

Subject:	Hove Park Resident Parking Scheme Consultation
Date of Meeting:	27TH November 2018
Report of:	Executive Director, Economy, Environment & Culture
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Ward(s) affected:	Hove Park

FOR GENERAL RELEASE**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update Committee on the recent parking scheme consultation in the Hove Park area.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves that a new resident parking scheme (Light Touch Monday – Friday 9-10am & 1-2 pm) be considered within the Hove Park area (Appendix A) and that this proposal be progressed to the final design with the Traffic Order advertised to allow for further comment. All comments will be reported back to a further Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 Following Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee approval on 15th March 2016 a consultation letter was sent out to all households in the Hove Park ward in June / July 2017. The consultation was also advertised on the council's website, via social media and by a press-release to local media. The results outlined that 43% of respondents were in favour of a Residents' Parking Scheme in the area based on a 51% response rate.
- 3.2 79% of respondents wanted a light touch scheme while 20% preferred a full scheme. 77% of respondents supported a Monday to Friday scheme while 23% supported a seven day scheme.
- 3.3 It was clear from the results that a smaller area was in favour of a parking scheme. Within this area the results outlined that 62% of respondents were in favour of a Residents' Parking Scheme in the area. 76% of respondents wanted a light touch scheme while 70% of respondents supported a Monday to Friday scheme.
- 3.4 Therefore, it was recommended that a further consultation takes place in the smaller Hove Park Area on a light touch resident parking scheme (Monday to Friday).

3.5 The Hove Park Ward Councillors outlined they were happy to support the recommendations based on the resident's wishes. However, they added that they were concerned about vehicle displacement and would like additional parking restrictions such as Double Yellow lines considered outside the scheme boundaries. This will be considered alongside the Traffic Regulation order process if it is agreed to proceed to that stage.

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 1308 property addresses in the proposed Hove Park Area scheme boundary. An information leaflet, detailed map, questionnaire and prepaid envelope for reply were sent to each address. Respondents were also invited to complete the survey online via the council's Consultation Portal should they wish to. 91.0% responses received were by mail and 7.8% on line. An additional 1.2% of respondents gave their views directly via email. The consultation was advertised on the council's website, via social media and by a press-release to local media. The consultation ran from 29 April 2018 to 28 May 2018.
- 5.2 68.4% of respondents were in favour of a Residents' Parking Scheme in the area based on a 56.7% response rate.
- 5.3 69.9% of respondents were happy with the hours of the scheme (Monday to Friday 9 -10am & 1pm - 2pm) while 30.1% of respondents wanted different hours.
- 5.4 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 including the main comments.
- 5.5 Officers have discussed the results and had extensive dialogue with the Ward Councillors in this area who have voiced their support for the overall parking scheme going forward.
- 5.6 In addition to the responses to the consultation other correspondence was received by officers.
- 5.7 Two meetings have been undertaken with representatives of Legal & General who have outlined the parking difficulties their staff would experience if a parking scheme was introduced. It was agreed that officers from Planning would provide details of land owners of private land so that Legal & General could look further at opportunities for parking on private land.
- 5.8 If a scheme is taken forward then the parking scheme would be monitored over the first six months and if underutilised then exclusive pay & display could be investigated

in the area although this would require further consultation with residents as part of a small review of how the scheme is working. In the meantime colleagues in the City Transport division are liaising with Legal & General regarding their travel plans.

- 5.9 There were also concerns outlined from residents in the southern section who wanted more information on what would happen to the current yellow line restrictions in their road if they voted against the proposals. Parking restrictions (single yellow lines) currently operate in these roads between the hours of 10-11am & 1.30 -2.30pm.
- 5.10 A further consultation took place in October 2018 to these residents where it was outlined that if the proposed residents parking scheme is approved the council would not be in a position to continue with the single yellow line restriction alongside a resident parking scheme where residents, services & businesses pay for permits contributing towards enforcement of the parking scheme. If residents do not wish to be part of the proposed parking scheme, the single yellow line restriction would be removed and the area will be unrestricted. If a parking scheme is approved and implemented in the neighbouring roads, it was outlined that there is a possibility of displacement of vehicles to their area due to the differing times of enforcement / hours of operation. It was therefore important that residents have the opportunity to reconsider the parking proposals and whether they wanted to be part of a light touch parking scheme if approved.
- 5.11 Residents had until the 26th October 2018 to respond and 89% of respondents indicated that they would like to join a residents parking scheme and 11% were not in support which is outlined in detail in Appendix C.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 It is recommended to take into account the results and propose a new resident parking scheme (Monday to Friday 9am -10am & 1pm - 2pm) within the Hove Park area. It is appreciated some roads were against the proposals but to ensure a parking scheme is geographically viable as a boundary it is proposed to go ahead with the whole area as overall the respondents were in favour of a scheme.
- 6.2 It is recommended by officers these proposals are advertised as a traffic order allowing further comments to be made from residents both within and outside the new proposal. All comments will be reported back to a further Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting.
- 6.3 As part of the consultation undertaken in the schemes, regard has been given to the free movement of traffic and access to premises since traffic flow and access are issues that have generated requests from residents and in part a need for the measures being proposed. The provision of alternative off-street parking spaces has been considered by officers when designing the schemes but there are no opportunities to go forward with any off street spaces due to the existing geographical layout of the area and existing parking provisions in the area.
- 6.4 Any yellow lines that are considered appropriate outside of the proposed parking schemes will also be investigated and advertised alongside the parking scheme traffic order.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated with the report recommendations for further consultation in the Hove Park and St Luke's areas will be met from existing revenue budgets within the Parking department. The detailed financial implications of the proposed schemes will be included in a future committee report once the final designs of the schemes have been determined through the Traffic Order stage

Revenue income generated from on-street parking schemes is first defrayed against relevant costs with any surplus used for qualifying transport and highways related expenditure such as supported bus services, concessionary fares and Local Transport Plan projects.

Parking charges are subject to the Council's Corporate Fees and Charges Policy. As a minimum, charges will be reviewed annually as part of the budget and service planning process.

Finance Officer Consulted: Gemma Jackson Date: 14/11/18

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Council's powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 must be exercised to ensure compliance with its duty under the Traffic Management Act 2004 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of all types of traffic. As far as is practicable, when exercising these powers the Council should have regard to any implications in relation to:- access to premises; the effect on amenities; the Council's air quality strategy; facilitating the passage of public services vehicles; securing the safety and convenience of users; any other matters that appear relevant to the Council.

The Council has to follow the rules on consultation promulgated by the government and the courts. The consultation process must be carried out at a time when proposals are still at their formative stage, sufficient reasons and adequate time must be given to allow intelligent consideration and responses and results must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising the proposals.

After the proposals are formally advertised, the Council can, in the light of objections / representations received, decide to re-consult either widely or specifically when it believes that it would be appropriate before deciding the final composition of any associated orders. Where there are unresolved objections to the Traffic Regulation Orders, then the matter is required to return to Environment Transport & Sustainability Committee for a decision

Lawyer Consulted: Stephanie Stammers Date: 14/11/18

Equalities Implications

- 7.3 The proposed measures will be of benefit to many road users.
- 7.4 The legal blue badge bays will provide parking for the holders of blue badges wanting to use the local facilities

Sustainability Implications

- 7.5 Motorcycle bays will encourage more sustainable methods of transport alongside Electric vehicle charging points and Car Club bays.
- 7.6 Managing parking will increase turnover and parking opportunities for all.

Any Other Significant Implications

- 7.7 None identified

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

- 1. Appendix A – Boundary Plan
- 2. Appendix B – Results of the Hove Park resident parking scheme consultation
- 3. Appendix C – Results of further consultation regarding yellow lines

Background Documents

- 1. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 15/3/2016
- 2. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 14/3/2017
- 3. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 27/6/2017
- 4. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 10/10/2017

