

FRONTLINE SERVICES SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT

MINUTES

Title : **Residents' Focus Group Meeting**

Date : **14 September 2010 18:00pm – 20:00pm**

Venue : Stroud Green Library, Quernmore Road, N4

Present : Cllr Canver (Chair), Cllr Wilson, Tony Kennedy (Sustainable Transport), Chris Roberts-Wray (Sustainable Transport), Vincent Adenowo (Sustainable Transport), Bob Goldsmith (Neighbourhood Manager Crouch End), Stroud Green Safer Neighbourhoods Team and 25 focus group attendees (names at end)

Apologies : Cllrs Reece, Butcher

Minutes : Bob Goldsmith, Vincent Adenowo

Distribution : As above plus Joan Hancox and other Focus Group invitees.

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1	Purpose	
1.1	<p>Cllr Canver welcomed residents to the focus group meeting explaining that it had been convened to provide opportunity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> for residents living within the existing Finsbury Zone to give views on its operation – including the hours of operation, allocation of bays between different groups of users and boundaries. for residents living outside the zone to discuss calls for its potential extension, and to evaluate parking pressures within their local streets 	
2	Issues relating to the existing Finsbury Park Zone	
2.1	<p>Residents identified the following reasons for the current parking pressures in Woodstock, Ennis and Perth Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Residents living on the fringes of the zone commuting to Finsbury Park Station on weekday mornings, leaving their cars in Woodstock, Ennis and Perth Roads. b) Teachers at Stroud Green Primary School reputedly having 19 permits to park in Woodstock and Ennis Roads. Residents questioned the validity of making this provision available, and the 	Officers to investigate

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2.2	<p>decision to restrict teachers' parking to the two streets concerned. The decision to grant these permits was thought to relate to challenges around teacher recruitment.</p> <p>c) Provision for local pay and display parking being concentrated solely within Woodstock Road.</p> <p>d) Evening parking pressures, thought to relate to drinkers at the Faltering Fallback Public House.</p> <p>Wider issues affecting the current zone mentioned by residents included:</p> <p>a) Inadequacies with the Arsenal match day signage – residents mentioned that within Islington streets the signage includes the dates of future matches, information not provided within Haringey. The view was expressed that many residents have visitors staying over the weekend that are inadvertently caught out by match day restrictions.</p> <p>b) Lack of pay and display provision in Lancaster Road and other streets within the north-eastern corner of the zone.</p> <p>c) The residents' bays over the bridge on Oakfield Road are underused. It was pointed out that the designations of the bays could be changed to ease parking pressures elsewhere.</p> <p>d) The operational hours of the Pay and Display bays outside Stroud Green school are Mon – Sat, 10am – 5pm while the CPZ operates from Mon – Sat, 8am – 6.30pm. Residents have complained that this causes problems for visitors who arrive before 5pm but intend staying on until after 6.30pm</p>	
3	Issues relating to roads outside the existing zone	
3.1	<p>This discussion focused mainly around three roads Mountview, Ridge and Quernmore roads. This issues identified were as follows:</p> <p>a) Displacement from existing controlled parking zones evidenced by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ a constant presence of commercial vehicles parking overnight, indeed even for days on end – including breakdown trucks with broken-down cars being towed and white vans; ▪ a constant presence of mobile homes and caravans; ▪ cars owned by residents who have decided not to renew their CPZ permits parking in the neighbouring roads outside the zone. <p>b) Commuters using Haringey Station.</p>	

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3.2 3.3 3.4	<p>Residents from these streets spoke of regularly needing to park as far away as Denton Road, Ferme Park Road and Weston Park when returning home, giving examples of the turmoil this causes for parents with small children, unloading shopping and for carers with elderly relatives.</p> <p>Residents also spoke of unavoidably needing to park on double-yellow lines on street corners or to double park to unload shopping and children, something which inevitably was leading to parking tickets. Hence their urgent requests for introduction of controlled parking.</p> <p>Residents also spoke with resigned frustration about the presence of empty parking bays further down Mount View Road, within the Crouch End CPZ.</p>	
4	The next stages of the consultation process	
4.1 4.2 4.3 4.4	<p>Tony Kennedy explained that the Council would be carrying out informal consultation with residents during October/November 2010. The outcome would be reported to Cabinet in January 2011. Subject to the outcome of the consultation process, statutory notification for any identified measures will take place in March/April 2011.</p> <p>The informal stage will consist of a consultation document being distributed to every household and business within the consultation boundary. The consultation would also be publicised in the local press and through posters displayed throughout the area.</p> <p>The meeting then split into two separate workshops, covering respectively the streets covered by the existing CPZ and the streets where the review process has been extend too.</p> <p>The object of the workshops was to agree the wording and information provided in the consultation document.</p>	
5	Workshop for roads included within the existing zone	
5.1 5.2 5.3	<p>The workshop worked through the draft consultation questionnaire and suggested the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There needs to be a question 'Do you own a vehicle?' - <i>This question will be incorporated into the consultation document.</i> It was suggested that there needs to be a question relating to the peculiar problems of Woodstock Road, Perth Road and Ennis Road about intra-CPZ parking - <i>The questions in the consultation document are generic to afford residents to provide feedback to all questions. There is however a blank page at the end of the questionnaire where residents will be able to make comments about issues relating to their particular road</i> It was suggested that a question related to permits issued to teachers of Stroud Green School should be included in the document – <i>This issue is being investigated separately to this consultation.</i> 	

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6	Workshop for roads outside the existing zone	
	<p>The workshop worked through the draft consultation questionnaire and suggested the following changes:</p> <p>Proposed New Preliminary Questions</p> <p>6.1 • There needs to be a question ‘Do you own a vehicle?’ - <i>This question will be incorporated into the consultation document.</i></p> <p>6.2 • There needs to be a question ‘Do you have access to off street parking?’ - <i>This question will be incorporated into the consultation document.</i></p> <p>6.3 • The needs to be information in the document regarding the issue of displacement – <i>This information will be incorporated into the consultation document.</i></p> <p>6.4 Question Two - Revise the question to refer to ‘parking pressures’ rather than ‘traffic’. <i>Agreed.</i></p> <p>6.5 Question Three - The categories quoted within the draft questionnaire as presented to the meeting did not reflect the causes of parking pressures within the local roads. This list should be amended to read:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a) Commuters;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b) Overflow from existing CPZs;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">c) Commercial and other long-term parking;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">d) Others</p> <p>The wording should be ‘in your street’ rather than ‘area’. <i>All above agreed</i></p> <p>6.6 Question Five – Should include another question: would you answer ‘yes’ if a CPZ is introduced in a neighbouring road? <i>Agreed.</i></p> <p>6.7 Question Seven – There should be information in the document related to why different hours are used with examples provided. <i>Agreed.</i></p>	
7	Next Steps	
7.1	The revised draft questionnaire will be circulated to Focus Group members and ward cllrs for comment prior to printing and distribution.	
7.2	The Focus Group will be reconvened once the feedback of the informal consultation has been analysed.	
	<p>Focus Group Attendees</p> <p>Donald Audin - Resident</p> <p>Sally Billot -</p> <p>Mary Ann Charnley - Resident</p> <p>Margaret Cheng - Resident</p> <p>Tim Coles - Resident</p> <p>Maive Dorrian – Mount Pleasant Villas</p> <p>James Everard – Quernmore Road</p>	

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	Trevor Ford Terry Gethin Tim Gill - Resident Nicci Gotch – Mount View Road Nigel Greenyor Martin Holton - Resident Terry and Shirley Husband – Concord Neighbourhood Watch Sue Kerr - Resident Anne McArthur – Woodstock Road Association David Miles - Resident J O'Neill – Concord Neighbourhood Watch Stephanie Owen - Resident Madeline Palm – Woodstock Road Association Pat Sinclair Richard Stokes Richard Wakelin - Resident Selina Webb PCSO Laura Phillips – Stroud Green Safer Neighbourhood Team	