

Report for: Record of Decision Taken Under Delegated Authority

Item number:

Title: Essential Service and Borough Wide Parking Permits

Report

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Ward(s) affected: Wood Green

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1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To seek approval to proceed to formally implementing restrictions for the use of Essential Services Permit (ESP) and Borough Wide Permits (BWP) in the Wood Green Inner Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), as set out in section 6 of this report. The Wood Green Inner CPZ boundary and the extent of the roads are shown on **Appendix I** of this report.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 ESP and BWP are available at a cost to public sector organisations and the NHS for the purpose of making professional visits to households, buildings, or other properties within a Controlled Parking Zone.

- 2.2 ESP and BWP are not for workplace parking and does not allow permit holders to park when visiting their office or place of work. ESP and BWP holders must make alternative parking arrangements for their vehicles when they are visiting the office. Alternative free parking provision has been made available those permit holders on the upper deck of Bury Road Car Park which is within walking distance of the Council complex at Station Road Woodgreen N22.

- 2.3 Under **current** arrangements, ESP and BWP cannot be used in any parking bays in the following roads;

- Barratt Avenue, N22
- Bradley Road, N22
- Cumberland Road, N22
- Harold Road, N8
- Parkland Road, N22
- Ranelagh Road, N22
- Ringslade Road, N22
- Selborne Road, N22
- Tower Terrace, N22
- Warberry Road, N22
- Wolseley Road, N22
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- 2.4 Under the **proposed arrangements** ESP and BWP cannot be used in any parking bays in the following roads;

- Alexandra Road, N8
- Ashley Crescent, N22
- Berners Road, N22
- Brabant Road, N22
- Brampton Park Road, N22
- Bradley Road, N22
- Burghley Road, N8
- Buller Road, N22
- Bury Road, N22
- Caxton Road, N22
- Clarendon Road, N8
- Clarendon Road, N22

- Coleraine Road, N8
- Courcy Road, N8
- Cranbrook Park, N22
- Cumberland Road, N22
- Farrant Avenue, N22
- Gathorne Road, N22
- Gladstone Avenue, N22
- Gladstone Mews, N22
- Glynne Road, N22
- Hardy Passage, N22
- High Road, N22
- Hornsey Park Road, N8
- Lordship Lane, N22
- Lymington Avenue, N22
- Lyttleton Road, N8
- Malvern Road, N8
- Mayes Road, N22
- Morley Avenue, N22
- Moselle Avenue, N22
- Noel Park Road, N22
- Park Ridings, N8
- Parkland Road N22
- Pelham Road, N22
- Ravenstone Road, N8
- Redvers Road, N22
- Ringslade Road, N22
- River Park Road, N22
- St Albans Crescent, N22
- Station Road, N22
- The Avenue, N8
- Tower Terrace, N22
- Vernon Road, N8
- Waldegrave Road, N8
- Warberry Road, N22
- Watsons Road, N22
- Wellesley Road, N22
- Westbeech Road, N22
- Whymark Avenue, N22

The Wood Green Inner CPZ boundary and the extent of the roads are shown on **Appendix I** of this report which are included within the proposed arrangements.

2.5 BWPs allow businesses and other commercial organisations who carry out work within the borough to park in a residential or shared use parking bay in any of Haringeys' CPZs. Applicants for BWP must either:

- (a) Show us that parking a vehicle throughout the borough is essential to the successful operation of your business; or

- (b) Be involved in building maintenance whether or not it applies to private or public sector housing or buildings; or
 - (c) Be involved in the delivery of essential services to residents and be required as part of their job to carry bulky (or hazardous) equipment or materials.
- 2.6 ESPs are for use by non-commercial organisations who need to make professional visits to households, buildings, or other properties within a CPZ.
- 2.7 Examples of essential services include but not limited to Food Safety Control, Building Control, Nuisance Control, Pest Control, Council Fraud Investigation, Social Services Homecare (not contractors), Child Protection unit, Waste Management Enforcement / Inspection, Town Planning Enforcement, Children Services, Social Services Placement / Assessment, Social Housing Management (not contractors), Residential and / or Community Care Management and other services provided by the NHS. This is not an exclusive list of essential services uses.
- 2.8 ESPs and BWPs have been issued to Haringey council departments and Homes for Haringey staff.
- 2.9 In May 2018, The Cranbrook Park Residents Association (CPRA) who are located within the Wood Green Inner Zone contacted the council and complained that ESP holders were parking all day making it almost impossible for the residents within the CPZ to park near their homes during the daytime.
- 2.10 Following on-going and lengthy complaints and discussions with residents in July 2018 we asked users of both permits types that they should not park within this CPZ but instead use the parking facilities within Bury Road Car Park. This was done on an informal basis asking holders to comply, but without changing the traffic orders to allow effective parking enforcement.
- 2.9 In recent months, the council has seen a repeat of these reports, in addition to receiving complaints that these permit holders continue to park within this CPZ, reducing the parking opportunities for our residents.
- 2.10 The council has recently received further complaints from the Local Government Ombudsman (LGO) on behalf of the CPRA which asked that we set a deadline by which the traffic order it proposed to come into force.
- 2.11 In our efforts as a council to stop these complaints and prioritise parking for our residents, we need to formalise those arrangements to allow effective enforcement. The council therefore advertised the necessary changes to the traffic orders on Wednesday 17 July 2019 and carried out a comprehensive internal consultation with Haringey council departments, and Homes for Haringey staff.
- 2.12 The changes to the traffic orders (Appendix II) are planned to come into effect on 29 August 2019.
- 2.13 Prior to carrying out active parking enforcement we will be issuing warning notices to enable permit holders time to adjust to the changes. Active enforcement will commence Monday 9 September 2019.

3.0 Public Consultation process

- 3.1 A consultation was carried out exclusively online, documents including background information were uploaded to the website where staff were invited to respond by email to frontline.consultation@haringey.gov.uk.
- 3.2 The consultation process aided to inform holders of ESP and BWP, that their permits are not issued for the purpose of workplace parking or allow permit holders to park when visiting the office or place of work. ESP and BWP holders were informed that they must make alternative parking arrangements for their vehicles when they are in the office.
- 3.3 Public notices of these changes were advertised in the local press on Wednesday 17 July 2019 and information detailing these proposals were placed throughout the Wood Green Inner Zone.

4.0 Consultation Response

- 4.1 Comments received suggested that some flexibility should be considered given that preventing staff for parking within Wood Green Inner zone would make it difficult for staff engaged on essential services – especially those who needed to have materials and equipment on hand.
- 4.2 A total of 13 responses to the online consultation were received, of these responses; 7 (53.9%) objected and 6 (46.1%) had other views. Of those objecting the majority were from Haringey housing officers expressing their concern for being able to attend emergency call outs.
- 4.3 Full details of views and comments are set out in **Appendix III**, the Statutory Consultation Report.
- 4.4 Prior to the launch of the consultation, the council contacted the Cranbrook Park Residents Association to inform them that the consultation was due to be undertaken and that we would make them aware once when the traffic orders were due to made.

5.0 Environmental Implications

- 5.1 Before reaching a decision to make the necessary Traffic Management Order to implement or amend a CPZ scheme, the Council must follow the statutory consultation procedures pursuant to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA") (as amended).
- 5.2 The recommendations as set out in this report are in accordance with Section 3.3.3 of the Local Implementation Plan part of which states:

The availability of parking is a key determinant of car usage and local traffic congestion which can affect the potential uptake of more sustainable modes of travel. Local parking policy is an important demand management tool in controlling local traffic congestion and influencing sustainable choice of transport. CPZs are one of several parking policies, along with low parking provision for new developments, pay to park 'charging', and use of workplace parking levies, which can be used to influence travel behaviour. CPZs

specifically prioritise parking for residents and can lessen local parking pressures, reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality through reduced traffic congestion, improve road safety and encourage the use of more sustainable forms of transport.

6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet Member and Head of Service:
- 6.2 Note the feedback of the consultation set out in this report.
- 6.3 Staff and contractors holding either type of permit must not park in a road within the Wood Green Inner Controlled Parking Zone unless the vehicle is:
 - (a) Being used to transport hazardous chemicals to and/or from a property located in that road;
 - (b) To transport heavy equipment to and/or from a property located in that road:

Or
 - (c) To attend an emergency call out from a property located in that road.
- 6.4 Where a vehicle is being used for one of the purposes above, there is a maximum stay time limit of 2 hours, with no return to the same road within 2 hours.
- 6.5 Approve the exemption for permits issued to teachers of schools, and ministers of religion located within the Wood Green Inner Controlled Parking Zone.

Appendix I

Map of Wood Green Inner Controlled Parking Zone

Appendix II

Statutory Consultation Report

Appendix III

ESP and BWP Changes TMO Notice