal when the detailed design consultation period is carried out and any concerns would be reported back to a further Committee.

- 6.4 Ward Councillors have been briefed on the results and they are in agreement with the proposals and support the parking scheme going forward to the next stage of consultation.
- 6.5 This way forward is based on the analysis of the results across the consultation area.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated to officer time and consultation for the parking scheme proposals will be funded from existing revenue budgets within the Transport service. The detailed financial implications of the proposed scheme will be reported to this Committee in the future once there is more certainty of the scheme proposals.

Finance Officer Consulted: Gemma Jackson

Date: 06/02/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 Under the Traffic Management Act 2004, the Council as the local highway authority is under a duty to manage the road network with a view to achieving as far as reasonably practicable the expeditious movement of traffic. In performing this duty the Council may take any action it considers will contribute to securing the more efficient use of its road network or the avoidance, elimination or reduction of road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on its road network.

Under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Council has the power to provide parking places on any part of a road for the purpose of relieving or preventing the congestion of traffic and to impose provisions for the use of those parking places. With regard to consultation, the Council has to follow the rules on consultation promulgated by the government and the courts. These can be paraphrased as a need to ensure that the consultation process is carried out at a time when proposals are still at their formative stage, that sufficient reasons and adequate time must be given to allow intelligent consideration and responses and that results are conscientiously taken into account in finalising the proposals.

The consultation recommended in this report will help to demonstrate that the Council is complying with its network management duty and is also following the rules on consultation. It is not considered that any adverse human rights implications arise from the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Stephanie Stammers

Date 07.02.17:

Equalities Implications:

- 7.3 The proposed measures will be of benefit to many road users.

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 Any new motorcycle bays or Pedal Cycle bays will encourage more sustainable methods of transport.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.5 Any designated disabled bays will provide parking for the holders of blue badges wanting to use the local facilities.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Plan of consultation area
2. Appendix B – Detailed Analysis of consultation results
3. Appendix C – Plan showing consultation results by road

Background Papers:

1. ETS Committee – 15th March 2016