

Subject:	Wish Park area and Bolsover Road resident parking scheme consultation		
Date of Meeting:	7th October 2014		
Report of:	Executive Director Environment, Development & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	Queens Park & East Brighton		

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the outcome of the recent public consultation undertaken within the Wish Park area and Bolsover Road. Permission to proceed with the consultation was originally agreed at the Transport Committee meeting on 15th January 2013.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves:

- (a) That an extension of the Area U light touch resident parking scheme be considered within the Wish park area and that this proposal be progressed to the final design with the Traffic Order advertised to allow further comment (Appendix A).
- (b) That an extension of the Area R resident parking scheme be considered within Bolsover Road and that this proposal be progressed to the final design with the Traffic Order advertised to allow further comment (Appendix B).
- (c) That an order should be placed for any required pay and display equipment to ensure implementation of the new proposed parking schemes (if agreed at a further committee meeting) are undertaken as programmed.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 As part of the Citywide Parking Review report presented to the Transport Committee Meeting on 15th January 2013 it was agreed to consult residents in the Wish Ward not currently within a resident parking scheme (excluding Boundary Road) to determine whether they would like to be consulted on a full detailed design for a resident parking scheme.
- 3.2 In November 2013 a leaflet, map and questionnaire was sent to all property addresses in the Wish Ward area excluding residents currently in a resident parking scheme and Boundary Road.
- 3.3 The results of the consultation were reported to the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 4th March 2014 and it was recommended to take into

account the responses received and a new proposal for a resident parking scheme be consulted upon in the Wish Park / Aldrington Recreation Ground area.

- 3.4 It was also recommended to take forward Bolsover Road as part of further consultation and to take forward an option to create parking lay-bys on the west side of the road to maximise parking.
- 3.5 At the meeting on 4th March 2014 it was also agreed to consult residents to determine whether they would like the opportunity to join a neighbouring residents parking scheme or in the case of the Wish Park area they were also given the option of a new separate scheme.
- 3.6 In July / August 2014 a leaflet and questionnaire giving details about the proposals was sent to all property addresses in the area outlined.

4. ANALYSIS & CONSIDERATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The alternative option is doing nothing or a re-consultation which would mean the proposals would not be taken forward and /or re-consulted on. However, it is the recommendation of officers that proposals proceed for the reasons outlined within the report.

5. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATION

Wish Park Area

- 5.1 Brighton & Hove City Council Land and Property Gazetteer was used to provide 395 addresses in the Wish Park Area. An information leaflet, detailed maps, a questionnaire and a prepaid envelope for reply was sent to each address. Respondents were invited to complete the survey online via the council's Consultation Portal should they wish to: 11 respondents (6.3%) chose this method.
- 5.2 Plans could also be viewed at a staffed exhibition held at Wish Road Pavilion (Wednesday 6th August 3.30pm - 8.15pm). An unstaffed exhibition was also held at the Hove Town Hall Customer Service Centre from 21st July to 29th August, 9am to 5pm.
- 5.3 174 responses were received giving a response rate of 44%.The following 6 responses were not included - 2 from outside the area, 1 with no address given, and 3 duplicates.
- 5.4 Of the 174 respondents 75% were in favour of a residents parking scheme in the Wish Park Area, and 25% were opposed. All eight roads were in favour of a resident parking scheme.
- 5.5 Of the respondents who were in favour of the introduction of a scheme, 71.2% wanted to see Option 1- A Light Touch Extension to Area W introduced. The remaining 28.8% supported a full Residents Parking Scheme instead. The full results and analysis of the consultation is outlined in Appendix C.

- 5.6 In addition to those responses for and against the proposed scheme there were a number of specific comments (full details in Appendix C). The highest amount of comments (20) were in favour of the scheme because of parking difficulties or made positive comments. There were 17 comments made about non resident long term parking and that a Light Touch scheme was best for dealing with this issue. There were comments from respondents who did not want to pay to park (12) and further comments indicating there was no need for a scheme (15) . There were also comments unhappy about the hours of operation (9) and general negative comments (8), further comments there wouldn't be sufficient spaces or permits (8) and any potential scheme would need enforcement due to the current illegal parking (9).
- 5.7 Therefore, taking account of these results officers are recommending an extension of the Area W Light Touch resident parking scheme into the Wish Park area.
- 5.8 Officers have discussed the results with all Ward Councillors who have voiced their support for this way forward.
- 5.9 These proposals are recommended to be advertised as traffic orders allowing further comments to be made from residents both within and outside the new proposal. All comments will be reported back to a future Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting.

Bolsover Road

- 5.10 Brighton & Hove City Council Land and Property Gazetteer was used to provide 79 addresses in Bolsover Road. An information leaflet, detailed maps, a questionnaire and a prepaid envelope for reply was sent to each address. Respondents were invited to complete the survey online via the council's Consultation Portal should they wish to: 8 respondents (15.1%) chose this method.
- 5.11 Plans could also be viewed at a staffed exhibition held at Wish Road Pavilion (Wednesday 6th August 3.30pm - 8.15pm). An unstaffed exhibition was also held at the Hove Town Hall Customer Service Centre from 21st July to 29th August, 9am to 5pm.
- 5.12 53 responses were received giving a response rate of 67.1%. The following 4 responses were not included - 3 from outside the area and 1 duplicate.
- 5.13 Of the 53 respondents 92.5% were in favour of the extension of the Area R residents parking scheme and 7.5% were against. The full results analysis of the consultation is outlined in Appendix D.
- 5.14 In addition to those responses for and against the proposed scheme there were a number of specific comments (full details in Appendix D). The highest amount of comments (12) were in favour of the scheme because of parking difficulties or made positive comments. There were comments from respondents who wanted other traffic calming / more creative options / speed humps (2) and further comments indicating they wanted more double yellow lines due to visibility issues on dangerous corners (2). Further comments outlined there wouldn't be

sufficient spaces or permits (4), they did not want to pay to park (4) and finally 2 comments outlined a scheme is needed as soon as possible.

- 5.15 Therefore, taking account of these results officers are recommending an extension of the Area R resident parking scheme into Bolsover Road.
- 5.16 Officers have discussed the results with all Ward Councillors who have voiced their support for this way forward.
- 5.17 These proposals are recommended to be advertised as traffic orders allowing further comments to be made from residents both within and outside the new proposal. All comments will be reported back to a future Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting.

6. CONCLUSIONS

- 6.1 It has been recommended to take into account the results and proceed with the Traffic Order for an extension to the Area W Light Touch resident parking scheme in the Wish Park area and an extension of the Area R resident parking scheme into Bolsover Road.
- 6.2 As part of the consultation process, due 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.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The capital costs associated with the creation and extension of controlled parking schemes are funded by unsupported borrowing, with appropriate repayments made over a seven year period funded from the revenue income generated.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 As the design of these two schemes is still being developed it is not possible at this stage to provide an estimate of costs. This information will be included in a report to Committee once the designs have been finalised.

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Date: 08/09/2014

Legal Implications:

- 7.4 The Council regulates traffic by means of orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Procedural regulations require public notice of orders to be given and any person may object to the making of an order.
- 7.5 The Council is under a duty to exercise its powers under the Act to secure the safe and convenient movement of traffic and the provision of adequate on and off-street parking facilities. It must also take into account any implications that orders would have for access to premises, local amenity, air quality, public transport provision and any other relevant matters.
- 7.6 The Council has to follow the rules on consultation set out by the government and the courts. The Council must 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 properly taken into account in finalising the proposals
- 7.7 Any unresolved objections to an order must be considered by the Transport Committee before it can be made.
- 7.8 There are no human rights implications to draw to Members' attention

Lawyer Consulted:

Katie Matthews

Date: 05/09/14

Equalities Implications:

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

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.11 The new motorcycle bays and pedal cycle parking bays (within Wish Park Area) will encourage more sustainable methods of transport.
- 7.12 Managing parking will increase turnover and parking opportunities for all.

Any Other Significant Implications:

- 7.13 None identified

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

1. Appendix A – Wish Park area Plan
2. Appendix B - Bolsover Road Plan
3. Appendix C – Wish Park area Consultation report
4. Appendix D – Bolsover Road Consultation report

Background Documents

1. Item 53 - Transport Committee Meeting Report – 15th January 2013
2. Item 92 – Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee Meeting Report – 4th March 2014.