

ENVIRONMENT CABINET MEMBER MEETING

Agenda Item 108

Brighton & Hove City Council

Subject:	Area C (Queen's Park) Parking Scheme Review Community Consultation		
Date of Meeting:	10 March 2011		
Report of:	Strategic Director, Place		
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Key Decision:	No		
Wards Affected:	Queen's Park		

FOR GENERAL RELEASE

1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:

1.1 The purpose of this report is to address comments and objections to the draft Traffic Regulation Order for the Queen's Park (Area C) extension to Sunday operation proposal. This was brought about by requests from residents, Ward Councillors and the local Hoteliers and Guest House Association.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That, having taken account of all duly made representations and objections, the Cabinet Member approves as advertised the Brighton & Hove Various Controlled Parking Zones Consolidation Order 2008 Amendment order No. 201* (Area C).

2.2 That any amendment included in this report and subsequent requests deemed appropriate by officers be added to the proposed scheme during implementation and advertised as an amendment Traffic Regulation Order.

2.3 That orders be placed with contractors to make the required alterations to signs and lines and to Pay and Display machines.

3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:

3.1 A timetable for consulting on Residents Parking Schemes across the City was agreed by Environment Committee in January 2008.

3.2 A review of the existing Monday to Saturday Queen's Park (Area C) scheme was included alongside the Hanover & Elm Grove review. The Area C review was undertaken due to representations received from residents and ward councillors and the local hoteliers and guest house association to extend permits to Sundays.

- 3.3 It was agreed at the Environment Cabinet Member Meeting (CMM) on 25th March 2010 that the Queen's Park (Area C) Review and Hanover & Elm Grove review together with a review of the St Luke's (Area U) scheme be progressed to the informal consultation stage consisting of a questionnaire and outline parking scheme map sent to all residents and businesses. 5488 letters were sent to residents and businesses in the existing Queen's Park (Area C) scheme in April 2010 asking for their views on the current operation of the scheme including whether it should change to Sunday operation.
- 3.4 Following the results of the original consultation a majority (53%) were in favour of an extension to Sunday operation. Local Ward Councillors also expressed support for the proposal.
- 3.5 It was therefore agreed at Environment Cabinet Member Meeting on 16 September 2010 taking into account the views of Ward Councillors, residents and businesses only the proposed extension of Sunday operation to Area C be progressed and that an amendment Traffic Order to this effect should be advertised.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The proposed Traffic Regulation Order was advertised on 10th December 2010 with the closing date for objections on 7th January 2011. Notices were also put on street which outlined the proposal and the notice was published in the Argus newspaper on 10th December 2010. Detailed plans and the Traffic Regulation Order were available to view at Hove Library, Jubilee library and the City Direct Offices at Bartholomew House and Hove Town Hall.
- 4.2 There were ten responses received from individuals and included 9 objections and general comments. The representations and the council's response are listed in Appendix B.
- 4.3 Six of the nine objections are from the north of the existing scheme area i.e. north of Edward Street/Eastern Road and argue that there is no parking pressure in this area on a Sunday. However if the area was split north to south this could lead to displacement from the south of the area into the north on Sundays which would negate the effect of splitting the area.
- 4.4 A further three of the nine objections were received from properties outside of the existing scheme. Two of these, i.e. on the west side of Queen's Park Road and in Queen's Park Rise were on the grounds of displacement into those roads on a Sunday. The objector in the Queensway argued that they should either be in the Zone or able to apply for a permit to park in the zone.
- 4.5 Allowing permits to households on the edge of parking schemes that do not have waiting restrictions in front of their house could lead to other roads throughout the city that are on the edge of parking zones asking for permits. Residents throughout Brighton & Hove on the edge of parking schemes could argue that if we allow residents that do not have waiting restrictions in front of their house and who do not live within a scheme to be issued permits, then the City Council will have established a precedent and their road too should also get resident permits. This could lead to capacity issues within parking schemes as well as residents within a parking scheme throughout Brighton & Hove making complaints that

those residents who do not have parking restrictions within their area are parking within their parking scheme area.

- 4.6 As part of the amendment traffic order it was proposed that a section of permit only parking on the north side of South Avenue adjacent to the Queen's Park recreation facility is changed to shared pay and display, 4 hours no return within four hours. The reason is to provide additional facilities for visitors to the area, including users of the park. No objection has been received to this proposal so it is recommended to proceed. One additional pay and display machine will need to be installed at this location.
- 4.7 Ward members, adjoining ward members, statutory consultees and other stakeholders have been consulted. No correspondence has been received other than the earlier representations of support set out in paragraph 3.2.

5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 5.1 Any revenue costs associated with the recommendations in this report will be met from existing parking budgets. The financial impact of the revenue from the proposed new scheme will be included within the proposed budget for 2011-12 which will be submitted to Budget Council in February 2011. New parking schemes are funded through unsupported borrowings with approximate repayment costs of £100,000 per scheme over 7 years.

Finance Officer Consulted: Karen Brookshaw Date: 21/01/11

Legal Implications:

- 5.2 Before making Traffic Orders, the Council must consider all duly made, unwithdrawn objections. In limited circumstances it must hold public inquiries and may do so otherwise. It is usually possible for proposed orders to be modified, providing any amendments do not increase the effects of the advertised proposals. The Council also has powers to make orders in part and defer decisions on the remainder. Orders may not be made until the objection periods have expired and cannot be made more than 2 years after the notices first proposing them were first published. Orders may not come into force before the dates on which it is intended to publish notices stating that they have been made. After making orders, the steps which the Council must take include notifying objectors and putting in place the necessary traffic signs.

Lawyer Consulted: Elizabeth Culbert Date: 28/02/11

Equalities Implications:

- 5.9 The proposed measures will extend the benefit of parking management to many residents, pedestrians and other road users on Sundays.

Sustainability Implications:

- 5.10 Managing parking on Sundays will increase turnover and parking opportunities for all.

Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.11 The proposed residents parking scheme and reviews will not have any implication on the prevention of crime and disorder.

Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.12 Any risks will be monitored as part of the overall project management, but none have been identified.

Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.13 The legal disabled bays will provide parking for the holders of blue badges on Sundays wanting to use the local facilities.

6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):

- 6.1 The alternative option for the majority of the proposals is to do nothing which would mean the proposals are not taken forward. However, it is the recommendation of officers that these proposals are proceeded with for the reasons outlined within the report.

7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 To seek approval of the scheme to proceed to implementation stage after taking into consideration of the duly made representations and objections. These proposals and amendments are recommended to be taken forward for the reasons outlined within the report.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Map of Queen’s Park Area C parking zone
2. Appendix B – Table of representations.

Documents in Members’ Rooms

1. Copies of representations and objections

Background Documents

1. Environment Cabinet Member Meeting Report 16th September 2010 with appendices
2. Environment Cabinet Member Meeting Report 25th March 2010 with appendices