

LONDON BOROUGH OF RICHMOND UPON THAMES

TRANSPORT CONSULTATIVE GROUP

DATE: 24 July 2007
REPORT OF: INTERIM MANAGER FOR
TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LEAD OFFICER: GRAHAM BEATTIE

Agenda Item No.

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SUBJECT: TEDDINGTON PARKING STUDY

WARDS: TEDDINGTON

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 Teddington.

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 any of the controlled parking proposals in Teddington be formally advertised;
- That the Parking Sub-Group of the previous parking study in Teddington be asked to assist officers in the progression of any measures contained in this report as approved by the Cabinet Member.

3. DETAIL

- 3.1 A parking study was undertaken in Teddington in 2004 and 2005 involving a two stage consultation exercise. Results of the consultation were reported respectively to the Transport Consultative Group on 26 May 2004 (first stage consultation) and on 18 May 2005 (second stage consultation). At the TCG meeting on 18 May 2005 the Cabinet Member decided not to progress the proposals but requested that officers review the situation in approximately two years' time.

- 3.2 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 Teddington.

4. CONSULTATION

Method of consultation

- 4.1 Due to the recent history of consultations in Teddington, this study was to comprise of a "one stage" consultation with residents and businesses in Teddington within a boundary to be agreed by the Cabinet Member in consultation with the ward councillors.
- 4.2 The consultation was divided into three parts. A copy of the consultation document together with the three separate questionnaires is shown in **Appendix A**.

Area 1 – Main consultation area

- To introduce a new CPZ in Teddington operating Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30am and 10.30am. Results of this "Area 1" consultation are shown in **Appendix B**;

Area 2 – Streets immediately north and east of Main Consultation Area

- To include an additional area (immediately north and east of the main consultation area) in the new CPZ should this be introduced. Results of this "Area 2" consultation are shown in **Appendix C**;

Area 3 – Existing "one street" CPZs – Elleray Road and Vicarage Road

- To merge existing "one street" CPZs in Elleray Road and Vicarage Road, Teddington should a new CPZ be introduced in Teddington. Results of this "Area 3" consultation are shown in **Appendix D**.

- 4.3 Each questionnaire distributed 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 in making best possible use of on street parking space.
- 4.4 One consultation document together with a questionnaire specific to each of the three areas was delivered by Royal Mail to residents and businesses on 18 May 2007. The questionnaires were required to be returned by 15 June 2007.
- 4.5 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.
- 4.6 A copy of the consultation document and a copy of each of the three questionnaires were placed on the Council's website on 21 May 2007.
- 4.7 An exhibition was held at Teddington Library, Waldegrave Road on 30 May 2007 and 2 June 2007 providing an opportunity for residents and businesses to discuss the proposals with officers.

Results of consultation

- 4.9 A total of 2972 questionnaires were delivered to the three areas. Of this number a total of 1334 (45%) have been returned. A summary of the results of the consultation exercise for each of the three areas is shown as **Appendix B**.

Responses from organisations and other comments received

Comments received from emergency services

- 4.10 The views of emergency services were sought as part of the consultation exercise. Responses were received from the Police and Fire Brigade who both expressed no objections to the proposals.

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- 4.11 It is recommended that should the decision be taken to progress a scheme to formal advertisement the working group set up during the 2003 / 2004 study – entitled the Parking Sub-Group be reassembled to assist officers in the detailed design of proposals.
- 4.12 The detailed design of any proposals would be produced in consultation with the ward councillors and approval by the Cabinet Member. The formal advertisement of any proposals would involve a simultaneous consultation with affected properties again in consultation with the ward councilors and approval by the Cabinet Member.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A budget of £65,000 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 10 April 2007 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 any Order is authorised by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991.

10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Completed questionnaires

Letters of representation and other comments received in response to the formal advertisement

Report to Transport Consultative Group of 26 May 2004

Report to Transport Consultative Group of 18 May 2005

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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