

Croydon Council

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REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 July 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	7
SUBJECT:	BINGHAM ROAD AREA PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE EAST OUTER ZONE RESULTS OF CONSULTATION
LEAD OFFICER:	Jo Negrini, Acting Chief Executive and Executive Director of Place
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Ashburton
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">• Croydon Local Plan – Nov 2015• Local Implementation Plan 2; 2.8 Transport Objectives• Croydon's Community Strategy 2013-18; Priority Areas 1, 2 & 3• Croydon Corporate Plan 2015 – 18• www.croydonobservatory.org/strategies/	
FINANCIAL IMPACT: These proposals can be contained within available budget.	
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 agree: 1.1 Not to extend the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone (East Outer Permit Zone) into the Bingham Road Area at the current time but to instruct officers to monitor traffic and parking issues, including communications from local residents, for future review. 1.2 Instruct that officers inform the petition organiser of the decision.	

2 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report follows a request from the Local Residents Association residents concerned with the high level of parking in the Bingham Road area concerned with the high level of commuter/shoppers parking creating obstruction and safety concerns for residents and other road users.
- 2.2 This report considers the results of the consultation and proposal to introduce a controlled parking scheme in the Bingham Road Area and recommends not proceeding with a scheme at the current time.

2 DETAIL

- 3.1 This report follows a request from the Local Residents Association concerned with the high level of parking in the Bingham Road area. At the moment apart from junctions there are no parking restrictions in the area. Complaints were received that increased parking is creating obstruction and safety concerns for residents and other road users. These parking concerns could be managed by 2 options stated below and as indicated on the attached questionnaire:
- A. Introduce a one hour Controlled Parking Zone with “Permit Holders Only” bays and single yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time is noon until 1pm, Monday to Friday.
- B. Extend the existing East Outer Permit Zone to include the Bingham Road area. The existing East Outer Permit Zone is an all day CPZ with shared-use parking bays (Permit/Pay & Display users) in conjunction with yellow lines waiting restrictions. The existing East Outer Zone operational time is 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. Currently there are no restrictions in the Bingham Road Area and commuters/shoppers are parking close to driveways and junctions in these roads during the daytime due to the close proximity of Addiscombe Tramstop, the existing CPZ and the local shops. Approval was given to consult the residents in the Bingham Road Area.

3 CONSULTATION:

- 3.1 Residents in the Bingham Road Area were consulted on the possibility of extending the existing East Outer Permit Zone. The document explained the reason for the consultation and asked respondents to complete and return the questionnaire using the pre-paid envelope. Information also included the proposed operational time and possible implications of introducing controls. Residents were given 3 weeks to respond. The return date was Friday 3 June 2016. The results are provided in Table 1 to this report. The questionnaire comprised of 2 options:

Option1: Introduce a One Hour CPZ with “Permit Holders Only” bays and single yellow line waiting restrictions. The proposed operational time is noon until 1pm, Monday to Friday.

Option 2: Extend the existing East Outer Permit Zone to include the Bingham Road area. The existing East Outer Permit Zone is an all day CPZ with shared-use bays (Permit/Pay & Display users) in conjunction with yellow lines waiting restrictions. The existing East Outer Zone operational time is 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday. The questionnaire also included a comments box, which gave all respondents the opportunity to make any additional comments.

The attached Plan no. PD-255a shows the consultation area.

3.2 The consultation response rate of 52% was higher than expected of a consultation exercise of this nature. The overall percentage in favour of controlled parking zone is 14%. A summary of the informal consultation results is shown on Table 1.

3.3 TABLE 1: RESULTS OF CONSULTATION RESPONSE

STREET NAME	Number of Properties	Number of Responses Received	% Returned	Number of Responses in Favour	% in favour
Ashling Road	25	14	56%	5	36%
Baring Road	45	26	58%	5	19%
Bingham Road	100	42	42%	13	31%
Claremont Road	31	19	61%	5	26%
Fernhurst Road	63	44	70%	1	2%
Lower Addiscombe Road	70	16	23%	2	13%
Parkview Road	57	36	63%	1	3%
Sherwood Road	59	39	66%	2	5%
TOTAL	450	235	52%	34	14%

3.4 The results show that the majority of residents and businesses in the Bingham Road Area are against any form of control parking zone in their road. The overall percentage in favour of controlled parking zone is 14%.

3.5 The main comments made by the residents include:

- If implemented will likely reduce the value of their properties.
- The proposed scheme will not allow sufficient parking for residents.
- Permit charges are excessive and will only keep going up.
- Some residents may have to change their front gardens to park their cars because there will not be enough space on the road.
- The proposal would be a disaster if introduced and thereby creating a BIGGER problem in the area.

- Under no circumstances would I agree to a CPZ in my road or any additional in this area, it would damage local businesses.
- Will bring in much needed revenue for the council.
- Under no circumstances do I want a controlled parking zone in this area.
- I don't think we should have to pay to park at all when we live here and pay so much for everything else.

3.6 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.

3.7 The purpose of the consultation was to determine whether there is support to extend the existing East Outer zone that would provide parking bays that will allow commuters/shoppers to park safely and away from driveway entrances and junctions.

3.8 As 52% of residents and businesses that have responded have 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.

4 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Approved by: Zulfiqar Darr, Interim Head of Finance, Place & Resources.

5 COMMENTS OF COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

6.1 The Acting 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 (so far as is 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.

6.3 Approved for and on behalf of Gabriel Macgregor, Acting Council Solicitor and Acting 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 and businesses have stated they are happy with the existing parking arrangements in their road.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:	None