

Subject:	Parking Schemes – Consultation work		
Date of Meeting:	15th March 2016		
Report of:	Acting Executive Director Environment, Development & Housing		
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Ward(s) affected:	Hollingdean & Stanmer, Preston Park, Wish & Withdean		

NOT FOR PUBLICATION**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND POLICY CONTEXT**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update on progress for three parking schemes and seek agreement for the scope of the initial consultation on two of the schemes.

- Preston Village / Surrenden area – Agree initial consultation proposals (options and area)
- West Hove – Agree initial consultation proposals (options and area)
- Hollingbury Road & Ditchling Gardens – Traffic Order consultation

1.2 The report also summarises the recent satisfaction surveys in parking schemes implemented over the last 18 months.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 That the Committee:

- (a) Agrees that an initial consultation takes place in the Preston Village area (Appendix B) on the schemes outlined in para 5.1.
- (b) Agrees that an initial consultation takes place in the Surrenden area (Appendix B) on the schemes outlined in para 5.1.
- (c) Agrees that an initial consultation takes place in the West Hove area (Appendix C) on the schemes outlined in para 5.5.
- (d) Notes the update on the Hollingbury Road / Ditchling Gardens area (Appendix D),
- (e) Notes the results of the satisfaction surveys in parking schemes implemented in the last 18 months.

3. CONTEXT/ BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 13th October 2015 the Parking Scheme priority timetable was agreed which would require officers commencing work on a number of proposed parking schemes throughout Brighton & Hove (Appendix A).
- 3.2 That Committee also agreed to a further report on the options to take forward on a consultation in the Preston Village and West Hove area in 2016. The Hove Park area which is due to start in Spring 2017 will be reported to a further Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee.
- 3.3 At the Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee on 19th January 2016 Members also approved that a new resident parking scheme be considered within the Hollingbury Road / Ditchling Gardens area (Appendix D) and that this proposal be progressed to the final design with the Traffic Order advertised to allow further comment. The report to Committee outlined that 100% of respondents (19) were in favour of the proposal in Ditchling Gardens while 66.7% of residents (44 out of 66) were in favour of the proposal in Hollingbury Road.

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

Preston Village / Surrenden area

- 5.1 Following approval to take a scheme forward it is proposed that an initial consultation takes place in both the Preston Village and Surrenden area (Appendix B) in the Autumn with work starting in the Summer in line with the previously agreed parking scheme priority timetable (Appendix A) This would be a leaflet drop to every household which would outline the following 4 options for each area;

Preston Village

- Scheme A - All day - Restricted parking 9am – 8pm
- Scheme B – Two periods in the day - for example. 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm
- No scheme

Surrenden Area

- Scheme A - All day - Restricted parking 9am – 8pm (This would be an extension to the Area F parking scheme in the Fiveways area if a seven day scheme is agreed)
- Scheme B – Two periods in the day - for example. 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm
- No scheme

- 5.2 Residents will also be asked if they would like a scheme for seven days or Monday to Friday. In terms of the Surrenden area a 9am-8pm seven day scheme would mean the area would be an extension of the Fiveways parking scheme and it will be made clear to residents that they must chose these two options (9am-8pm and seven day scheme) if they wish to join the current scheme.
- 5.3 The Surrenden area shown in Appendix B has been included to the original Preston Village area due to the recent deputations and petitions received from residents at the last two Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committees which has indicated the strength of opinion for the area to be consulted again.
- 5.4 It is felt that scheme B could be taken forward even though this is a change of agreement from decisions made at previous Committees. This is on the basis that we can provide free limited waiting/parking outside shops and services as these are more residential areas, the schemes are self-funding and it will be made clear that enforcement beats would be reduced significantly if these options were taken forward.

West Hove

- 5.5 Following approval to take a scheme forward which was supported by a recent petition presented by a Ward Councillor it is proposed that an initial consultation takes place in the West Hove area (Appendix C) in early 2017 with work starting at the end of 2016 in line with the previously agreed parking scheme priority timetable (Appendix A) This would be a leaflet drop to every household which would outline the following 4 options;
- Scheme A - All day - Restricted parking 9am – 8pm
 - Scheme B – Two periods in the day - for example. 10am-11am & 2pm-3pm
 - No scheme

- 5.6 Residents will also be asked if they would like a scheme for seven days or Monday to Friday.
- 5.7 It is felt that scheme B could be taken forward even though this is a change of agreement from decisions made at previous Committees. This is on the basis that we can provide free limited waiting/parking outside shops and services as these are more residential areas, the schemes are self-funding and it will be made clear that enforcement beats would be reduced significantly if these options were taken forward.

Hollingbury Road and Ditchling Gardens area

- 5.8 The draft Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) were advertised on 29th January 2016 with the closing date for comments and objections on 19th February 2016. The Ward Councillors for the areas were consulted, as were the statutory consultees such as the Emergency Services.
- 5.9 Notices with information about the proposals were erected within roads of the parking scheme for 29th January 2016. The notice was also published in the

Brighton & Hove Independent newspaper on 29th January 2016. Detailed plans and the Traffic Regulation Orders were available to view at the Customer Service centres at Bartholomew House and Hove Town Hall. A plan detailing the proposals is shown in Appendix D.

5.10 The documents were also available to view and to respond to directly on the Council website.

5.11 No objections were received on the proposals so we are proceeding with this scheme as soon as possible so it will begin operation on 4th April alongside the Fiveways scheme.

New Parking Zones survey results.

5.12 In November 2015 postcards were sent to all property addresses in 3 areas where a resident parking scheme has been recently introduced or extended into. These areas are in Zones J (Lewes Road Triangle), R (Bolsover Road), U (Wish Park area) and W (Bakers Bottom area). The postcard invited people to go online to complete a short questionnaire to tell us how well the parking scheme is working for them and their visitors. A freepost address was also given for people to write to us and give their views. The survey ran from 16 November to 16 December 2015. 103 people responded to this survey, giving a response rate of 6%.

5.13 The full results are in Appendix E but the highlights show that;

- 69 (67%) of respondents from extensions to Zone J, R, U or W agree or strongly agree that the parking zone works well for them
- 52 (51%) of respondents agree or strongly agree that the parking zone works well for their visitors.

By Zone

- **J:** 21 (65.6%) strongly agree/ agree the residents parking zone works well for them and 12 (37.5%) for their visitors
- **R:** 8 (100%) strongly agree/ agree the residents parking zone works well for them and 8 (100%) for their visitors
- **U:** 14 (48.3%) strongly agree/ agree the residents parking zone works well for them and 14 (48.3%) for their visitors
- **W:** 26 (76.5%) strongly agree/ agree the residents parking zone works well for them and 18 (54.5%) for their visitors.

6. CONCLUSION

6.1 It is recommended that an initial consultation takes place in the Preston Village & Surrenden area (Appendix B) on the schemes outlined in para 5.1. The results of the consultation will be reported back to an Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee in late 2016 / early 2017.

6.2 It is recommended that an initial consultation also takes place in the West Hove area (Appendix C) on the schemes outlined in para 5.5. The results of the

consultation will be reported back to an Environment, Transport & Sustainability Committee in Summer 2017.

- 6.3 The final recommendation is to note that the parking scheme proposal in the Hollingbury Road / Ditchling Gardens area is progressing as no objections were received to the traffic order.

7. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:

Financial Implications:

- 7.1 The costs associated to officer time and consultation for the Preston Village & Surrenden and West Hove areas will be funded from existing revenue budgets within the Transport service. The detailed financial implications of the schemes will be reported to the Committee in the future once there is more certainty of the scheme proposals.
- 7.2 The capital costs associated to implementing the new Hollingbury Road & Ditchling area parking scheme will be funded by borrowing, with appropriate repayments funded from the revenue income generated from the scheme. It is anticipated that the implementation costs will be approximately £0.025m. The annual income generated from the scheme is forecasted to be approximately £0.017m, which after the estimated cost of managing the scheme would generate sufficient surplus income to fund the borrowing repayments. The recurring financial impact of the scheme will be incorporated in future financial year budgets.
- 7.3 Revenue income generated from on-street parking schemes is first defrayed against relevant costs, with any surplus used to fund qualifying transport and highways related expenditure such as supported bus services, concessionary bus fares and Local Transport Plan projects.
- 7.4 Parking charges are subject to the councils 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: Steve Bedford

Date: 22/02/16

Legal Implications:

The Council regulates traffic by means of orders made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The procedure for making such orders is contained in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which require public notice of proposed orders to be given and for the relevant documents to be placed on deposit for public inspection. Any person may object to the making of an order.

The initial consultation recommended to be carried out on the Preston Village / Surrenden area and West Hove proposals is non-statutory and so, at this stage, does not fall within the procedure set out in the 1996 Regulations mentioned above.

So far as the Hollingbury Road & Ditchling Gardens consultation related to drafted TROs this was statutory consultation and was carried out in accordance with the 1996 Regulations. As there were no objections to the draft TROs the TROs, in their final form, can be made under officer delegation.

It is not considered that any adverse human rights implications arise from the report.

Lawyer Consulted: Hilary Woodward

Date: 24/2/16

Equalities Implications:

7.5 There are no equalities implications arising from the report.

Sustainability Implications:

7.6 None.

Any Other Significant Implications:

7.7 None

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices:

Appendix A - Resident Parking Scheme Priority Timetable
Appendix B - Preston Village / Surrenden area plan.
Appendix C - West Hove area plan.
Appendix D - Ditchling Gardens / Hollingbury Road area plan.
Appendix E – New Parking Zones survey results

Documents in Members' Rooms

1. None

Background Documents

1. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 13/10/15
2. Agenda item ** - Report To ETS Committee 19/01/16