

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>West Hove &amp; South Portslade resident parking consultation</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	<b>30 April 2013</b>		
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>Executive Director Environment, Development &amp; Housing</b>		
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<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	<b>Westbourne, Wish, South Portslade</b>		

**FOR GENERAL RELEASE.****1. SUMMARY AND POLICY CONTEXT:**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to outline a plan and timetable for consulting residents in West Hove and South Portslade in accordance with the recommendations of the city wide parking review ("the review") whilst taking account of further ward member consultation.
- 1.2 The review was an investigation into the way the council manages parking through consulting residents, businesses and other stakeholders and learning from the best practice of other local authorities. The purpose of the review was to seek continuous improvement in the council's parking management services whilst balancing the needs of users overall. The review also sought to examine the future of controlled parking schemes including scheme boundaries, changes to existing schemes and new schemes.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 2.1 That, later this year residents, businesses and other stakeholders in Wish ward, Hove, with the exception of Boundary Road are asked by way of a simple letter, and any other measures officers deem appropriate, whether they agree in principle to the introduction of a full residents parking scheme for their area.
- 2.2 That officers in consultation with ward members consider the responses to the letter and decide which, if any parts of Wish ward should proceed to detailed design consultation and a further report is brought to Committee giving authority to proceed to detailed design consultation on any proposed scheme.

**3. RELEVANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION/CHRONOLOGY OF KEY EVENTS:**

- 3.1 In January 2013, Transport Committee, as part of the city wide parking review, recommended that parts of Wish Ward and South Portslade were consulted on separate full schemes together with an extension to Area R along Portland Road including roads to the north up to the railway line. At the same time it was proposed that Area W was asked whether it wishes to convert to a full scheme.

The justification was that during the review there had been requests and petitions from residents in Wish ward supported by ward members. Parts of Wish ward were experiencing displacement from adjacent parking schemes and pressure from seafront visitors and commuters using the bus services along the through routes. South Portslade being adjacent and having significant retail and industrial areas and a busy rail station was to be consulted at the same time. The existing Area W light touch scheme in Westbourne ward was to be re-consulted on becoming a full scheme in accordance with the approved policy not to create any more light touch schemes and to re-consult on existing schemes.

- 3.2 In view of the cost and staff resource implications of such a wide ranging consultation it is proposed to carry out an initial consultation with residents in Wish ward, with the exception of Boundary Road before progressing to detailed design and to consult ward members on the scope and timing of this consultation.
- 3.3 The costs of the detailed design stage are substantial in terms of money and officer time as they involve full parking surveys of occupancy and duration, computer aided design work and the design, printing and mail out of consultation leaflets and questionnaires, return postage and data entry.
- 3.4 It is council policy that parking schemes are only introduced after careful consultation and if the consultation produces a negative vote it should not proceed. A detailed consultation would be an expensive and time consuming process without any guarantee that there will be resident support.

#### **4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 Between November 2011 and July 2012 seven community meetings were attended by officers. Three meetings in Wish were in favour of consultation and two against. In Portslade both meetings were against consultation. Several business owners in Boundary Road, Hove and Station Road, Portslade attended the meetings and said that the current arrangements of one hour limited waiting worked well for them and they did not favour any changes
- 4.2 During the review 30 items of correspondence were received from Wish ward broadly in favour of a residents' parking scheme or in favour of consultation (includes Bolsover Road) and 11 against. In South Portslade 5 items of correspondence were received broadly in favour of a residents parking scheme or in favour of consultation and none against.
- 4.3 In the postal questionnaire sent as part of the review to 6000 households throughout the city the question was asked "If you are not currently in a residents parking scheme would you like to be in one?" A number of positive responses were received from roads to the west of Wish Park, also from Bolsover Road and Portland Avenue..
- 4.4 A further survey of opinion of ward members for South Portslade, Wish and Westbourne was carried out in March 2013.
- 4.5 In Wish ward both members supported consultation on the principle of a scheme although both asked for the consultation approach not to be fixed in terms of

geographical boundaries within the ward so as to allow to allow for flexibility on any final agreed boundaries. There was no consensus for consulting residents in South Portslade or to re-consult the existing light touch W area. The exclusion of Boundary Road from consultation was also favoured by one of the ward members

### *Conclusions*

- 4.6 It is proposed that a simple letter with a yes/no questionnaire should be sent to residents and businesses in Wish Ward (excluding Boundary Road, Hove) later this year. If there is support for detailed consultation then a leaflet/plan and questionnaire could be sent to residents in early 2014 and subject to further traffic order consultation a scheme could be implemented in late 2014 or early 2015.
- 4.7 Consultation in South Portslade and the existing light touch W zone consultation should not take place. It should only take place in the future if there is evidence of support from residents and the consensus of ward members.

## **5. FINANCIAL & OTHER IMPLICATIONS:**

### Financial Implications:

- 5.1 The set up costs of new parking schemes are capital projects and are funded by unsupported borrowings. This is repaid over 7 years, using the income generated.

*Finance Officer Consulted: Jeff Coates*

*Date: 02/04/13*

### Legal Implications:

- 5.2 In carrying out consultation the Council is under a general duty to ensure that any consultation is fair. This means that it must be carried out when proposals are being formulated, that adequate time and information about proposals must be given to consultees to ensure that they can provide a proper response, and that any consultation responses must be properly considered in reaching the decision.

The Council is under a legal duty as a public authority to consider the human rights implications of its actions. Parking and traffic restrictions have the potential to affect the right to respect for family and private life and the right to protection of property. These are qualified rights and therefore there can be interference with them where this is necessary, proportionate and for a legitimate aim.

*Lawyer Consulted:*

*Carl Hearsum*

*Date: 08/04/13*

### Equalities Implications:

- 5.3 An Equalities Impact Assessment has not been carried out on the implications of this report. However the impact of residents parking schemes has already been subject to an EIA.

#### Sustainability Implications:

- 5.4 Effective parking management contributes to reducing congestion and improving safe access contributing to the promoting sustainable transport usage and tackling climate change through reduction in carbon emissions.

#### Crime & Disorder Implications:

- 5.5 The recommendations are not expected to have implications for the prevention of crime and disorder.

#### Risk and Opportunity Management Implications:

- 5.6 Any risks will be identified as part of the overall project management. Parking is a corporate critical budget: however no major risks have been identified

#### Public Health Implications:

- 5.7 Parking controls may help towards reducing motor traffic in the city, and therefore the effect on public health in terms of harmful pollutants (and injuries sustained in collisions) will be beneficial to public health. Nitrogen dioxide, principally emanating from vehicles, is a respiratory irritant which is known to exacerbate asthma. There is a 3.5% increase in mortality for a 100ug/m<sup>3</sup> increase in ambient NO<sub>2</sub>. There is a 5% increase in hospital asthma conditions for the same increase in NO<sub>2</sub>.
- 5.7.1 The majority of locally derived pollution comes from either diesel engines or older petrol vehicles. Generally vehicles are more polluting to the local environment if they are heavier, older or run on diesel. Therefore promoting travel choice has to be part of a much more comprehensive air quality action plan. Parking controls are a positive contribution.

#### Corporate / Citywide Implications:

- 5.8 The report further develops a recommendation of the city wide parking review and will contribute to the following priorities in the 2011-15 Corporate Plan; tackling inequality, creating a more sustainable city, engaging more individuals and groups across the city. A specific commitment was given to “review the effectiveness and impact of current parking schemes on the city, for residents, businesses and visitors”.

### **6. EVALUATION OF ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S):**

- 6.1 The main alternative to the plan and timetable for consultation is not to proceed, however Transport Committee approved the principle of consultation therefore it is the recommendation of officers that it is carried out.
- 6.2 Various options for consultation and their advantages and disadvantages are assessed as part of this report.

### **7. REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 7.1 The report outlines the plan and timetable for consulting West Hove and South Portslade on parking proposals for their area following the recommendations set out in the city wide parking review report to transport committee in January this year in the light of additional ward member consultation.

### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

#### **Appendices:**

1. Appendix A plan of proposed parking review areas
3. Appendix B proposed timetable of parking reviews for West Hove & South Portslade

#### **Documents in Members' Rooms**

None

#### **Background Documents**

1. City wide parking review report transport committee 15 January 2013 Agenda item 53

