

	<h2>Environment Committee</h2> <h3>7th November 2017</h3>
Title	<h3>School Permit Scheme – Rimon Jewish Primary School</h3>
Report of	Strategic Director - Environment
Wards	Childs Hill
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Urgent	<i>No</i>
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Enclosures	Appendix A: map of affected area Appendix B: parking demand survey results
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>This report sets out the details of the application by Rimon Jewish Primary School to join the School Permit scheme for staff in reference to the conditions agreed by the May 2017 Environment Committee. It provides recommendations for the acceptance of the application subject to certain conditions regarding the maximum number of permits and areas in which the permit holders may not park.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p>1. That the Environment Committee note the outcome of the survey of parking demand undertaken on 26th and 28th September 2017.</p>
<p>2. That the committee approve the issue of school permits to staff at Rimon Jewish Primary School, for use in Zone H permit bays while the holder is carrying out school duties or travelling for the purpose of carrying out school duties, subject to the conditions agreed at the Environment Committee of 11 May 2017.</p>
<p>3. That the committee agree that the area of adjacent streets should be excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That part of Dunstan Road between its junction with The Vale and its junction with

<p>Hodford Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That part of Hodford Road between its junction with Dunstan Road and its junction with Wycombe Gardens.
<p>4. That the committee agree that the number of concurrent permits to be issued to staff at Rimon Jewish Primary School be limited to 25.</p>
<p>5. The committee note that the above exclusion zone and cap on permits may be reviewed and varied by future committee resolution in response to changes in circumstances.</p>

1 WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 In May 2017, following a pilot scheme and impact study, Environment Committee resolved to make the School Permit scheme permanent and allow applications to join the scheme from all schools meeting the criteria agreed.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed to the following criteria
- Ofsted registered schools located within the CPZ be eligible to apply for a school permit
 - Schools must have an up-to-date school travel plan in place to be eligible.
 - The permit will be only be valid within the schools catchment area
 - It will be the responsibility of the schools to manage the distribution of permits to their staff
 - That permits would not be issued in a CPZ where demand for parking places exceeds 85% of capacity.
 - That school would need and existing school travel plan.
 - The cost of the annual permit is set at £190 per annum.
 - The school decide on which staff are eligible for the limited number of permits
 - That the school cannot park on the adjacent streets to the school
 - That before school permits be issued the Strategic Director for Environment consult with relevant Ward Members, the School and report the findings back to the Committee in order for approval to be granted to award school permits.
- 1.3 On 22 August the Headteacher of Rimon Jewish Primary School applied for the school to join the scheme

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Rimon Jewish Primary School is located at 41A Dunstan Road NW11 8AE, within a controlled parking zone and permit zone H.
- 2.2 Rimon Jewish Primary School has a current School Travel Plan, rated Silver.
- 2.3 Rimon Jewish Primary School is Ofsted registered.
- 2.4 On Tuesday 26th and Thursday 28th September 2017 surveys were conducted to establish demand for parking places in the streets surrounding Rimon Jewish Primary School.
- 2.5 Zone H is a large zone but is functionally divided into four areas by major routes or other features. Rimon Jewish Primary School falls within the south-western area, bounded by Finchley Road to the east and zone G to the north
- 2.6 Demand was surveyed in the following streets or parts of streets that 1) comprise the area described above, and where 2) permit parking is available:

- Armitage Road
- Basing Hill
- Crewys Road
- Dunstan Road
- Fernside
- Granville Road
- Gresham Gardens
- Helenslea Avenue
- Hodford Road
- Llanvanor Road
- Nant Road
- The Ridgeway
- The Vale
- Vale Rise
- Wycombe Gardens

2.7 Demand was measured at the following times

- 7am-8am
- 9am-10am
- 11am-12noon (controlled hours)
- 2pm-3pm
- 6pm-7pm

2.8 Within the surveyed area demand varied from 44% to 69%. The highest demand found during controlled hours was 49%.

2.9 Within the roads surveyed 803 spaces are available to zone H permit holders.

2.10 At the peak demand measured, 552 of those permit spaces were in use. In order to raise this demand to the 85% threshold agreed by committee a further 131 vehicles would need to have been parked in the zone. The survey therefore suggests that capacity exists to allow the issue of permits to staff at Rimon Jewish Primary School.

2.11 Rimon Primary School currently has an establishment of 29 full and part time staff and have requested that up to 25 permits be made available for purchase by these staff. The survey would suggest that this number can be accommodated.

2.12 Responsibility for the allocation of these permits would rest with Rimon Jewish Primary School, with evidence of permission from the school being required at the point of application.

2.13 A visit to the area on 10 October 2017 conducted by the Council's parking team and the Headteacher and Bursar of Rimon Jewish Primary School examined the availability and usage of parking in the immediate vicinity of the school. This established two areas where allowing the use of school permits could put undue pressure on parking in that area and affect the availability for dropping off and picking up those pupils who travel to and from school by car.

- That part of Dunstan Road between its junction with The Vale and its junction with Hodford Road, and
- That part of Hodford Road between its junction with Dunstan Road and its junction with Wycombe Gardens

Accordingly, these areas were identified as suitable for exclusion from the scheme – permits would not be valid for use in permit bays falling within these areas.

- 2.14 Rimon Jewish Primary School falls within Childs Hill ward, as does the entirety of the surveyed area
- 2.15 The members for Childs Hill ward are;
- Cllr Jack Cohen
 - Cllr Shimon Ryde
 - Cllr Peter Zinkin
- 2.16 In line with the resolution of the May 2017 committee, on 24 October 2017 the Strategic Director for Environment, Jamie Blake, wrote to those members for Childs Hill providing details of the application from Rimon Jewish Primary School and the results of the parking survey inviting submissions to this Committee
- 2.17 The ward members have therefore been consulted in line with the requirements of the May 2017 resolution and committee approval is now required to the issue of permits
- 2.18 The results from the schools engagement with the pilot show strong support for the scheme and they state it has only had a positive impact on the school day and their ability to provide improved teaching environment for the children.
- 2.19 This will further support Barnet schools with their recruitment and retention of teachers and will help to recruit teaching staff.
- 2.20 The pilot shows there has been no adverse impact to residents' being able to park as near to their homes as possible.
- 2.21 Survey of the local area indicates that capacity exists to allow the issue of school permits without significant risk to the amenities of existing users
- 2.22 It is therefore recommended that the environment agree that up to 25 permits be issued to staff at Rimon Jewish Primary School for use in Zone H parking bays with the exceptions of the areas described above

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 Refusal of extension of scheme to Rimon Jewish Primary School. This option is not recommended as the school's application is in accordance with the parameters of the scheme.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 Minor variations will be required to the parking website and related systems will need to be updated to allow school staff to apply. Customer Service Group parking staff will be advised of the extension of the scheme and the necessary actions will be taken.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The Council will work with local, regional and national partners, will strive to ensure that Barnet is the place:
- Of opportunity, where people can further their quality of life
 - Where people are helped to help themselves
 - Where responsibility is shared, fairly
 - Where services are delivered efficiently to get value for money for the taxpayer
- The introduction of this scheme will greatly benefit school workers and those who study in Barnet whilst ensuring that resident parking is not unduly affected. The

scheme will help to ensure that school staff can focus on delivering high quality education by removing the distractions that parking arrangements currently add to the working day. This will enhance their quality of life and allow them to dedicate their attention to helping their students to receive a high quality education and so widen their opportunities. The scheme will also feature strongly in the recruitment and retention strategy for schools to ensure that the best teachers are attracted to work in the Borough ultimately providing a better education and quality of life for pupils.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

5.2.1 The costs of enforcing the scheme will be charged to the council's Special Parking Account (SPA). Any income generated through permits and Penalty charge notices (PCNs) issued during enforcement, will also be allocated to the SPA. The scheme is not expected to require additional funding.

5.2.2 There are no procurement implications as a result of this report.

5.3 Social Value

5.3.1 The impact that the scheme will have on teaching and providing better education to children can only be positive.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

5.4.1 The Council as the Highway and Traffic Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The authority to amend the relevant traffic management order to enable permit parking schemes has already been granted by the resolution of the 11 May 2017 Environment Committee.

5.4.2 The Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligation on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.4.3 The Council's constitution at article 7 gives responsibility for parking provision and enforcement to the Environment Committee.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 The council has considered the potential impact to residents who currently park within the zone and the potential effect on road safety and the free flow of traffic of the potential on as well as any potential negative satisfaction or customer experience.

5.5.2 In particular the council has considered the need to manage the risk associated with conflicting priorities carefully. Our policy states that residents should be able to park as close to their homes as possible, this risk is mitigated by the use of an exclusion zone in the immediate vicinity of the school.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equality duty which requires public authorities to have due regard to the need to
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
 - Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
 - Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it
- 5.6.2 The relevant protected characteristics are age, race, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. The duty also covers marriage and civil partnership, but to a limited extent.
- 5.6.3 A full Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out if the scheme is successful in proceeding.
- 5.6.4 The school will be reminded that they are expected to observe the Public Sector Equality Duty in deciding to whom permits should be given.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 Statutory consultation has been carried through the experimental traffic management order and there has been no negative feedback received.
- 5.7.2 This recommendation has been referred to the ward councillors for the affected area in advance of this committee