

Croydon Council

REPORT TO:	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE 19 December 2016
AGENDA ITEM:	6
SUBJECT:	PETITIONS: MITCHAM ROAD (BETWEEN NOS. 200 TO 244) – REQUEST FOR 30 TO 60 MINUTES FREE PARKING BAYS VICARAGE ROAD – REQUEST FOR INCREASED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
LEAD OFFICER:	Shifa Mustafa, Executive Director of Place
CABINET MEMBER:	Councillor Stuart King, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
WARDS:	Broad Green and Waddon
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT:	
<p>This report is in accordance with objectives to improve the safety and reduce obstructive parking on the Borough's roads as detailed in:</p> <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 SUMMARY:	
These proposal can be contained within available budget	
FORWARD PLAN KEY DECISION REFERENCE NO.: Not a Key Decision	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Traffic Management Advisory Committee recommend to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment that they:-

- 1.1 Delegate to the Highway Improvement Manager, Streets Directorate the authority to give notice and subject to receiving no material objections to make the necessary Traffic Management Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) in order to:
- 1.2 Note a petition from businesses and customers of Mitcham Road between Nos. 200 and 244 requesting 30 to 60 minutes free parking; and

- 1.3 Introduce twelve 1 hour maximum stay bays (first 30 minutes free) on the North East side of Mitcham Road between Priory Road and Sutherland Road as shown on Plan No. PD – 326.
- 1.4 Note that any material objections received following the giving of public notice will be considered by the Executive Director of Place and may be referred to the Traffic Management Advisory Committee if the Executive Director in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment considers it appropriate for any other reason.
- 1.5 Note a petition from residents of Vicarage Road requesting parking controls to increase to 8pm and the maximum stay for Pay & Display users to decrease to 6 hours maximum stay due to problems with commuter parking.
- 1.6 Consider extending the parking controls to 8am – 8pm, Monday to Saturday subject to engagement of residents in the Vicarage Road area as shown on Plan No. PD – 327.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report considers the following:
- 2.2 A petition received from businesses, owners and customers of addresses between 200 and 242 Mitcham Road requesting 30 to 60 minutes free parking bays.
- 2.3 A petition from Vicarage Road residents requesting increased hours of operation for parking controls and reduction in the maximum stay for Pay & Display users to 6 hours.

3. DETAIL

Mitcham Road (between nos.200 & 242) – Petition for 30 to 60 minutes free parking

- 3.1 A pro-former type petition signed by 961 businesses, owners and customers of the businesses along the section of Mitcham Road between Priory Road and Sutherland Road has been received. The petition states:

‘PETITION FOR 30-60 MIN FREE PARKING 200 TO 242 MITCHAM ROAD, CROYDON – This petition is for the request of 30/60 minutes of free parking outside the businesses of 200 to 242 Mitcham Road, Croydon. The signatures below are that of local businesses, owners and customers to the road in question.’
- 3.2 This section of Mitcham Road is close to the Croydon Controlled Parking Zone boundary (North Permit Zone) and early in 2016 residents and businesses were consulted on a possible extension to the North Permit Zone. Of 131 addresses 30 questionnaire responses were received of which only 5 were in favour of parking controls which included the shared-use Permit / Pay & Display bays. Controls are proposed to be introduced into the side roads including Sutherland Road, Wentworth Road and Priory Road where a majority voted in favour of a parking scheme.
- 3.3 However, it is recognised that long term parking along this section of Mitcham Road

would reduce parking opportunities for customers and short term parking bays would benefit the businesses. At similar locations one hour maximum Pay & Display Bays, with the first 30 minutes being free (with a ticket) and £1 for 1 hour operating between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Saturday, have been very effective at ensuring a turn-over of parking spaces and it is proposed that 12 parking bays should be introduced in Mitcham Road between Priory Road and Sutherland Road as shown on Plan No. PD – 326.

Vicarage Road – Petition to increase the Parking Restrictions

- 3.4 A petition signed by 30 residents of Vicarage Road and presented to the Council by a Waddon Ward Councillor has been received.

The petition states:

PETITION TO INCREASE THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON VICARAGE ROAD, CROYDON

The residents of Vicarage Road, Croydon are facing an increasingly intolerable problem with the lack of parking spaces for residents because of the free parking at the end of the Pay and Display period. Since the development of the New South Quarter (NSQ), parking spaces are increasingly used by the new NSQ residents, aided by the pedestrian access from NSQ to Wandle Park Tram Stop and therefore Vicarage Road. The housing association properties of Vicarage Road have also introduced a permit scheme as the result of the parking problems.

The residents also suffer increased traffic flow with vehicles arriving and waiting to collect commuters from the tram stop at the end of the working day.

We, the undersigned, call upon the council to increase the Residents' Only/chargeable duration from 09:00-17:00 to 09:00-20:00 (Sundays to remain unrestricted) and the maximum stay to be reduced to six hours, allowing Vicarage Road residents, who have residents' parking permits, to park their vehicles and to use visitor day permits for visiting friends and family.

- 3.5 Vicarage Road is within the West Permit Zone and controls were introduced into this area following Tramlink and the subsequent increase in commuter parking for Wandle Park Station situated at the end of the road.
- 3.6 The controls currently operate 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday in all outer Croydon Permit Zones – North, South, East (Inner & Outer) and West Zone. In the North Zone since December 2015 there has been an experimental Traffic Management Order whereby 2 roads (Midhurst Avenue and Fairholme Road) operate 8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday.
- 3.7 Following consultation on an extension to the North Permit Zone in the nearby Sutherland Road / Canterbury Road area, residents lobbied the Council to have similar increased controls due to parking problems associated with the local residential developments. As a result all occupiers in the North Permit Zone were consulted on whether to retain the existing 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday or have increased 8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday controls. The results of this consultation are being reported to this committee meeting and the conclusion is to mainly introduce the increased hours of operation in the new Sutherland Road / Canterbury Road extension area.

- 3.8 To avoid driver confusion and be consistent with part of the North Permit Zone (where 8am to 8pm, Monday to Sunday controls are to be introduced) and the Central Zone (where the controls operate 8am to midnight Monday to Sunday) it is proposed that 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday controls should be considered not just in the Vicarage Road area but the whole West Permit Zone to determine support. It is therefore proposed to informally consult residents in the West Permit Zone (shown on Plan No. PD - 327) on possible 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday controls. Depending on the results of this consultation at a minimum Vicarage Road, Kemble Road and Siddons Road should be considered for new hours of operation, rather than just one road which could result in some drivers being confused on the period of the controls and enforcement difficulties.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The purpose of this report is to consider a petition from customers, businesses and owners of premises between nos. 200 and 242 Mitcham Road requesting short term free parking bays and a petition from residents of Vicarage Road requesting increased hours of operation of the parking controls in their road.
- 4.2 It is proposed to informally consult occupiers of the whole of the West Permit Zone whether they would prefer 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday controls or retain the existing 9am to 5pm, Monday to Saturday controls.
- 4.3 Results of this informal consultation will be considered through delegated authorisation via the Director of Streets and Executive Director of Place and a decision will be made on whether the controls in the West Permit Zone (or part of the zone) should be increased.
- 4.4 Short-term 1 hour maximum stay Pay & Display bays with the first 30 minutes being free (with a ticket) are recommended for Mitcham Road between Priory Road and Sutherland Road subject to formal consultation.
- 4.5 For introducing new parking schemes, such as the proposed parking bays, formal consultation takes place in the form of Public Notices published in the London Gazette and a local paper (Croydon Guardian). Although it is not a legal requirement this Council also fixes street notices to lamp columns in the vicinity of the proposed scheme and writes to occupiers who are directly affected to inform as many people as possible of the proposals.
- 4.6 Official bodies such as the Fire Brigade, Cycling UK (formally known as Cyclists' Touring Club), The Pedestrian Association, Age UK, The Owner Drivers' Society, The Confederation of Passenger Transport and bus operators are consulted under the terms of the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Additional bodies, up to 27 in total, are consulted depending on the relevance of the proposals.
- 4.7 Once the notices have been published the public has 21 days to comment or object to the proposals. If no relevant objections are received, subject to agreement to the delegated authority sought by the recommendations, the Traffic Management Order is then made. Any relevant objections received following the giving of public notice will be considered by the Executive Director of Place and may be referred to the Traffic Management Advisory Committee if the Executive Director in consultation

with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment considers it appropriate for any other reason.

5 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is a revenue budget of £50k for CPZ undertakings and £50k for Footway Parking and Disabled Bays, from which these commitments if approved will be funded. Attached to the papers of this meeting is a summary of the overall financial impact of this and other applications for approval at this meeting. This will be funded out of the 2017/2018 revenue budgets and all applications were approved there would remain £82k un-allocated to be utilised in 2017/2018.

5.1 Revenue and Capital consequences of report recommendations

	Current Financial Year	M.T.F.S – 3 year Forecast			
		2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
<u>Revenue Budget available</u>					
Expenditure	41	100	100	100	
Income	0	0	0	0	
<u>Effect of Decision from Report</u>					
Expenditure	0	18	0	0	
Income	0	0	0	0	
Remaining Budget	41	82	100	100	
<u>Capital Budget available</u>					
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	
<u>Effect of Decision from report</u>					
Expenditure	0	0	0	0	
Remaining Budget	0	0	0	0	

5.2 The effect of the decision

5.2.1 The cost of introducing 12 Pay & Display bays in Mitcham Road including the provision of two Pay & Display machines and informally consulting occupiers of the West Permit Zone on a possible amendment of the West Permit Zone as outlined in this report is estimated at £18,300.

5.2.3 These costs can be contained within the available revenue budgets for 2017/18.

5.3 Risks

- 5.3.1 Whilst there is a risk that the final cost will exceed the estimate, this work is allowed for in the current budgets for 2017/18.

5.4 Options

- 5.4.1 Not consulting occupiers in these areas would not appease petitioners who may feel that the Council is not taking their concerns seriously.

5.5 Savings/future efficiencies

- 5.5.1 The current method of introducing parking controls is very efficient with the design and legal (Traffic Management Order) work being carried out within the department.

- 5.5.2 The marking of the bays and the supply and installation of signs and posts is carried out using the new Highways Contract and the rates are lower than if the schemes were introduced under separate contractual arrangements.

- 5.5.3 Although unquantifiable at this stage there will be additional income from Pay & Display bays in Mitcham Road and parking events taking place between 8 and 9am, between 5 and 8pm in the West Permit Zone or part of this zone should increased hours of operation be introduced.

- 5.5.3 Approved by: Zulf Darr, Interim Head of Finance, Place and Resources.

6. COMMENTS OF THE COUNCIL SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

- 6.1 The Solicitor to the Council comments that Sections 6, 124 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) provide powers to introduce and implement Traffic Management Orders. In exercising this power, 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 matters such as the effect on the amenities of any locality affected.

- 6.2 The Council must comply with the necessary requirements of the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 by giving the appropriate notices and receiving representations. Such representations must be considered before a final decision is made.

- 6.3 Approved for and on behalf of Jacqueline Harris-Baker, Acting Council Solicitor and Acting Monitoring Officer.

7. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPACT

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

7.2 Approved by: Adrian Prescod, HR Business Partner, for and on behalf of Director of HR, Resources department.

8. EQUALITIES IMPACT

8.1 An initial Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been carried out and it is considered that a Full EqIA is not required.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

9.1 Introducing short term parking bays in Mitcham Road should result in easier access for the local businesses and reduce the incidence of drivers attempting to find parking in the local streets increasing journey times and pollution.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION IMPACT

10.1 There are no crime and disorder reduction impacts arising from this report.

11. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

11.1 The recommendations are to consult businesses, customers and owners of premises in Mitcham Road (between Priory Road and Sutherland Road) on possible Pay & display bays (with the first 30 minutes free parking) and occupiers of properties in the West Permit Zone to determine the level of support for possible 8am to 8pm, Monday to Saturday controls.

12. OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

12.1 The alternative options would be not to consult businesses, customers and owners of Mitcham Road and occupiers of the West Permit Zone. However, this is unlikely to be acceptable as they are likely to feel that their petitions have been ignored by the Council.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Map of Richmond Road
Appendix 2 – Map of Vicarage Road