

	<h2>Chipping Barnet Area Committee</h2> <h3>6 July 2016</h3>
Title	Totteridge & Whetstone Station Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) - Proposed Extension into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place N20
Report of	Commissioning Director for Environment
Wards	Totteridge
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix A – Drawing Number: Ridgeview-SCR121_001 - Proposed CPZ layout Appendix B – Consultation response summary
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Summary

On 13 January 2016, the Chipping Barnet Area Committee resolved that officers undertake a statutory consultation in respect of including Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place in the Totteridge & Whetstone Station 'TW' CPZ as soon as practicable.

Accordingly, this report details the outcome of the statutory consultation, which commenced on 28th April 2016, and asks the Committee to consider the recommendations made as a result of the representations received during the consultation period.

Recommendations

- 1. That the Committee note the outcome of the statutory consultation as detailed within this report and approve the following, at an estimated cost of £8,000 for item number 2 below, and £5,000 for item number 3 below.**
- 2. That the Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to extend the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place, N20 as originally consulted, through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders, as shown on Drawing Number 22014_002; at an estimated cost of £8,000 to be funded from the 2016/17 LIP allocation for Parking Reviews.**
- 3. That prior to the introduction of 2. above the Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment, to carry out detailed investigations as to whether any parking layout changes could be made in the neighbouring North Finchley CPZ, or whether there could be a new parking permit created, to give volunteers and other staff a better opportunity to find parking space local to the Hospice, at an estimated cost of £5,000 to be funded from the Area Committee Budget**
- 4. That the Committee, give instruction to the Commissioning Director for Environment to report the findings of the investigations, and any proposals to a future meeting of this Committee, for a decision on the way forward.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with an update on progress made to date following the Chipping Barnet Area Committee's decision of 13 January 2016 for a statutory consultation to take place relating to the parking issues in Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place, N20, and their possible inclusion in the Totteridge & Whetstone Station Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and asks the Committee to note the actions carried out to date, and to make a decision on how to proceed.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 On 13 January 2016 the Chipping Barnet Area Committee, whilst deciding that the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ should be introduced in Birley Road, Naylor Road and Hayward Road, resolved for officers to undertake a statutory consultation with the community in respect of a CPZ extension into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place, N20.
- 2.2 The Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ was introduced on 18 April 2016.
- 2.3 On the 28 April 2016, letters were hand delivered to residents of Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place as part of the statutory consultation process to propose Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place's inclusion in the CPZ. As part of the statutory consultation process, notices outlining the proposal were erected on-street along

Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Close, and a similar notice published in the London Gazette and local newspaper.

- 2.4 As a result of this consultation, 39 comments were received (see Appendix B).
- 2.5 A petition was also received from The North London Hospice situated on Woodside Avenue on 25 May 2016, with 202 signatures objecting to the proposed extension into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place as a number of staff / volunteers currently park in these uncontrolled roads.
- 2.6 Key headlines resulting from the statutory consultation responses are as follows:
- 39 (31%) responses were received from 124 properties;
 - 24 (64%) responses indicated they were in favour of a CPZ being introduced, although 10 (41%) of these would like Monday to Friday as opposed to the proposed Monday to Sunday;
 - 13 (36%) responses were against the CPZ, although 10 (77%) of those were from the Hospice and 3 (23%) were residents.
- 2.7 The responses to the consultation indicate that the majority of respondents are in favour of their road joining the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ.
- 2.8 A number of objections were received to the proposed days of operation, Monday to Sunday, with 10 responses preferring Monday to Friday. Ten objections were received to the proposal having included Saturday and Sunday restrictions, with the majority citing that they believe that there is either no problem or much less of a problem with parking on the weekends.
- 2.9 Residents have also suggested they didn't have any problems with parking until the Totteridge and Whetstone Station CPZ was introduced, and although some objected to the CPZ, they would now like it introduced in their road, due to the displacement parking it has caused.
- 2.10 The petition received from The North London Hospice stated;

We provide a public service for the community. It is very hard to find parking locally in the current situation and any further restrictions will make this virtually impossible. This is particularly difficult for people working shifts, as many of us do, arriving during the day. We also rely heavily on volunteers, who are put off offering their time when they cannot find parking.

Perhaps more importantly, our clients are vulnerable and at an emotionally difficult time in their lives, and not being able to park nearby, or indeed find any parking, when visiting here, can add to their distress significantly.

I would therefore request that you reconsider these changes and indeed the restrictions in the whole area, and consider the impact on those of us working, volunteering and using this vital community facility.

Miscellaneous comments and objections

2.11 Other comments, requests and objections included:

- A suggestion of making Birley Road and Naylor Road one way (running in opposite directions) and installing traffic calming measures.
- Resurfacing the road, as it is in poor condition.
- Request for double yellow line markings at entrance to garages.

2.12 Officers' comments to the issues raised are as follows:

North London Hospice

2.13 In response to the concerns raised by the Hospice, officers are mindful of the role the staff and volunteers carry out in the local community, although in terms of parking in unrestricted roads, currently the vehicles driven by those staff and volunteers are still considered to be no different to a commuter vehicle.

2.14 However, it is considered that the extension of the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place would make it very difficult for those working at the Hospice throughout the daytime to park in close vicinity to it.

2.15 It should be noted that the location of the Hospice falls within the North Finchley 'FN' CPZ so all the surrounding roads will be restricted in some way if the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ extension is introduced.

2.16 There is no current provision to allow the Hospice to obtain permits to enable staff to park in the CPZ within which it is situated, as the current CPZ permit types that the Council provides are for residents, business, builders and certain other parties, but does not allow for an organisation like the Hospice to obtain permits.

2.17 However, in order to provide some assistance to those staff and volunteers requiring to park locally, it is considered that detailed investigations should take place as to whether there could be any scope in creating a parking permit that staff at the Hospice could use, and whether layout changes could be made in the North Finchley CPZ, to give volunteers and other staff a better opportunity to find parking space local to the Hospice.

2.18 It is considered that the investigations and any further progression of proposals designed to assist Hospice staff and volunteers, be progressed prior to any implementation of controls on Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place.

CPZ to operate on weekends

- 2.19 The proposal for the CPZ to operate on weekends was borne from the Totteridge Ward Councillors' original informal consultation exercise in 2014 where they put forward that option to the residents of Naylor Road, Birley Road and Hayward Road. Many Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place residents have expressed the views that they do not have any parking problems at weekends and would like this aspect removed from the proposal.
- 2.20 In the case of this aspect of the proposal, although ten residents objected to it, it is considered that, in context of the number of people who would benefit by the proposal, the level of objection is relatively low, and it is considered insufficient to justify changing this aspect of the proposal.

Miscellaneous issues

- 2.21 Yellow line markings across driveways or entrances to garages would not normally be covered with double yellow line markings, but as part of the CPZ proposal Officers will provide a single yellow line and monitor the situation and request the resident inform the council should they have any further issues.
- 2.22 The request for a one way system on Birley Road and Naylor Road does not fall within the boundaries of this consultation, but the request will be passed to colleagues in Traffic and Development Section for their consideration.
- 2.23 The roads are not on this financial year's programme for carriageway resurfacing, but the requests for resurfacing due to the perceived poor condition of the road has been passed to the Planned Maintenance Team to be assessed for future years' work.

Conclusion

- 2.24 In closing, the proposed CPZ extension appears to be well received, with minimal general objections from local residents but with an important issue relating to The North London Hospice which Officers recommend should be investigated with a view to finding a resolution to the potential parking issues Hospice staff and volunteers will face if the CPZ extension is introduced.
- 2.25 Therefore it is recommended that the Totteridge & Whetstone Station CPZ extension into Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place be introduced as originally proposed.
- 2.26 In addition it is recommended that additional work take place to investigate and establish potential solutions to the parking issues faces by the Hospice, and that these should be sought to be resolved before any introduction of the CPZ extension.

3 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The Council could consider not proposing to include Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place in the Totteridge and Whetstone Station CPZ, However, there will

be on-going parking issues in the area which would continue, to the detriment of residents' ability to park near their homes. Therefore it is considered that a do nothing option is considered not viable.

4 POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 The implementation will be carried out as soon as practicable, in line with existing work programmes, and all necessary statutory requirements under the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulation 1996 (as amended) will be complied with.

5 IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 Improving parking and traffic conditions in Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place N20 and effectively managing the traffic movement throughout the local road network contributes to the Corporate Plan priority "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic".

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

- 5.2.1 The estimated costs of introducing a CPZ in Ridgeview Road and Charnwood Place, which require the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders, writing to all properties that were previously consulted and the work to introduce new road signs and road markings, are estimated to be £8,000. These costs could be met from Local Implementation Plan (LIP) allocation for Parking Reviews for 2016/17.
- 5.2.2 Any CPZ introduced will require sufficient on-going enforcement to ensure the measures are adhered to. The lines and signs require periodic on-going routine maintenance. Any associated costs of enforcement or maintenance will be attributable to the councils Special Parking Account (SPA). Any income from the CPZ permits or PCNs issued for contraventions will also be allocated to the SPA.
- 5.2.3 The estimated costs of investigating the issues raised by the North London Hospice is estimated to be approximately £5,000, and funding is being sought for this investigation from Chipping Barnet Committee's Area Budget.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 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.

5.4.1 The Council as the Highway Authority has the necessary legal powers to introduce or amend Traffic Management Orders through the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.4.2 The Council's Constitution, Annex A for Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 2 states "Discharge any functions, within the budget and policy framework agreed by Policy and Resources, of the theme committees that they agree are more properly delegated to a more local level and it includes discharge of functions for local highways and safety schemes within the budget.

5.5 Risk Management

5.5.1 It is not considered the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as any CPZ would improve parking provision for residents and improve the traffic flow by helping to disperse local traffic into the wider network of local roads.

5.5.2 It is considered the issues involved proposing or introducing a CPZ may lead to some level of public concern from local residents who feel do not wish for a CPZ to be introduced, or from residents of other roads in the area concerned about commuter parking being displaced into their road or network of roads. However, for both issues, it is considered that adequate consultation has ensured that members of the public have had the opportunity to comment to any statutory consultation on any proposed CPZ, which has been assessed and considered accordingly.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires a decision-maker to have 'due regard' to achieving a number of equality goals: (i) to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act; (ii) to advance equality of opportunity between those with protected characteristics and those without; and (iii) to foster good relations between persons with a relevant protected characteristic and those without. The relevant protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It also covers marriage and civil partnership with regard to eliminating discrimination.

5.6.2 The safety elements incorporated into the CPZ design and resultant traffic movements benefit all road users equally as they would improve safety and traffic flow at those locations.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

5.7.1 Consultation was undertaken as described elsewhere in this report.

5.8 Insight

5.8.1 None in relation to this report.

6 BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Agenda and Minutes, Chipping Barnet Area Committee 13 January 2016
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8315&Ver=4>

6.2 Agenda and Minutes, Chipping Barnet Area Committee 15 February 2015
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8189&Ver=4>

6.3 Agenda and Minutes, Chipping Barnet Area Committee 2 July 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8313&Ver=4>

6.4 Agenda and Minutes, Chipping Barnet Area Committee 15 October 2015.
<http://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=711&MId=8314&Ver=4>

