

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3 March 2015
AGENDA ITEM:	16
SUBJECT:	BRANTWOOD ROAD AREA RESULTS OF CONSULTATION
LEAD OFFICER:	Jo Negrini, Executive Director of Planning and Environment
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Kathy Bee, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Purley
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is in accordance with objectives to improve the safety and reduce obstructive parking on the Borough's roads as detailed in: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Croydon Plan; Transport Chapter.• The Local Implementation Plan; 3.6 Croydon Transport policies• Croydon's Community Strategy; Priority Areas 1, 3, 4 and 6• Croydon Corporate Plan 2013 – 15• www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: N/A	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: n/a	
1. RECOMMENDATIONS That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that they consider the results of the consultation received and agree: 1.1 Not to introduce a controlled parking zone in the Brantwood Road area at the current time and monitor parking and traffic conditions, as well as feedback from local residents, for future review.	

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 A petition, presented by a Purley Ward Councillor, has been received signed by 42 residents of Braemar Road, Brantwood Road and Grange Road requesting parking controls to reduce the effect of commuter parking controls.
- 2.1 This report considers the results of the consultation and proposal to introduce a controlled parking scheme in the Brantwood Road Area, comprising of Allenby Avenue, Braemar Avenue, Brantwood Road and Grange Road.
- 2.2 It is recommended not to introduce parking controls in the Brantwood Road Area.

3 DETAIL:

- 3.1 A petition signed by 42 residents from 40 households of Braemar Avenue, Brantwood Road and Grange Road was received in January 2014 regarding parking issues caused by commuters who use the Purley Oaks Train Station.
- 3.2 Purley Oaks Railway Station is accessed to the west via Brantwood Road with Braemar Road, Grange Road and Allenby Avenue between the station and Brighton Road. Available parking in these roads is at a premium during the daytime due to the close proximity of the station but this has been exacerbated recently by the introduction of charges in the station car park. This area comprises of mainly terraced properties of which approximately half have off-street parking.
- 3.3 The nearby Sanderstead Controlled Parking Zone (Broomhall Road, Glossop Road, Kendall Avenue and Parrs Close) comprises of shared-use Permit / Pay & Display bays operating between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. The maximum stay for Pay & Display users is 4 hours, forcing commuters driving to Sanderstead Station to generally park in the station car park or surrounding unrestricted roads.
- 3.4 Apart from some daytime restrictions at some junctions, there are currently no parking controls in roads close to Purley Oaks Station. Although a similar scheme to the Sanderstead CPZ could be introduced in the Braemar Road area and possibly roads to the south east of the station, this would have the effect of displacing the commuter cars to unrestricted roads outside the zone. Alternatives include schemes comprising of residents' only bays and free parking bays or Pay & Display bays allowing all day parking so that there is a balance between residents and commuter parking demand.
- 3.5 Although roads to the south-east of the station also suffer from commuter parking and there are a high proportion of residents that do not benefit from off-street parking, few complaints have been received from residents and no petitions have been presented to the Council. It is suggested that should the majority of

residents in the Braemar Road area vote in favour of parking controls and these are subsequently introduced, the parking situation on the southeast side of the station should be assessed, including complaints / requests from residents.

- 3.6 Approval was given by the Traffic and Management Cabinet Committee on 18th March 2014 to consult the residents in the Brantwood Road Area.

4 CONSULTATION:

- 4.1 Residents in Allenby Avenue, Braemar Avenue, Brantwood Road and Grange Road were consulted about the possibility of introducing a controlled parking zone (CPZ) in their roads by letter and questionnaire on 9 January 2015. The document explained the reason for the consultation and asked respondents to complete and return the questionnaire using the pre-paid facility. Information was also included regarding the proposed options of the controlled parking zones available, including operational times and possible implications of introducing controls, as well as parking charges. Respondents were asked to determine whether parking controls were required. The
- 4.2 Residents were given 4 weeks to respond. The return date was Friday 6 February 2015. The results are provided in Table 1 and 2 to this report. The questionnaire comprised of 5 various parking scheme options, including a proposed One Hour Permit Holders Only parking scheme, proposed operational time is noon to 1pm, Monday to Friday. The questionnaire also included a box, which gave all respondents to the consultation the opportunity to make any additional comments. The attached plan number **PD 260** shows the consultation area and layout of the proposed parking arrangements.
- 4.3 The consultation results showed that there was a good overall response rate of 44% from the Brantwood Road area. 212 documents were delivered and 70 documents were returned. Tables 1 and 2 show the returns and results. Table 3 shows the results of the option the residents would like to see introduced in their road.

4.4 TABLE 1: RESULTS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE

STREET NAME	Number of Properties	Number of Responses Received	% Returned	Number of Responses in Favour	% in favour
Allenby Avenue	2	0	0	0	0%
Braemar Avenue	59	25	42%	12	31%
Brantwood Road	27	10	37%	5	50%
Grange Road	124	58	47%	26	42%
TOTAL	212	93	44%	43	46%

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4.5 **TABLE 2: RESULTS OF CPZ OPTIONS**

STREET NAME	Number of Responses Received	OPTION 1: One Hour CPZ with Permit Holders Only Bays		OPTION 2: All Day CPZ with Permit Holders Only Bays "Free" Bays		OPTION 3: All Day CPZ with Permit Holders Only Bays and P&D machines		OPTION 4: Do Nothing	
		Total	%	Total	%	Total	%	Total	%
Allenby Ave	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Braemar Ave	25	5	20%	1	4%	6	24%	13	52 %
Brantwood Rd	10	3	30%	1	10%	1	10%	5	50%
Grange Rd	58	10	17.2%	2	3.5%	14	24.1%	32	55.2%
TOTAL		18	19%	4	9%	21	23%	50	54%

4.5 The results show that the majority of residents in the area (54%) are not in favour of parking controls. Of the options for a parking scheme Option 3 (All day CPZ

with Permit and Pay & Display Bays) was the most favoured scheme with 23% of residents voting for the scheme.

- 4.6 Residents also made comments on the questionnaire which included a suggestion that Southern Rail lower fares or revert to free parking for Purley Oaks Station as this is the primary reason for parking stress in this area. There was a call from some residents that permits should be free and that yellow lines should not be placed across driveways. Other concerns were that much of the parking is due to the Peugeot dealer in Brighton Road and some non-local long-term parking by people making use of the train for holiday journeys via Gatwick airport. There was also a request that the single yellow line at the Allenby Avenue junction with Brighton Road be upgraded to double yellow lines.
- 4.7 The Council's responsibility in ensuring the safe movement of traffic includes access to the road network and to this end all junctions in this area have yellow line waiting restrictions, including double yellow line 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the Brantwood Road junctions with Grange Road and Braemar Avenue and the Allenby Avenue junctions with Braemar Avenue and Grange Road. There are also day time yellow line waiting restrictions at the Brantwood and Allenby Avenue junctions with Brighton Road.
- 4.8 The purpose of the consultation was to determine support for a parking scheme that would provide more priority during the daytime for residents due to commuter parking for Purley Oaks Station. As 54% of residents that have responded voted against parking controls, it is proposed not to introduce a scheme at this time but to continue to monitor parking and traffic conditions as well as communication from local residents, for future review. Parking restrictions at the junctions in this area as described above, ensure that road users can access this area unhindered and an acceptable level of safety is maintained.

5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.
- 5.2 Approved by: Graham Oliver, Business Partner, Development and Environment Finance.

6 COMMENTS OF COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that in considering the responses to the consultation, consideration should be given to the purpose of the powers in Section 6, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) to introduce and implement Traffic Management Orders. In doing so, section 122 of the Act imposes a duty on the Council to have regard (so far as practicable) to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable

and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. The Council must also have regard to such matters as the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.

- 6.2 Approved by Gabriel MacGregor, Head of Corporate Law on behalf of the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

- 7.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

- 7.2 Approved by: Adrian Prescod, HR Business Partner, for and on behalf of Director of Human Resources, Chief Executive Department.

8. CUSTOMER, EQUALITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL, CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACTS

- 8.1 There are no such implications arising from this report.

9. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 9.1 The recommendation is to do nothing, since the majority of residents have stated they are happy with the existing parking arrangements in their road.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

None