

# Croydon Council

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>  <b>12 July 2018</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BOURNE STREET AND VICARAGE ROAD AREAS – RESULTS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE PARKING CONTROLS</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER:</b>	<b>Shifa Mustafa, Executive Director of Planning and Environment</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER:</b>	<b>Councillor Stuart King, Acting Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport &amp; Regeneration (Job Share)</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Waddon</b>
<b>CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:</b>  This report is in accordance with objectives to improve the safety and reduce obstructive parking on the Borough's roads as detailed in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Croydon Plan Feb 2018; Transport Chapter.</li><li>• The Local Implementation Plan; 3.6 Croydon Transport policies</li><li>• Croydon's Community Strategy; Priority Areas 1, 3, 4 and 6</li><li>• Croydon Corporate Plan 2013 – 18</li><li>• <a href="http://www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/">www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/</a></li></ul>	
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>  These proposals can be contained within the available budget.	
<b>FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.:</b> n/a	
<b>1. RECOMMENDATIONS</b>  That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Acting Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Regeneration (job share) that they: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1.1 Consider the responses received to the informal consultation on including the Bourne Street area within the Central Permit Zone and extending the hours of the controls of Vicarage Road area from a 9am – 5pm to an 8am to 8pm operation.</li><li>1.2 Agree not to make amendments to the West Permit Zone to include the Bourne Street area into the Central Permit Zone and not to increase the hours of operation of the Vicarage Road area.</li></ol>	

1.3 Instruct officers to inform the organisers of the petitions of these decisions.

## **2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report considers the results of the informal consultation on the proposal to include the Bourne Street area (which is currently in the West Permit Zone) in the Central Permit Zone and extend the operational hours of the Vicarage Road area from a 9am – 5pm operation to an 8am to 8pm operation.
- 2.2 The outcome of the informal consultation was reported to the Executive Director of Place as required by the delegation from the Leader dated 6 June 2016 in relation to Traffic Management Orders. On 3 July 2018 the Executive Director of Place referred the matter to this committee on the basis that she considered it appropriate to do so.
- 2.3 The results of the consultation show that the majority of respondents have voted against any changes to the existing controls in both these areas and it is proposed to retain the existing arrangements.

## **3 DETAIL**

- 3.1 A petition has been received from residents in the Bourne Street area requesting that controls be extended into the evening and on Sundays due to growing parking problems and the lack of available parking.
- 3.2 A petition was received from Vicarage Road residents requesting that the parking controls should be extended to 8pm to alleviate parking problems associated mainly with the Tramstop located at the end of the road. At the Traffic Management Advisory Committee meeting held on 19 December 2016, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment authorised officers to proceed with the informal consultation which is the subject of this report.
- 3.3 It was agreed to consult residents and businesses in Bourne Street, Lower Church Road, Booth Road and part of Waddon New Road on a possible relocation of the area from the West Permit Zone into the Central Permit Zone with 8am to midnight, Monday to Sunday controls. In the Vicarage Road area it was agreed that residents of Vicarage Road, Siddons Road, Kemble Road, Waddon Road, Benson Road and Courtney Road be consulted on a possible increase in the hours of operation of the controls from 9am – 5pm, Monday – Saturday to an 8am – 8pm, Monday – Saturday operation.

## **4 INFORMAL CONSULTATION**

### **Bourne Street Area**

The informal consultation for this area commenced on Monday, 5 March 2018 and continued until Friday, 30 March 2018. 66 sets of consultation documents which comprised of a letter, explaining the reasons for the consultation, a plan of the consultation area, a factsheet and a questionnaire were delivered to addresses within the area. Included in each pack was a pre-paid envelope for the return of the questionnaire.

4.1 Over the course of the informal consultation a total of 19 questionnaires were returned in the Bourne Street area, representing a 28% response rate which is considered good for an informal consultation exercise of this type. Table 1 shows the results and returns for the individual roads in the consultation area.

4.2 **TABLE 1 – Results of the Questionnaire – Bourne Street Area**

<b>ROAD</b>	<b>Number of Consultees</b>	<b>Responses Received</b>	<b>% Received</b>	<b>Responses In Favour Proposal</b>	<b>% in Favour of Proposal</b>
Bourne St	31	9	29%	4	44%
Lower Church St	9	4	44%	3	75%
Waddon New Rd	26	6	23%	2	33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>47%</b>

4.3 Below is a summary of the comments that were received on the questionnaire sheets.

- Make the area residents only – 3 comments.
- More opportunities to park if the area was included in the Central Zone – 2 comments.
- Proposal unlikely to make much difference – 2 comments.
- Permit should allow parking in both zones – 2 comments.
- Jubilee Bridge CP permit should have increased hours – 2 comments.
- Current arrangements don't work.
- Jubilee Bridge CP permit should be free.
- Residents only bays needed in Jubilee Bridge CP.
- Often no available spaces.
- More bays needed.
- Parking bays needed in Waddon New Road.
- Proposal would be more inconvenient.
- Central Permit holders will park in this area making parking more difficult.
- Car not safe if parked elsewhere.

4.4 The questionnaire responses show that there is not sufficient support to justify an amendment to the parking controls in the Bourne Street area and it is proposed to retain the existing parking arrangements.

### Vicarage Road Area

4.5 The informal consultation commenced on Monday, 5 March 2018 and continued until Friday, 30 March 2018. 273 sets of consultation documents, which comprised of a letter, explaining the reasons for the consultation, a plan of the consultation area, a factsheet and a questionnaire were delivered to addresses within the area. Included in each pack was a pre-paid envelope for the return of the questionnaire.

4.6 Over the course of the informal consultation a total of 99 questionnaires were returned in the area, representing a 36% response rate which is considered excellent for an informal consultation exercise of this type. Table 2 shows the results and returns for the individual roads in the consultation area.

4.7 **TABLE 2 – Results of the Questionnaire – Vicarage Road Area**

<b>ROAD</b>	<b>Number of Consultees</b>	<b>Responses Received (%)</b>	<b>8am – 8pm Mon to Sun number (%)</b>	<b>8am – 8pm Mon to Sat number (%)</b>	<b>No change number (%)</b>
Vicarage Rd	40	18 (45%)	3 (17%)	7 (39%)	8 (44%)
Siddons Rd	27	11 (41%)	2 (18%)	1 (9%)	8 (73%)
Kemble Rd	46	17 (37%)	1 (6%)	-	16 (94%)
Benson Rd	50	20 (40%)	4 (20%)	1 (5%)	15 (75%)
Courtney Rd	30	11 (37%)	1 (9%)	-	10 (91%)
Waddon Rd	80	22 (28%)	3 (14%)	5 (23%)	14 (64%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>99 (36%)</b>	<b>14 (14%)</b>	<b>14 (14%)</b>	<b>71 (72%)</b>

4.8 Below is a summary of the comments that were received on the questionnaire sheets.

- This is a money making exercise and unfair on residents financially – 13 comments.
- Proposals will penalise visitors – 12 comments.
- There are no parking problems in this area – 10 comments.
- There are a lack of spaces after 5pm – 6 comments.
- Residents from New South Quarter park in the area causing problems for residents – 5 comments.
- Parking conditions will be worse with the proposed scheme – 5 comments.

- Residents' permits should be free or reduced in price – 4 comments.
- Concerned that the cost of the permit will increase – 2 comments.
- There should be residents' only parking in the evening – 2 comments.
- The changes should be for Vicarage Road only – 2 comments.
- Additional parking bays are needed – 2 comments
- 20mph limit in Waddon Road should be enforced.
- Additional income from increased hours should be used to reduce the cost of permits.
- Pay & display rates for commuter parking are too low.
- More disabled bays in Vicarage Road needed.

4.9 The questionnaire responses show that there is not sufficient support to justify an amendment to the parking controls in the Vicarage Road area and it is proposed to retain the existing parking arrangements.

## **5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 It is proposed to retain the parking arrangements in these two areas and therefore there are no financial considerations arising from this report.

5.2 Approved by: Felicia Wright, Head of Finance – Place

## **6. COMMENTS OF COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER**

6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that in considering the responses to the consultation, consideration should be given to the purpose of the powers in Section 6, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to introduce and implement Traffic Management Orders. In doing so, section 122 of the Act imposes a duty on the Council to have regard (so far as practicable) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The Council must also have regard to such matters as the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.

6.3 Approved by Sandra Herbert, Head of Litigation and Corporate Law for and on behalf of Jacqueline Harris-Baker, Director of Law and Monitoring Officer.

## **7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT**

7.1 It is proposed to retain the parking arrangements in these two areas and therefore there are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7.2 Approved by: Sue Moorman, Director of Human Resources.

## **8. CUSTOMER, EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACTS**

8.1 There are no such implications arising from this report.

**12. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

12.1 The recommendation is to do nothing, since the majority of residents have stated they are happy with the existing parking arrangements in their road.

**13. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

13.1 The alternative options would be to make the changes to the parking controls in these areas but this would not accord with the expressed preference of the majority of those who responded to the informal consultation.

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**BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None