

NON-KEY DECISION TAKEN BY A CABINET MEMBER

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

GC CPZ extension – Vectis Road area

2. Decision maker

Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration

3. Date of Decision

12th February 2013

4. Date report made available to decision maker

30 January 2013

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

6. Decision

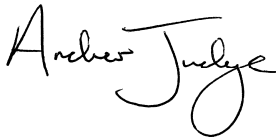
I, Councillor Andrew Judge, the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration;

- (A) Noted the results of the statutory consultation carried out between 22 November and 14 December 2012, on the proposals to extend GC Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Vectis Road area, Graveney Centre.
- (B) Noted and considered the representations received in respect of the proposals as detailed in section 3 of the report and attached in Appendix 2.
- (C) Considered the objections (attached in Appendix 2 of the report) against the proposed measures.
- (D) Agree for officers to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) for the implementation of the proposed 'GC' CPZ extension to include Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, Links Road parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road, Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road) and parts of Streatham Road between 228 and 260 only, which will entitle residents to obtain parking permits for GC CPZ. The zone will be operational Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 6.30pm.
- (E) Agree for officers to reduce the previously proposed hours of operation of the single yellow line on the south side of Seely Road between Jersey Road and Vectis Gardens (adjacent to the green) to operate Monday to Friday between 10 am and 4 pm.
- (F) Agree for officers to review the entire GC CPZ a minimum of 6 months after the implementation of the extension to Streatham Road.

- (G) Agree to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

7. Reason for decision

The scheme will address local parking concerns, and reduce obstructive parking with better sightlines. The reduced hours of the single yellow line on Seeley Road opposite Vectis Gardens address the needs of a local business.



8. Alternative options considered and why rejected

- 8.1 Do nothing. This would not address the current parking demands and difficulties for the residents and will do nothing to improve safety and access in the area.
- 8.2 Not to include Vectis Road due the number of residents who have signed the petition against the extension. This will leave the residents vulnerable and cause extreme parking difficulties.

9. Documents relied on in addition to officer report

Statutory consultation documents, drawings and representations

10. Declarations of Interest

11. Publication of this decision and call in provision

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Committee: Street Management Advisory

Date: 30th January 2013

Agenda item: 6

Wards: Graveney

Subject: 'GC' Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Extension, Vectis Road area

Lead officer: Chris Lee, Director of Environment & Regeneration

Lead member: Councillor Andrew Judge, Environmental Sustainability & Regeneration

Forward Plan reference number: N/A

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Recommendations:

That the Street Management Advisory Committee considers the issues detailed in this report and recommends that the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration:

- A) Notes the results of the statutory consultation carried out between 22 November and 14 December 2012, on the proposals to extend GC Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Links Road area, Graveney Centre. For a summary of the results see section 3 of this report
- B) Notes and considers the representations received in respect of the proposals as detailed in section 3 and attached in Appendix 2.
- C) Considers the objections (attached in Appendix 2) against the proposed measures.
- D) Agrees to proceed with the making of the relevant Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) for the implementation of the proposed 'GC' CPZ extension to include Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, Links Road parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road, Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road) and parts of Streatham Road between 228 and 260 only, which will entitle residents to obtain parking permits for GC CPZ. The zone will be operational Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 6.30pm as shown on Drawing No. Z78/209/01A in Appendix 1.
 - a) Agree to reduce the previously proposed hours of operation of the single yellow line on the south side of Seely Road between Jersey Rd and Vectis Gardens (adjacent to the green) to operate Monday to Friday between 10 am and 4 pm.
 - E) Agrees to review the entire GC CPZ a minimum of 6 months after the implementation of the extension to Streatham Road.
 - F) Agrees to exercise his discretion not to hold a public inquiry on the consultation process.

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to bring attention to the Cabinet Member and the Street Management Advisory Committee of the result of the statutory consultation carried out on the Council's intention to extend the existing GC CPZ to include the roads named in recommendation D of this report.

- 1.2. It seeks approval to proceed with the making of the relevant TMOs for the introduction of the proposed measures.

2. DETAILS

- 2.1. The key objectives of parking management include:

- Tackling of congestion by reducing the level and impact of traffic in town centres and residential areas.
- Making the borough's streets safer and more secure, particularly for pedestrians and other vulnerable road users through traffic management measures.
- Managing better use of street spaces for people, goods and services, ensuring that priority is allocated to meet the objectives of the strategy.
- Improving the attractiveness and amenity of the borough's streets, particularly in town centres and residential areas.
- Encouraging the use of more sustainable modes of transport.

- 2.2. Controlled Parking Zones aim to provide safe parking arrangements, whilst giving residents and businesses priority access to available kerbside parking space. It is a way of controlling the parking whilst improving and maintaining access and safety for all road users. A CPZ comprises of yellow line waiting restrictions and various types of parking bays operational during the controlled times. These types of bays include the following:

Permit holder bays: - For use by resident permit holders, business permit holders and those with visitor permits.

Pay and display only bays: - for pay and display customer only (permit not valid)

Pay and display shared use/permit holder bays: - For use by pay and display customers and permit holders.

- 2.3. A CPZ includes double yellow lines (no waiting 'At Any Time') restrictions at key locations such as at junctions, bends and along certain lengths of roads where parking impedes the flow of traffic or would create an unacceptable safety risk e.g. obstructive sightlines or unsafe areas where pedestrians cross.
- 2.4. Within any proposed CPZ or review, the Council aims to reach a balance between the needs of the residents, businesses, visitors and all other users of the highway. It is normal practice to introduce appropriate measures if and when there is a sufficient majority of support or there is an overriding need to ensure access and safety. In addition the Council would also take into account the impact of introducing the proposed changes in assessing the extent of those controls and whether or not they should be implemented.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.5. Following the implementation of the GC CPZ extension, the Council received numerous complaints regarding parking difficulties in roads and part of roads immediately outside of the recently introduced CPZ extension. In July and August 2012, two petitions containing 72 and 85 signatures respectively were received from the residents of Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road), Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road requesting the introduction of priority parking for residents in their roads. The concerns related to commuters who park and complete their journey by public transport from Tooting Station; staff from the nearby businesses including the

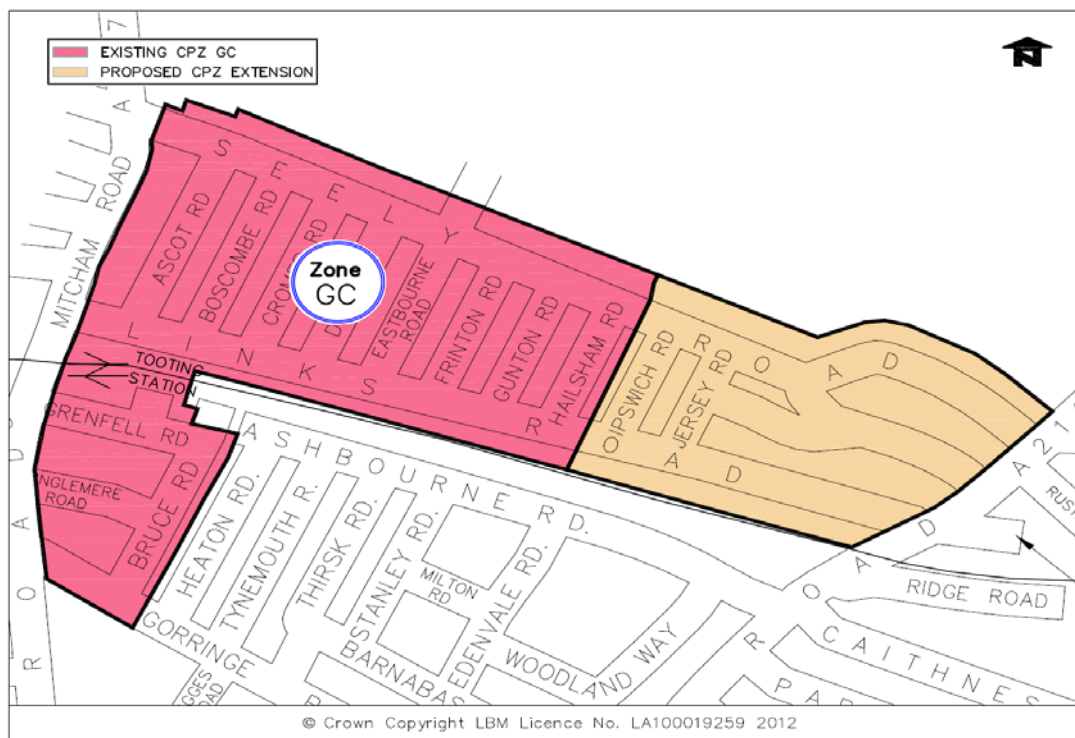
police station; the existence of the nearby Wandsworth CPZ and the residents of the new CPZ parking in the surrounding uncontrolled road to avoid parking charges.

- 2.6. On 14 November 2012, Graveney ward Councillors organised a meeting to discuss the parking situation. Council officers were also invited to assist with the meeting and answer residents' questions. Over 30 residents attended with a majority from the affected roads. During the meeting residents were unanimously in favour of the consultation.
- 2.7. During the meeting of 14 November 2012, residents asked if they would be given an opportunity to decide the hours of operation of the zone. It was explained that the statutory consultation is to extend the existing GC CPZ to Streatham Road and it would not include options for hours of operation because it is an extension to an existing zone and must therefore be subject to the same operational hours. Officers explained that to change the time of the zone, it would be necessary to introduce a separate zone altogether which would require a further consultation. The Cabinet Member who was also in attendance explained to residents that after 8 months of the implementation of the extensions, the whole GC scheme will be subject to a review. During the review residents will be given a further opportunity to make their needs and demands known and the Council will make the appropriate changes at that time to ensure that their needs are met.

3. CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN

- 3.1 The statutory consultation was carried out between 22 November and 14 December 2012 on proposals to extend GC CPZ to include Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, Links Road parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road), Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road and parts of Streatham Road. The consultation included the erection of street notices on lamp columns in the vicinity of the proposals and the publication of the Council's intentions in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. Consultation documents were made available at the Link, Merton Civic Centre and on the Council's website. A leaflet with a plan as shown in Appendix 3 was also circulated to all those properties included within the consultation area.
- 3.2 A leaflet detailing the following measures was delivered to all properties within the proposed extension boundary are:
 - Hours of operation of the zone (Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 6.30pm);
 - Double yellow lines operating "At any time" without loading restrictions;
 - Single yellow lines (mainly between parking bays and across dropped kerbs);
 - Permit holder bays;
 - Pay and display shared use bays in Vectis Road, Links Road and Seely Road;

The plan below shows the extent of the consultation.



3.3 The statutory consultation resulted in 14 representations being received of which 6 expressed support for the proposal, 5 against and 3 making comments regarding the design. The Council also received 61 questionnaires in form of a petition prepared by a local resident, of which 6 were in favour and 55 against. These representations together with officer's comments are detailed in Appendix 2. A letter was also received from the Metropolitan Police who had neither an objection nor observation on the proposals.

3.4 The main objections received from residents in the area include:

- There is no parking problem in Vectis Road
- Do not want to pay to park outside their house
- The times are too restrictive
- Parking controls will not make a difference
- All roads should have pay and display shared use bays

3.5 During the statutory consultation it was brought to the Council's attention that a resident in the area was balloting residents to oppose the scheme. Officers are unaware of any other information that may have been provided to residents by this individual except for the questionnaire encouraging residents to say no to the proposed measures and inaccurately advising residents that they would have to pay £90 per annum to park. A copy of the form is attached as appendix 4. 61 forms were received of which 6 opted in favour of the scheme and 55 against. It should also be noted that the Council received two petitions with a total of 157 signatures in support of a residents parking scheme, which instigated the consultation.

3.6 Within the questionnaire the reason given for their objection is flawed in that the cost of parking permit for the first car is £65 per annum as the set up fee does not apply during the introduction of a new zone or renewal of the parking permit. It is important to note that a petition is used to instigate a proposal and although a petition received during a statutory consultation is noted it is made very clear that representations must provide reasons for objections and unlike an informal consultation it is not statistic based. Every effort is made to ensure residents have all the appropriate information to make an informed decision. The Council does not make any

assumptions during any consultation. The conclusion of a statutory consultation is drawn based on the reasons given by individuals for their objections. Experience, however, shows that it is often the case where only those who object respond rather than those who may support the proposals.

- 3.7 Further analysis of the questionnaire showed that 24 out of 55 objections against were from Vectis Road. Additionally 4 other residents made representation against extending the CPZ into Vectis Road during the consultation. The policy of the Council has never been to impose a resident parking scheme against the wishes of local residents. However, given the geographical location of Vectis Road (see plan attached in Appendix 1) and the parking displacement that has occurred when roads/part of roads were previously excluded from the CPZ scheme in this area, it would be unwise for this road to be excluded from the CPZ extension. It is believed that the introduction of the proposed measures would be advantageous to the local community in resolving parking and congestion problems.
- 3.8 It is also proposed that a review of the GC CPZ is undertaken a minimum of 6 months after the implementation of the scheme. Residents will be given various options on the operation of the scheme including reduced hours of operation and whether the scheme should be retained / removed. This would afford residents who live away from Tooting Station a further opportunity to make informed decision regarding the scheme in their roads.
- 3.9 It is proposed to reduce the hours of operation of the single yellow line on the south side of Seely Road between Jersey Rd and Vectis Gardens (adjacent to the green) to operate between 10am and 4pm. This will assist the parking need of local businesses and facilitate customers picking up and dropping off their vehicles at the garage.

3.10 Local Ward Councillors

All ward Councillors were fully engaged during the consultation process.

- 3.11 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member agrees to the making of the Traffic Management Orders (TMOs) and the implementation of the proposed extension of the CPZ to include Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, Links Road parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road), Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road. Part of Streatham Road between 228 and 260 only is also included which will entitle residents to obtain parking permits for GC CPZ operational Monday to Friday, between 8.30am and 6.30pm as shown in Drawing No. Z78/209/01A in Appendix 1.
- 3.12 The Council must consider whether or not the problems currently being experienced in these roads are of sufficient significance for change to go ahead; whether or not the change proposed is proportionate to the problems experienced and is acceptable in consideration of the possible impact.
- 3.13 Officers suggest that it would be reasonable to tackle the injudicious parking and respond to the needs/demands of the affected residents in all the roads where there is majority support for introducing a CPZ.

3.14 Hours of Operation:

The proposed GC CPZ extension will operate Monday to Friday between the hours of 8.30am and 6.30pm. This is in line with the hours of operation of existing CPZ.

3.15 Permit Issue Criteria:

The Council periodically reviews the permit and pay and display parking costs. However, the prices presented at the initial informal consultation stage will be unaffected for the first year, after which the borough wide current charges will apply.

Therefore, it is proposed that the residents' permit parking provision should be identical to that offered in other controlled parking zones in Merton at the time of the consultation. The cost of the first permit in each household is £65 per annum; the second permit is £110 and the third and subsequent permit cost is £140. An annual Visitor permit cost is £140.

3.16 Visitors' permits:

It is recommended that the system and charges applied elsewhere in the Borough, at the time of consultation, for visitor permits should also be introduced. All-day Visitor permits will remain at £2.50 and half-day permits at £1.50. The allowance of visitor permits per adult in a household shall be 50 full-day permits, 100 half-day permits or a combination of the two per annum.

3.17 Business permits:

It is proposed that the business permit system should be the same for zones elsewhere in the borough, maintaining the charges of £331.50 per 6 months, with a maximum of only two permits per business without off- street parking facilities.

3.18 Teachers permit

It is proposed that the teachers permit system should be the same for zones elsewhere in the borough, at the time of consultation. The cost is £188 per annum. This is based on £1 a day derived from an average number of days that a school is open.

3.19 The Trade Permit Tariff is £900 per annum purchased in 6, 3 and 1 month options as well as on a weekly basis

- 12 month £900
- 6 months £600
- 3 months £375
- 1 month £150
- weekly £50

3.20 Pay & Display tickets

It is recommended that the charge for parking within the pay and display shared use/permit holder bays reflect the standard charges applied to these types of bays in the borough. The cost will be £1 per hour and tickets will be available purchase before 8.30am.

4. TIMETABLE

4.1. If a decision is made to proceed with the implementation of the proposed GC CPZ extension, Traffic Management Orders will be made within six weeks. This will include the erection of the Notices on lamp columns in the area, the publication of the made orders in the Local Guardian and the London Gazette. The documents will be made available at the Link, Civic Centre and on the Council's website. A leaflet will be distributed to all those premises within the consulted area informing them of the decision. Individual responses will be made to all those who have made representations to the consultation.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS.

5.1. Do nothing. This would not address the current parking demands and difficulties for the residents and will do nothing to improve safety and access in the area.

- 5.2. Not to include Vectis Road due the number of residents who have signed the petition against the extension. This will leave the residents vulnerable and cause extreme parking difficulties.

6. FINANCIAL RESOURCE AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The cost of the consultation for the proposed measures is approximately £2,000. The cost of implementing the recommended measures is estimated at £30,000. This include the publication of the made Traffic Management Orders; the road markings and the signs. This does not include staff costs.
- 6.2. The introduction of the proposed parking management measures will be funded from the Merton Revenue budget for Parking Management (CPZ, Disabled parking bays and waiting restrictions) 2012/2013.
- 6.3. There will be no additional Civil Enforcement Officer cost.

7. LEGAL AND STATUTORY IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The Traffic Management Orders would be made under Section 6 and Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended). The Council is required by the Local Authorities Traffic Order (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 to give notice of its intention to make a Traffic Order (by publishing a draft traffic order). These regulations also require the Council to consider any representations received as a result of publishing the draft order.
- 7.2. The Council has discretion as to whether or not to hold a public inquiry before deciding whether or not to make a Traffic Management Order or to modify the published draft Order. A public inquiry should be held where it would provide further information, which would assist the Council in reaching a decision.
- 7.3. Before reaching a decision to make the necessary Traffic Management Order to implement a CPZ scheme, the Council must follow the statutory consultation procedures pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act ("RTRA") 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England and Wales) Regulations 1996. All objections received must be properly considered in the light of administrative law principles, Human Rights law and the relevant statutory powers.
- 7.4. The Council's powers to make Traffic Management Orders arise mainly under sections 6, 45, 46, 122 and 124 and schedules 1 and 9 of the RTRA 1984.
- 7.5. When determining what paying parking places are to be designated on the highway, section 45(3) requires the Council to consider both the interests of traffic and those of the owners and occupiers of adjoining properties. In particular, the Council must have regard to: (a) the need for maintaining the free movement of traffic, (b) the need for maintaining reasonable access to premises, and (c) the extent to which off-street parking is available in the neighbourhood or if the provision of such parking is likely to be encouraged by designating paying parking places on the highway.
- 7.6. By virtue of section 122, the Council must exercise its powers under the RTRA 1984 so as to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic including pedestrians, and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. These powers must be exercised so far as practicable having regard to the following matters:-
- (a) the desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises.
 - (b) the effect on the amenities of any locality affected including the regulation and restriction of heavy commercial traffic so as to preserve or improve amenity.

- (c) the national air quality strategy.
- (d) facilitating the passage of public service vehicles and securing the safety and convenience of their passengers.
- (e) any other matters appearing to the Council to be relevant.

8. HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITIES AND COMMUNITY COHENSION IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1. The implementation of the subsequent changes to the original design affects all sections of the community especially the young and the elderly and assists in improving safety for all road users and achieves the transport planning policies of the government, the Mayor of London and the Borough.
- 8.2. By maintaining clear junctions, access and sightlines will improve thereby improving the safety at junctions by reducing potential accidents.
- 8.3. The Council carries out careful consultation to ensure that all road users are given a fair opportunity to air their views and express their needs. The design of the scheme includes special consideration for the needs of people with blue badges, local residents, businesses as well as charitable and religious facilities. The needs of commuters are also given consideration but generally carry less weight than those of residents and local businesses.
- 8.4. Bodies representing motorists, including commuters are included in the statutory consultation undertaken for draft traffic management and similar orders published in the local paper and London Gazette.

9. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATION

- 9.1. N/A

10. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. The risk of not introducing the proposed arrangements is that the existing parking difficulties for some residents and businesses would continue.
- 10.2. The risk of introducing the proposed measures may lead to possible dissatisfaction amongst those who did not support the measures but it is considered that the benefits of the proposed measures outweigh the level of dissatisfaction.

11. APPENDICES

- 11.1. The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report.

Appendix 1 - Plan of Proposals – Drawing No. Z27-209-01A

Appendix 2 - Representations received.

Appendix 3 - Statutory consultation document.

Appendix 4 - Questionnaire sent in by residents.

12289378 Links Road

Regarding the cpz in links road tooting, I am happy that the council is proposing For the CPZ to be implemented. Therefore i am for the CPZ. Please do advise if i need to put it in writing or the email is sufficient.

122891592, Jersey Road

In response to your recent notice regarding the proposed CPZ extension – please take this letter as confirmation that we very much want this extension to go ahead. The current parking situation has become unbearable.

12289388 Links Road

With reference to your recent notification on the above proposed residents' parking zone extension, I have the following comments:- 1. I have no objection in principle to extending the zone given that it is designed to protect local residents' interests, but object were the extension limited to certain roads to the exclusion of parts of Links Road (between 172 & 280 and 137 & sub-station) as that is tantamount to suggesting that the parking needs of the residents of the other roads are superior to those in Links Road. 2. I appreciate that the Plan designates the said parts of Links Rd as included in the proposal but I also note that no Petition has been received from those residents and, as such a resident, I wish to highlight the current difficulties of residents wishing to park at or near their own properties. 3. Since the controlled zone was introduced in part (ie from Links/Ascot down to Links/Hailsham) this has severely impeded residents wishing to park in the remainder of Links Road as they are now competing with non-residents whom use Links as a main thoroughfare and whom also park there to avoid the controlled zone. Frequently, residents are forced to find alternative parking in Jersey, Ipswich or Vectis Roads, putting further pressure on the residents of those roads. 4 In conclusion, I fully support the proposal to extend the controlled zone to ALL roads designated on the Plan but object were this to exclude the remainder of Links Road as that would result in those residents having nowhere left to park

12290009 Ipswich Road

I am for the proposed CPZ extension. The time is 8.30 am to 6.30 pm. Monday to Friday. This should have been Monday to Saturday.

12289585 Vectis Road

I write to acknowledge and thank you for your Vectis Area consultation. We live at 2A Vectis Rd and normally would like to park on the road outside our house, but there is rarely space. As such we broadly support your resident permit proposals. - our main problem is large, non-resident, commercial lorries, tow-trucks and vans which take up multiple spaces - there's so little room that I recently received a double-yellow-line parking ticket - my fault, but I'd encourage you also to enforce now "vehicles over 5 tonne" not parking in residential streets, it would solve much of the problem; but in your plan we understand proposed bays will be car bays, which will presumably restrict commercial vehicles once and for all, so good. - we sympathise non-residents also need some spaces, possibly for long (unlimited) periods, so provided a resident-permit also entitles blue-bays that are empty at the time to be used if all residential-only bays are full, we support this - we believe you have proposed enough residential-permit-holder-bays - presumably residents with multiple cars will have to apply for multiple permits, as currently that also consumes too much space. In any case the extension will relieve pressure from Seely / Links Road currently parking "over-the-border" - on a longer term basis we believe the pavement adjoining the south side of the green is redundant (the green is non-access, so there is no purpose walking on that pavement) - the most slightly design would be if the council removed the pavement and created parking pays right up to the Green's fence (possibly at 45 degree angles to create extra shared bays, the road should be wide enough). In the current plan we guess you intend just to paint bays on the pavement, which we think will be ugly, even if it will inhibit large commercial vehicles for now.

- we do not understand why there are no bays on the Seely Road north side of the green, as we do not think this will create two-way traffic, so there is no benefit, and all the rest of Seely Road has parking on both sides - our opinion is it would be good if that space was also available for parking, probably shared as on the South side - generally we believe when you paint bays in front of houses whose residents currently go over the pavement to drive up to their door (i.e. there is no formal cross-over) disputes may arise as other residents use those bays and block access to the original resident. However, we see no obvious resolution to this, and this does not affect us personally. Thank you for your consultation and we look forward to the implementation.

12290553 Vectis Road

Here's my completed form to bump up your stats a bit. Alas for you it isn't a "NO NO NO" but a very determined "YES YES YES" from no 18 Vectis Road to the CPZ extension. £65 a year (that's just over £1 a week) is, in my

opinion, a very small price to pay for the return of available parking near to my home. The past few months have been hell. It has been like living in a car park. If you lived where we do, I expect you would be in favour as well. Only those with off-street parking are not suffering down this end of Vectis Road, and the people in Jersey Road are desperate for the CPZ to be extended to them as well. Merton Council have promised a review of the whole scheme next year, and everyone will have a chance to say what they think then. I have some criticisms of the current proposals (the unlimited metered parking proposed for opposite me being the main one) but I am nevertheless accepting the extension in its current form for now for the peace of mind of knowing that the displacement parking problem will be solved soon. It can't come soon enough for me.

Officer's comment

Links Road (172 & 280 and 137 & sub-station) is included in the CPZ. The plan sent to residents clearly shows that the rest of Links Road is included in the consultation. If the consultation text did not express this, our apologies.

The current proposals are to mark the bays adjacent to the footway in Vectis Road and the Council will not remove the existing footway to create parking in the manner you requested. On Seely Road side of the Green, there is no footway for motorist to exit from their vehicles and also the Council enforcement team are not allow to carry out enforcement standing on the carriageway as it is against health and safety regulations.

Comments received

12290551, Jersey Road

I have strong reservations regarding the introduction of the CPZ in the road that I reside, namely Jersey Road. I absolutely DO NOT welcome this scheme. To date I have yet to see any feedback from residents where the CPZ has been introduced which highlights the benefits of the scheme. Has any consultation been carried out as to whether introduction of the CPZ has had any positive benefits in the areas in which its been introduced? Have residents been given an opportunity post-introduction of the CPZ to provide their feedback? Merton Council has been very silent on this front which is a concern. All that I've received from Merton Council are notices that they've received petitions from residents requesting an extension of the CPZ. Residents that I've spoken to are strongly against the introduction of the CPZ and I feel aggrieved that the voice of a minority means I will be forced to pay for a permit to park outside my own home. Of particular concern is the effect the scheme will have for the garage, Regina Motors. This will undoubtedly affect their business and yet sadly the Council does not appear to care. Or do you? I know that minds have already been made up and so this email is unlikely to have any effect whatsoever, but I thought it best to air my views than not.

12290550, Vectis Road

Since the introduction of the last CPZ there has been a significant increase in cars parking in Vectis Road, Vectis Gardens and Jersey Road which has resulted in an increase in traffic and litter. Some of this increase can be easily attributed to the severe lack of metered parking available in the existing zone. We believe that there should be *some* metered parking available in every road. At the moment the only roads with any metered parking are Ascot (5hrs), Gunton and Frinton Roads (unlimited) and the top ends of Seely (3 hours) and Links (2 hours) Roads. We also feel that it is unfair that we are expected to have unlimited stay bays when the rest of the zone (with the exception of the bays near the school) have very specific time restraints given to them. Bearing in mind that parking will be significantly cheaper here per hour than over the road in Wandsworth you are almost inviting commuters to use these bays all day thereby failing to alleviate the parking problems we have faced since the CPZ came into being. We would like to see far fewer shared use bays introduced to Vectis Road in order that residents do not continue to feel that they are living opposite a car park. The introduction of metered parking in other roads, particularly those nearest the shops would be fairer on all concerned.

12289908 Seely Road

I am writing to express our concern, as a local small business, at the proposal for an extension to the Controlled Parking Zone in Seely Road. The controlled parking zone would be extremely damaging to our garage, as it is of vital importance that our customers are able to leave their cars with us for repair and to collect same at a time that is convenient for both parties. We would be put at a huge disadvantage to other local garages if the zone is extended closer to the premises. I would be grateful if you could provide us with an outline of any concessions that may be available, to enable us to continue our business in as close to a normal manner as possible. This is a source of great worry and very unsettling as things stand at present, as the proposed change would be of great detriment to our livelihood. We do appreciate all your time and effort on our behalf in this matter.

Officer's comment

Every effort is made to accommodate the needs of businesses within a regulatory framework that is primarily concerned with residents' parking and to strike a balance on charges that address a range of policy objectives such as reducing parking demand, promoting sustainable transport, covering the costs of implementation and administration of the scheme. To facilitate the local garage / business it is proposed to reduce the hours of operation

of the single yellow line to 9am to 5pm.

Representation against

12290247, Vectis Road

I write with regards to the recent information received on the extended GC CPZ zone . I received this within the last couple of days and it is dated 22nd November 2012. Other residents have said they have no notification whatsoever. You have said you want a response over the next 7 days I am very surprised that any resident would want this on Vectis Road as most said they were so opposed to this before. This seems to be something being railroaded in without due consultation Local residents are unaware and the time scales after receiving this makes it difficult to respond .This is not local democracy. I am shocked and dismayed by how this council is working. Our views were not heard before I doubt if they will this time. For a decision to be made local residents would like to know where the petition came from exactly. How representative is the petition? How many residents live in this area? It is easy to sign a petition harder for many to respond when little opportunity is given. This will disadvantage local businesses and local trade. it will discriminate against elderly and disabled residents. it will lead to more residents seeking off road parking. the local church will have difficulties so huge religious implications. Residents are quite simply sick of having more parking restrictions - which are brought through the backdoor-tokenism in consultations. Is there a public meeting? Sadly local opinion is being ignored. All predictions made have come true from the last consultations. We said it would spread - it has! We said that you would see residents looking for spaces elsewhere and avoidance of take up of permits. Guess what? Empty roads where there are permits- full ones where there are none. Not rocket science, So here we are with Merton now looking for money to deal with incompetency. All because a handful of people cannot park outside their home. Oh well... that is democracy!

Officer's Comment

The consultation document was delivered to residents within the consultation catchment area via Royal Mail on 21st November 2012 that should have reached residents from that weekend. Also Notices were placed on Lamp Columns in the area on 22nd November, with an advert in the local newspaper.

In July and August 2012, two petitions signed with 72 and 85 signatures respectively were received from residents of Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, parts of Links Road (170 and 133 to Streatham Road), Seely Road (134 and 159 to Streatham Road), Vectis Gardens, Vectis Road requesting the introduction of priority parking for residents in their roads.

Graveney ward Councillors organised a meeting to discuss the parking situation on 14 November 2012. The majority of the residents who attended the meeting were from the affected roads. Council officers were also present to answer residents' questions. Over 30 residents from various roads in the area attended the meeting. During the meeting residents were unanimously in favour of the consultation.

12289475 Links Road

Thank you for Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Proposed Zone GC Extention (GCe)-Vectis Area dated 22nd November 2012. I hereby object to the proposal that shows that you intend to have a double yellow line outside numbers 230 and 232 Links Road. The reason for my objection is that there is disabled parking bay outside number 224, and your proposal to have a double yellow line so near this bay will cause parking problems for the residents at 226 to 232. I appreciate and understand the reason behind the double yellow lines is that to allow a space for vehicles to use to help flow of traffic. I suggest you have the double yellow lines a bit further up the road.

Officer's comment

The proposed double yellow lines are to ensure traffic flow. If the scheme is approved the double yellow lines will be introduced as consulted. Any change to the proposed restrictions would require a further consultation and is likely to generate objections from those residents who will be directly affected.

12289511, Vectis Road

I am writing to object to the extension of 'GC' CPZ onto Vectis Road. I am some what aghast as to why certain residents have felt the need to sign a petition in support of this extension, given that, in my opinion, there are never parking issues on Vectis Road. I am always able to find a parking space, if not directly outside my house, then no longer than a couple of metres walk from my front door. Whilst I can understand the need to impose parking restrictions on the roads in the immediate vicinity of Tooting Station, I do not feel that Vectis Road falls under this bracket. I have never seen anybody park on Vectis Road and do anything other than enter one of the houses on the road. I note that these proposed restrictions will only be valid between 8.30am and 6.30pm, Monday to Friday, but this does not account for people who do not drive to work. I appreciate that if this extension were to be implemented, then we would be given parking permits. However, it is my understanding that these permits will not be given out free of charge. I also assume that my council tax will be increased in order to pay for the costs of organising this transfer and for the enforcement of the new restrictions. In this current economic climate, this is a

cost that I cannot afford to bear. As a full council tax payer, who receives no assistance from the local authorities, I am outraged at the prospect of having to pay to park on my own road. Please could you confirm receipt and consideration of this email.

Officer's comment

The legislation states that CPZs must to be self funding therefore local authorities have to charge to cover the setup and the running cost of the scheme.

12289675, Vectis Road

I wish to object to the extension of the CPZ to Vectis Road. When originally consulted, I was one of the majority of residents of the road who were opposed to this scheme. As circumstances have not changed, I believe the original decision should stand. The scheme is unnecessary and I object to the costs associated with it. Finally, if implemented, I do not think that the shared use bays should be time limited.

12290777, Vectis Road.

I am against the CPZ in Vectis Road. I feel we do not need it. When Seely Road was extended with the CPZ we did see an increase of extra parking but people soon got fed up with coming and parking so now we do not have a problem we can always get parked in the road. In your letter dated 22-11-12 you say you have received 2 petitions we and most people in Vectis Road know nothing about this. I also feel that the older people in Vectis Road are struggling to keep the cars on the road this will just be an added expense for them and they might have to think about letting their cars go and for some this is their only way of getting out and about safely. You say that the CPZ is not a money making scheme if that is the case why so much for a permit. Why not make it £5.00 or £10.00 a year that would be a better way of dealing with the issue of money in this matter. That is of course if we had a problem.

Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made. If you require further information, you may contact Paul Aite directly on 020 8545 3214 or email paul.aite@merton.gov.uk.

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PROPOSED CPZ GC EXTENSION

If you need any part of this document explained in your language, please tick box and contact us either by writing or by phone using our contact details below:

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Bengali
কোন কোন ভাগের কথা বুঝতে হবে, তা জানাতে চাইলে, দয়া করে আমাদের সাথে যোগাযোগ করুন।

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Tamil
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**Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ)
Proposed Zone GC Extension (GCe) - Vectis Area**



ISSUE DATE : 22 NOVEMBER 2012

Dear Resident/Business

You may recall following the previous consultation to extend 'GC' CPZ, a decision was made not to extend the CPZ into Jersey Road, Ipswich Road, Vectis Garden, Vectis Road, parts of Links Road (between 172 & 280 and 137 & the Sub station) and Seely Road (between 159 & 335 and 136 & 232) until such time that the residents petition the Council for inclusion.

The Council has now received two petitions (PT537 and PT538) with 65 and 81 signatories respectively from Ipswich Road, Jersey Road, Seely Road and Vectis Road requesting parking controls to be introduced on their roads as soon as possible.

As this area is proposed to be added to the existing 'GC' CPZ (as an extension) it would be necessary to adopt the same days and hours of operation, which is Monday to Friday between 8.30am and 6.30pm.

To have different hours of operation would require a full round of informal and statutory consultations which could take up to 9 months to implement. The Council intends to undertake a review some time after the zone is operational to give residents a further opportunity to make changes to the zone including changes to the hours of operation, bays, zone boundary etc. have the hours of operation amended.

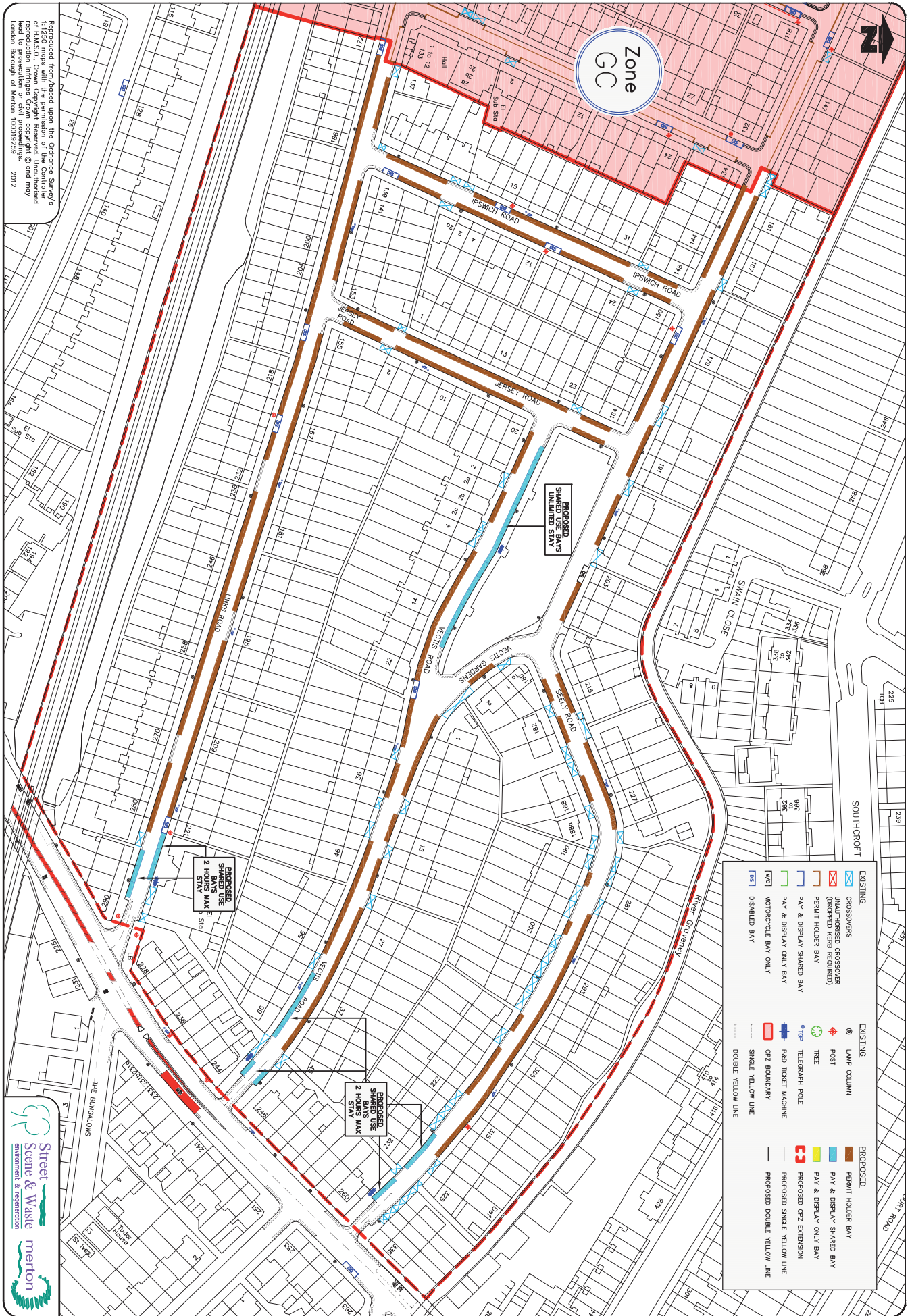
For further detail of the proposed 'GC' CPZ extension please refer to the plan overleaf.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

A Notice of the Council's intentions to introduce the above measures will be published in a local newspaper (The Guardian), London Gazette and posted on lamp columns in the vicinity. Representations for and against the proposals described in this Notice must be made in writing to the **Head of Street Scene and Waste, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX** or email trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk by no later than **14 December 2012** quoting reference **ES/SGEZONE GC CPZ EX**. Objections must relate only to the elements of the scheme that are subject to this statutory consultation.

A copy of the proposed TMO, a plan identifying the areas affected by the proposals and the Council's Statement of Reasons can be inspected at the Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX during the Council's normal office hours Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. A copy can also be inspected at Mitcham Library. This information is also available on Merton Council's website, www.merton.gov.uk/cpzgce.

All representations along with Officers' comments and recommendations will be presented in a report to the Street Management Advisory Committee and/or the Cabinet Member for Environmental Sustainability and Regeneration. Please note that responses to any representations received will not be made until a final decision is made by the Cabinet Member. The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us. Once a decision is made you will be informed accordingly.



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Z7/8/209/01 CRZ GC ex - Vecdis Area

TO STOP the CPZ

coming into our area you have to WRITE and say

NO! NO! NO!

to the Controlled Parking Scheme extension
or pay £90 a year for a parking space

Mon - Fri 8.30am to 6.30pm

The Council's Notice to residents (issued 22 Nov) is a STATUTORY one.

That means, if you want your voice to be heard saying "NO", you will have to **WRITE & TELL THEM** by no later than **Friday 14 December**. (You can write a letter or email.)

Otherwise, your silence will be understood as a "Yes" to the CPZ extension into our area.

That is how a STATUTORY Consultation works!

The Council's latest Notice states: "The Council is required to give weight to the nature and content of your representations and not necessarily the quantity. Your reasons are, therefore, important to us."

However, it would do us residents no harm to gather all names and house nos and streets of the "No" voices into one document to send the Council, too!

If you agree, please sign & return the Petition on the reverse side to me OR email me ian48vr@hotmail.com and I will make up the document listing all who DO NOT WANT the CPZ extension and present it to the Council by Friday 14 December.

I will give each of you a copy of the list, so you will also know how many total "No" and "Yes".

IAN BEVINS - 48 VECTIS ROAD