

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

TRANSPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

Agenda Item No.

DATE: 18 July 2007

REPORT OF: HEAD OF TRANSPORT PLANNING SERVICE

LEAD OFFICER: MERVYN BARTLETT

SUBJECT: ST MARGARETS PARKING STUDY

WARDS: ST MARGARETS AND NORTH TWICKENHAM

KEY DECISION?: YES

IF YES, IN FORWARD PLAN?: YES

For general release

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To report the results of the consultation exercise undertaken during May / June 2007, seeking views from residents and businesses in the area on the introduction of a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in St Margarets.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Cabinet Member for Traffic, Transport and Parking:

- notes the results of the consultation exercise as set out in this report and decides on whether the St Margarets study should be progressed to “second stage” consultation, and;
- notes the results of the consultation exercise on the proposal for a Stopping Up Order in the service road at the rear of Nos 137 to 143 St Margaret’s Road for consideration on whether this can be progressed to the next stage.

3. DETAIL

3.1 Over recent years, the Council has been in receipt of complaints concerning commuter parking problems in streets north of the St Margarets railway station, the majority of which are not subject to any form of parking controls.

3.2 This area of St Margarets is one of a few areas near Richmond that is not subject to parking controls and is within walking distance of St Margarets station and Richmond town centre. Two adjacent CPZs – the Cole Park CPZ and St Margarets South CPZ may have increased the level of commuter parking in this area.

3.3 Observations by officers have confirmed that a number of the streets in St Margarets are suffering from a demand for parking that exceeds supply which results in a number of road

safety problems such as poor sight lines at junctions, obstruction of pedestrian crossing points and a lack of passing areas.

- 3.4 On 10 April 2007, a report was presented to the Council's Cabinet showing the work programme for CPZs across the borough. This included a new study in St Margarets.

4. CONSULTATION

Method of consultation

- 4.1 In line with the Council's CPZ consultation procedures approved by Cabinet on 17 July 2006, this study was to comprise of a "two stage" consultation within a boundary to be agreed by the Cabinet Member after consultation with the ward councillors.
- 4.2 The consultation sought the views of residents and businesses on a proposal to introduce a new CPZ in St Margaret's operating either Monday to Friday or Monday to Saturday. The consultation offered two options for the hours of controls, either 9am to 10am and 2pm to 3pm, or 10am to 4.30pm.
- 4.3 The questionnaire also sought views on the introduction of car club cars in the area. The Council currently has one car club car situated in York House car park, Twickenham and this scheme has proved popular with local residents. This question is now included in all CPZ consultations and is considered a viable alternative to owning / keeping a vehicle on the carriageway.
- 4.4 Views were also sought on the making of a "Stopping Up Order" for an area of the service road at the rear of Nos 137 to 143 St Margarets Road following the receipt of an application from a local business.
- 4.5 One consultation document together with a questionnaire was delivered by Royal Mail to residents and businesses on 19 May 2007. The questionnaires were required to be returned by 15 June 2007.
- 4.6 A4 posters were affixed to lamp columns in each road within the consultation boundary on 23 May 2007 advising of the consultation. The posters displayed contact details in the event of failed receipt of consultation documents.
- 4.7 A copy of the consultation document and the questionnaire was placed on the Council's website on 22 May 2007.
- 4.8 An exhibition was held at Winchester Hall, Winchester Road on 5 June 2007 and 7 June 2007 providing an opportunity for residents and businesses to discuss the proposals with officers.
- 4.9 A copy of the consultation boundary, consultation document and questionnaire are shown as **Appendix A**.

Results of consultation

- 4.10 A total of 2256 questionnaires were delivered to all properties within the consultation boundary. Results of the consultation exercise are shown as **Appendix B**.

Responses from organisations and other comments received

- 4.11 A summary of all comments received are shown as **Appendix C**.

Comments received from emergency services

The views of emergency services were sought as part of the consultation exercise and will be reported verbally.

Stopping Up Order – Service Road rear of Nos 137 – 143 St Margarets Road

- 4.13 The results of the consultation exercise for this proposal are shown as **Appendix B**.

Waiting and Loading Restrictions

- 4.14 Separate to this consultation, waiting restrictions will be installed on 30 July 2007 in lengths of Winchester Road, St Margarets. The introduction of these restrictions, to alleviate a number of road safety problems at this location caused by parked vehicles, follows a previous consultation with residents.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A budget of £81,000 was approved by Cabinet on 10 April 2007 to cover consultation, design and implementation costs of the CPZ extension and to undertake a review during the 2008 financial year, should the scheme be implemented.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed policies are reflected in the policies contained within the Unitary Development Plan and the Community Plan. This consultation was carried out in accordance with the Council's CPZ policy, which was approved on 17 July 2006 and in discussion with the ward members and Cabinet Member for Traffic, Transport and Parking.

7. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 The introduction of controlled parking zones and/or waiting restrictions seek to improve road safety conditions for all road users. Due consideration should be given to such measures where it is generally envisaged that these will have a positive impact on road safety.
- 7.2 Should the proposals be approved to be taken forward, this will involve a detailed design and a safety audit prior to any progression to implementation.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT/CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The Council's Strategy seeks to regulate on-street parking and to consider the needs of residents and their visitors and to accommodate the needs of the business community so far as practically possible. As part of the strategy it is important to review the parking controls and other arrangements from time to time.
- 8.2 The regulation of parking can alleviate safety problems created by inconsiderate parking in areas of heavy demand, thereby reducing the risk to people with disabilities, the elderly and children.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The making of this Order is authorised by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Completed questionnaires
Comments received (letters and e-mails) during and after the consultation period
Report to Cabinet of 17 July 2006 (CPZ Policy)
Report to Cabinet of 9 October 2006 (CPZ Programme)
Report to Cabinet of 10 April 2007 (Revised CPZ Programme)

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