

Subject:	West Hove resident parking scheme consultation		
Date of Meeting:	27th June 2017		
Report of:	Executive Director of Economy, Environment & Culture		
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Ward(s) affected:	Wish		

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

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider the outcome of the recent public consultation for a proposed parking scheme in the West Hove area. Permission to proceed to this second stage consultation was agreed at the Environment, Transport & Sustainability (ETS) Committee meeting on 14th March 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 That the Committee approves a new Light Touch resident parking scheme (Monday to Sunday 11am -12 Noon & 6pm - 7pm) within the West Hove area (Appendix A) be progressed to the final design and the Traffic Order stage advertised to allow further comment.

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.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 In November 2016 a letter was sent to all property addresses in the West Hove area. 1103 valid responses were received from within the proposed scheme boundary giving a high response rate of 44.23%.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 22.2% of respondents wanted a 9am-8pm residents parking scheme while 78% wanted 2 periods during the day (light touch scheme). 47.2% of respondents wanted a Monday to Sunday scheme while 52.8% wanted Monday to Friday.

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. There is also the option to consult on further different parking schemes as part of the Traffic Regulation Order process.
- 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 Following Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee approval on 14th March 2017 a consultation letter was sent out in April 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 75.5% of respondents were in favour of a Residents' Parking Scheme in the area based on a 41% response rate.
- 5.2 69.9% of respondents agreed with the proposed hours of operation (Monday to Sunday 11am -12 Noon & 6pm - 7pm) while 30.1% of respondents preferred different hours.
- 5.3 Analysis undertaken 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. A plan showing the results road by road is outlined in Appendix C.
- 5.4 In addition to the responses to the consultation outlined in Appendix B other correspondence was received by officers.
- 5.5 A petition signed by 30 residents in Chelston Avenue requested they would like more parking to be considered. In response to this officers will undertake a site visit and further review the road to try to accommodate more parking before any Traffic Regulation Order is advertised.
- 5.6 A letter was also received from the Kingway & West Hove Residents Association (KAWHRA) outlining their concerns about the zone boundary in relation to the Portzed development and allowing this development access to resident permits. The proposed parking scheme would allow for any property on the Kingsway (But not the Basin Road) to apply for a relevant permit. If the new addresses are within the Kingsway then the only way to remove them from eligibility is through an amendment traffic order when the full addresses are known. Therefore, this would need to be considered at a later date through discussions with the planning department.
- 5.7 Officers have discussed the results and had extensive dialogue with the Ward Councillors in this area who have given their overall support for the parking scheme going forward. The following has been agreed with Ward Councillors:
 - Officers will meet Ward Councillors and residents on Chelston Avenue to see how best to ensure that as few spaces as possible on that street are lost.

- Officers will contact Housing to discuss ways of mitigating the impact of the scheme on the Ingram Estate following concerns being raised about different light-touch hours being in operation between the existing Housing scheme (7-8pm) and the new on-street parking scheme (6-7pm) that will be running in tandem.
- Officers will include an appropriate measure within the Traffic Regulation Order to prevent cars blocking the south side of the junction of Portland Road and Boundary Road.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 It is recommended to take into account the results of the recent second stage consultation and propose a new resident parking scheme (Monday to Sunday 11am -12 Noon & 6pm - 7pm) within the West Hove area (Appendix A). It is appreciated some roads were against the proposals but to ensure a parking scheme is geographically viable including a practical boundary it is proposed to go ahead with the whole area in recognition that overall the respondents were in favour of a scheme.
- 6.2 It is recommended by officers these proposals are progressed to the next detailed design stage and further advertised as a Traffic Regulation Order allowing further comments to be made from residents both within and outside the new proposed area. All comments will be reported back to a further Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee meeting for approval.
- 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 will be met from existing budgets within the Parking department. The detailed financial implications of the proposed scheme will be included in a future committee report once the final design of the scheme has been agreed.

Finance Officer Consulted: Gemma Jackson

Date: 06/06/17

Legal Implications:

- 7.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places a duty on local traffic authorities to manage the road network with a view to securing, as far as reasonably practicable, the expeditious movement of traffic.

The action which a traffic authority may take in performing this duty include any action which they consider will contribute to securing a more efficient use of their road network or the avoidance, elimination or reduction of road congestion or other disruption to the movement of traffic on their road network.

The recommendations detailed in this report will assist in demonstrating that the Council is complying with its statutory duty

Lawyer consulted: Stephanie Stammers

Date: 05/06/17

Equalities Implications:

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

Sustainability Implications:

- 7.4 Any new motorcycle bays and the on-street pedal cycle bays will encourage more sustainable methods of transport.

Any Other Significant Implications:

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

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix A –West Hove area plan
Appendix B – consultation report
Appendix C – Road by Road analysis - plan

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. Item 82 – Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee Meeting Report – 15th March 2016.
2. Item 79 - Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee Meeting Report - 14th March 2017.