

DELEGATED POWERS REPORT NO.

1929

SUBJECT: Extension of the Chipping Barnet Controlled Parking Zone

Control sheet

**All of the following actions MUST be completed at each stage of the process and the signed and dated report MUST be passed to the Governance Service for publishing**

<b>All reports</b>		
1. Governance Service receive draft report	Name of GSO Date	Paul Frost 22/01/13
2. Governance Service cleared draft report as being constitutionally appropriate	Name of GSO Date	Paul Frost 22/01/13
3. Finance clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Finance officer Date	Gary Hussein 05/02/13
4. Staff and other resources issues clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Resource officer Date	N/A N/A
5. Strategic Procurement clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of SPO Date	N/A N/A
6. Legal clearance obtained from ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of Legal officer Date	Chileme Hayes 05/02/13
7. Policy & Partnerships clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of P&P officer Date	Andrew Nathan 29/11/12
8. Equalities & Diversity clearance obtained ( <i>report author to complete</i> )	Name of officer Date	Andrew Nathan 29/11/12
9. The above process has been checked and verified by Director, Head of Service or Deputy	Name Date	Pam Wharfe 7/2/13
10. Signed & dated report, <u>scanned or hard copy</u> received by Governance Service for publishing	Name of GSO Date	Paul Frost 7/2/13
11. Report published by Governance Service to website	Name of GSO Date	Paul Frost 8/2/13
12. Head of Service informed report is published	Name of GSO Date	Paul Frost 8/2/13
<b>Key decisions only:</b>		
13. Expiry of call-in period	Date	N/A
14. Report circulated for call-in purposes to Business Management OSC members & copied to Cabinet Members & Head of Service	Name of GSO Date	N/A

## ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS BY OFFICER IN CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER(S) (EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)

**Subject** Extension of the Chipping Barnet Controlled Parking Zone

**Officer taking decision** Director for Place

**Date of decision** 07 February 2013

**Date decision comes into effect** 07 February 2013

<b>Summary</b>	This report details the intention to proceed to statutory consultation proposals to extend the Chipping Barnet Controlled Parking Zone to include Elton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Milton Avenue EN5.
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**Officer Contributors** Paul Edmund-Charles Engineer - Parking Design

**Status (public or exempt)** Public

**Wards affected** Underhill

**Enclosures** Appendix A - Proposed Chipping Barnet Zone D extension consultation area - Drawing Number  
Appendix B - 15953\_112, Sutherland Close -Drawing  
Appendix C - Number 21729\_750, Manorside - Drawing Number 21729\_767

**Reason for exemption from call-in (if appropriate)** Not applicable

**Key decision** No

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## **1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS**

1.1 None

## **2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

2.1 Introducing waiting restrictions in the borough will contribute to the One Barnet Plan and 2011 – 2013 Corporate Plan priority “A Successful London Suburb” by keeping keeping Barnet moving through efficient management of the roads and pavements network

2.2 The London Mayor’s Transport Strategy also addresses these areas through: “Proposal 30: The Mayor, through TFL, and working with the London boroughs and other stakeholders, will introduce measures to smooth traffic flow to manage congestion (delay, reliability and network resilience) for all people and freight movements on the road network, and maximise the efficiency of the network. These measures will include ...c) “... keep traffic moving ...” , e) Planning and implementing ... improvements to the existing road network, ... to improve traffic flow on the most congested sections of the network, and to improve conditions for all road users.

## **3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

3.1 I do not consider the issues involved are likely to give rise to policy considerations as the introduction of waiting restrictions would reduce congestion, and improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

3.2 I consider the issues involved may lead to some level of public concern by ‘commuter type’ motorists who are customarily used to parking in close proximity to local transportation services, such as train stations or visitors to the town centre. Therefore, the introduction of the waiting restrictions could lead to displaced parking and/or adverse publicity. However, reducing the opportunity of parking in close proximity to local transportation links, could encourage the use of alternative modes of transport, such as cycles, walking and buses, thereby reducing the number of vehicles travelling through the area, and also restricts higher volumes of vehicles parking in relatively close proximity causing obstruction to other road users.

## **4. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

4.1 The introduction of controlled parking in order to improve traffic flow, relieve congestion and road safety will benefit all road users equally and are not envisaged to disadvantage any member of the wider community.

## **5. USE OF RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (Finance, Procurement, Performance & Value for money, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.1 The introduction of an extension to the current CPZ and the implementation of new waiting restrictions would require an amendment to a Traffic Management Order. Statutory procedures require a public consultation to take place.
- 5.2 Total estimated costs for the necessary statutory process, including advertising, printing, and all officer time which would be rechargeable, including consideration of any comments received, report writing and the introduction of yellow lines are estimated to be approximately £30,000 the cost of which can be met from Section 106 funding which has been secured for investigation of parking issues within particular areas in and around the Chipping Barnet Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ).
- 5.3 The introduction of the CPZ extension and subsequent waiting restrictions will require periodic on-going routine maintenance.

## **6. LEGAL ISSUES**

- 6.1 The Traffic Management Act 2004 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 gives regulation and traffic management powers to the Council as Highway Authority. The proposals in this report will require the making of Traffic Management Orders to be drafted and publicly advertised in accordance with the aforementioned legislation and in compliance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

## **7. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS**

- 7.1 The Council's constitution, in Part 3, Responsibility for Functions, paragraph 6.1 provides for Chief Officers to take decisions in consultation with the Cabinet Member concerned to discharge the functions allocated to them or dealt by them or their staff.

## **8. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 8.1 Following the re-development and re-opening of Barnet College Wood Street ,the re-development of St Martha's Convent, Wood Street EN5 into residential properties and the new development in Park Road by Barnet Trading Estate, the Council received Section 106 funding from the developers which has been used to investigate, consider and subsequently propose the introduction of measures where action should be taken to mitigate the impact that these developments may have had on local roads.
- 8.2 Over the last few years, the council has received an increased volume of correspondence from residents in certain parts of Underhill Ward all offering their concerns relating to parking issues in their streets.
- 8.3 In some instances due to their roads being located just outside the existing Chipping Barnet Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) boundary, residents have requested for the extension of the CPZ to include their road(s) in addition to the implementation of additional waiting restrictions and for the Council to investigate congestion issues in the area. The redevelopment of Barnet College is in close proximity to Manor Road which does not currently have residents parking controls. It is considered appropriate to investigate the possibility of the implementation of

restrictions in Manor Road and neighbouring roads to restrict the use of those roads for students parking adding unbearable pressures to residents of Manor Road and its neighbouring roads. A Section 106 contribution of £12,500 has been received towards the consultation and feasibility of implementing the controls.

- 8.4 It is considered by Design Team officers that the parking problems encountered by residents may have been exacerbated by one or more of the aforementioned developments.
- 8.5 Council Officers met with Councillor Strongolou in January 2012, to discuss resident issues that had been brought to the attention of Ward Councillors and Officers. Following the receipt of a well supported petition from residents of Milton Avenue in September 2011 Officers also attended a meeting with a number of residents of the Milton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Elton Avenue EN5 to discuss the possible amendment of the current CPZ (Zone D, Resident Permit Holders Mon – Fri 2pm-3pm) to include their roads.
- 8.6 The main complaint from residents of Milton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Elton Avenue is that approximately half of each road fall within the Chipping Barnet Monday to Friday 2pm to 3pm CPZ (Zone D), whilst the remainder falls outside. The complaints and subsequent officer observations noted that the controlled sections of these roads regularly have few or very few parked cars in them, whilst in the uncontrolled sections it was observed that there was very little to no available kerb space available due to parked vehicles. In addition residents of Sutherland Close and Manorside have contacted the council to request action to extend the current waiting restrictions or implement new measures to remove vehicles parking inconsiderately which has lead to obstruction of the highway for large vehicles.
- 8.7 It is considered that the vehicles being parked belong to commuters using High Barnet Underground Station, those visiting Chipping Barnet Town Centre/Barnet College, or those living in the controlled section of those roads, avoiding the need to purchase a permit. The consensus being from those living in the uncontrolled section that consideration should be given to extending the CPZ to cover the whole of these roads.
- 8.8 It is clear that there is a principled support for a CPZ from residents of Milton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Elton Avenue, and for the implementation of measures in both Sutherland Close and Manorside.
- 8.9 Officers are aware that the measures currently under design will lead to a level of displacement of commuters, visitors or students into roads free of controls or restriction. Officers consider the impact on Mays Lane due to the extension of the Chipping Barnet CPZ in Milton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Elton Avenue will be of minimal consequence to road users and residents of Mays Lane. Officers have also looked at the impact on neighbouring roads to Sutherland Close and Manorside and consider the displacement of a small number of vehicles can be absorbed by roads outside the Chipping Barnet CPZ Zone C. In both cases officers will continue to monitor kerb space, usage and congestion and if it is deemed justified revision of those roads impacted upon will be subject to review.

- 8.10 Given the ongoing support for parking controls, it is considered that there is sufficient support to carry out a statutory consultation to extend the Chipping Barnet CPZ to include Woodfall, Milton and Elton Avenues, in addition to the implementation of waiting restriction measures in Sutherland Close and Manorside.
- 8.11 Extending the CPZ will result in Milton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Elton Avenue being subject to controlled parking between 2pm and 3pm Monday to Friday. It is also proposed to introduce additional single yellow line restrictions in Sutherland Close effective between 8am – 6:30pm on Mondays to Saturdays, and to introduce 'At Any Time' restrictions around the turning area of Manorside.
- 8.12 The attached drawing Number 15953\_111 outlines the sections of roads which would be subject to restrictions and the proposed wider consultation area for this proposal. Also attached are drawing Nos. 21729\_750 and 21729\_767 illustrating the lengths of proposed restrictions in Sutherland Close and Manorside.
- 8.13 In anticipation of the statutory consultation, Underhill Ward Members and the Chair of the Chipping Barnet Area Environment Sub Committee have been consulted on the proposals and have offered no objections.

## **9. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 9.1 None

## **10. CONSULTATION WITH CABINET MEMBER(S)**

- 10.1 The Cabinet Member for Environment has been consulted on the measures proposed and has indicated his agreement with the actions detailed below.

## **11. OFFICER DECISION**

**I authorise the following actions:**

- i That a statutory consultation be carried out on a proposal to extend the Chipping Barnet CPZ to include Elton Avenue, Woodfall Avenue and Milton Avenue EN5;**
- ii That a statutory consultation be carried out on a proposal to introduce 'at any time' waiting restrictions at the turning point in Manorside EN5 and the extension of waiting restrictions in Sutherland Close EN5.**
- iii Subject to no objections being received the measures are introduced through the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders; with**
- iiii Any unresolved material objections are dealt with by myself under delegated powers in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.**

**Signed**

Director for Place

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**Date**

07 February 2013

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