

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER

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1. Title of report and reason for exemption (if any)

A1 CPZ (Apostles Area, Raynes Park – Informal consultation.

2. Decision maker

Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration

3. Date of Decision

12th February 2014

4. Date report made available to decision maker

7th February 2014

5. Date report made available to the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission and of any relevant scrutiny panel

N/A

6. Decision

I, Councillor Andrew Judge, the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration;

- A) Noted the result of the informal consultation carried out between 29 August and 27 September 2013 on the proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) RPC to include Amity Grove, Cambridge Close, Cambridge Road, Conway Road, Coombe Gardens, Coombe Lane, Cottenham Drive, Cottenham Park Road, Cottenham Place, Cranford Close, Devas Road, Durham Road, Durrington Avenue, Durrington Park Road, Hampton Close, Heights Close, Hillview, Hunter Road, Lambton Road, Laurel Road, Melbury Gardens, Oakwood Road, Orchard Lane, Panmuir Road, Pepys Road, Worple Road (between Lambton Road and Pepys Road).
- B) Agrees to proceed with a statutory consultation to include Amity Grove, Cambridge Close, Cambridge Road, Conway Road, Coombe Gardens, Devas, Durham Road, Durrington Park Road, Hunter Road, Panmuir Road and Pepys Road into the proposed RPC CPZ, operational Monday to Friday between 11am and 12pm (1 hour) as shown in Drawing No. Z78-212-01 Rev B in Appendix 1.
- C) Agrees to proceed with a statutory consultation to include Coombe Lane (East of Lambton Road) and Pepys Road (Worple Road to Coombe Lane) as an extension to the existing RPE CPZ, operational Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6.30pm as shown in Drawing No. Z78-212-01 Rev B in Appendix 1.

- D) Agrees to proceed with a statutory consultation to include Lambton Road (Coombe Lane to Worple Road) and Worple Road (Lambton Road to Pepys Road) as an extension to the existing RPN CPZ, operational Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6.30pm as shown in Drawing No. Z78-212-01 Rev B in Appendix 1.
- E) Agrees to proceed with the amendments to parking bays as detailed in section 3.15-3.22 of this report.
- F) Agrees **not** to introduce a CPZ in Coombe Lane, Cottenham Drive, Cottenham Park Road, Cottenham Place, Cranford Close, Durrington Avenue (Private Road), Hampton Close, Heights Close, Hillview, Lambton Road, Laurel Road, Melbury Gardens, Oakwood Road and Orchard Lane until such time that the residents petition the Council for inclusion. Upon receiving such a petition, it is recommended that the Council proceeds with a statutory consultation for inclusion. Reason for decision
- G) Agree to request officers to look at the possibility of the proposed parking bays in Cambridge Road adjacent to the Cottenham Park Allotments being converted pay and display only bays.

7 Reason for decision

To meet the needs of the majority of residents, who responded with a definite view, that they desired controlled parking. For this purpose, the critical question in the consultation document is Q5. 'WOULD YOU BE IN FAVOUR OF A CPZ IN YOUR ROAD IF THE NEIGHBOURING ROAD(S) OR PART OF YOUR ROAD WERE INCLUDED IN A CPZ?' I have removed Coombe Lane from the list of roads to be proceeded with as part of the proposed RPC CPZ and added it to the list of roads not to be proceeded with because residents in Coombe Lane answered this question 'No' by a majority of 55.6% to 37.0% 'Yes'. I have also considered the representations of residents in Lambton Road that the whole or part of this road should be added to a CPZ, because otherwise it will be left as an island surrounded by CPZs and will become troubled by displacement parking. In this respect, I have examined the responses of each section of Lambton Road to see if there is a local majority for a CPZ in an area that could practically be added to the existing CPZ proposal and found that the Yes and No returns are mixed for every part of Lambton Road and that the only part where 'Yes' predominates is the most northerly section between Cambridge Road and Pendarves Road, but even here the response is mixed. Lambton Road residents will now have the opportunity to respond to the statutory consultation. I have also considered representations from a ward councillor that Lambton Road residents should be able to apply for permits for a neighbouring CPZ, although not part of that CPZ. It is suggested that there is some spare capacity in these roads. I have decided against this on the basis that: (i) every road bordering a CPZ would be able to make the same request with in many cases a compelling argument; (ii) that to do so would reduce the efficacy of the CPZ in surrounding roads and wherever else such an argument succeeded.

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8 Alternative options considered and why rejected

- 8.1 Do nothing. This would not address the current parking demands of the residents in respect of their views expressed during the informal consultation, as well as the Council's duty to provide a safe environment for all road users.
- 8.2 Being mindful of enforcement difficulties and expense involved, consideration could be given not to introduce a one-hour zone. However, this would be against the wishes of the majority who have opted for the proposed one-hour option.

9 Documents relied on in addition to officer report

Informal consultation documents, drawings and return cards

10 Declarations of Interest

11 Publication of this decision and call in provision

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