NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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

GC Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), Seely Road area

Decision maker

Councillor Andrew Judge, Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration

- 3. Date of Decision
- 4. Date report made available to decision maker

05 October 2010

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

6. Decision

RESOLVED: That the Street Management Advisory Committee recommends that the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration:

- (A) Notes the results of the statutory consultation carried out between 24 June and 23 July 2010, on the proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Links Road area, Graveney Centre. For a summary of the results see section 4 of this report
- (B) Notes and considers the representations received in respect of the proposals as detailed in section 4.
- (C) Considers the objections against the proposed measures.
- (D) Agrees to proceed with the making of the Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) for the implementation of the proposed 'GC' CPZ to include Ascot Road, Boscombe Road, Bruce Road, Cromer Road, Grenfell Road, Inglemere Road, Sirdar Road, and parts of Links Road, Gorringe Park Avenue, Seely Road and Sandra Court, operational Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 6.30pm as shown in Drawing No. Z78/196/01 revision A (on display) in Appendix 1

7. Reason for decision

I agree the recommendations of this report and of SMAC in full. I believe that taking the informal and formal consultations together as well as the many individual representations together with representations made at two public meetings, that there is a strong case on the merits for this CPZ to go ahead as recommended. I have taken into account the substantive objections and make the following observations:

- (i) although the number of parking spaces that will be available in the area of the CPZ will be substantially less than the number of flats and houses, the CPZ will still improve local parking conditions, which are currently affected by those parking near to Tooting Railway Station with a view to making return journeys, residents of streets and visitors to the Wandsworth CPZ on the other side of London Road and staff/visitors to Tooting Police Station;
- (ii) that visitors to the streets of the CPZ should be able to park in the CPZ by using a visitor permit provided by the householder;
- (iii) that the informal consultation which provided the most comprehensive opportunity for local residents was evidence of a significant measure of support for the zone;
- (iv) that there has already been sufficient consultation and that further consultation is unlikely to improve any decision prior to introduction;
- (v) that the recommended hours of operation were clearly the most popular in the informal consultation;
- (vi) that the proposals for line markings in Sandra Court are necessary to allow access to emergency vehicles;
- (vii) that the hours of operation will be subject to review following the initial period of operation;
- (viii) that although the zone is divided by the railway, the two parts of the zone share the feature of parking pressure occasioned by users of Tooting Station:
- (ix) that in addition the part of the zone that includes Grenfell Road and Bruce Road suffers from parking of vehicles connected with vehicle repair businesses within the zone.

I have rejected the alternative options for the reasons stated.

I also ask that:

- (a) we review the parking situation outside the business premises in Gorringe Park Avenue close to the CPZ during the first three months of operation and that if necessary consideration is given to measures to allow parking for customers;
- (b) that we do not issue parking permits to vehicle repair businesses that already have some off street parking within the zone.

8. Alternative options considered and why rejected

Do nothing. This, however, will not address the parking difficulties in the area.

To introduce CPZ in the ABC roads only. However, the likely impact of displaced parking in uncontrolled roads would be unacceptable both to the Council and to the residents. Should this option be agreed, in the event that residents request inclusion, given the current work programme and level of available resource it, would not be possible to reconsult the uncontrolled roads until late next financial.

There are concerns that the statutory consultation has been adversely diluted and consideration should be given to another consultation. It is felt that there is nothing to prevent a similar occurrence during another round of consultation.

9. Documents relied on in addition to officer report

None

10. Declarations of Interest

I am a resident of Ashbourne Road outside the proposed zone.

11. Publication of this decision and call in provision

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