Spencer Road, Isleworth - Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) Detailed Design Consultation

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BRIEFING NOTE

1. Recommendations

That Members:-

- (a) Note the results of the controlled parking zone (CPZ) detailed design consultation and agree to allow officers to progress to formal statutory consultation on a new CPZ for Spencer Road operational Monday to Friday 9.30am 5.30pm.
- (b) Agree that the residents of Spencer Road be notified of the consultations results and the decision of the Area Forum.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following receipt of petitions from residents of and around the Thornbury Road and Ridgeway Road neighbourhoods asking for a residents' parking scheme, the Council undertook an initial informal consultation to assess support for a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in April 2015.
- 2.2 The results of that consultation showed support for a CPZ from certain roads, including Spencer Road in the western section of the consultation area closest to Osterley Underground Station.
- 2.3 As a result, at the July 2015 meeting of the Isleworth and Brentford Area Forum approval was given for officers to progress to a detailed design CPZ consultation for a new 'standalone' CPZ with residents of Spencer Road.

3. Review Consultation

- 3.1 The detailed design consultation, in the form of a letter, plans and questionnaire was undertaken in late November 2015 with consultation packs being delivered to a total of 114 properties.
- 3.2 Residents were asked to indicate if they were still in favour of their road becoming a CPZ and if they were happy with the draft scheme design provided. In addition, they were also asked to indicate their preferred operational hours. Notes accompanying the letter briefly described the advantages and disadvantages of longer or shorter operational hours.
- 3.3 A pre-paid return envelope for completed questionnaires was provided with the consultation documents, although, residents were also offered the opportunity to respond to the consultation on-line.
- 3.4 By the closing date of 14 December 2015 and allowing for receipt of late paper responses up to and including 16 December 2015, a total of 22 responses had been received, 12 (55%) paper and 10 (45%) online, giving a response rate of 19%.

- 3.5 In response to Question 1, 17 (77%) of the 22 respondents answered that 'Yes' they were in favour of their road becoming a CPZ.
- 3.6 Question 2 asked residents for their views on the preferred operational times of a scheme were a CPZ to be introduced.
- 3.7 From analysis of all of the responses received, including those where residents had suggested operational hours other than those put forward by officers, the majority 12 (55%), preferred all day Monday to Friday 9.30am 5.30pm.
- 3.8 In response to Question 3 regarding the scheme design all but one of the 22 respondents answered this question. As a result, of the 21 who did respond the majority 16 (76%), said that they were happy with the draft design.
- 3.9 Comments made and suggested amendments to improve the scheme included:
 - Not enough visitor parking particularly if scheme to operate all day
 - Queries as to parking provision outside specific properties
 - Conversion of grassed areas to provide additional parking bays
- 3.10 Officers will take into consideration provision of additional visitor parking and the maximising of on-street parking for use by residents for inclusion in any final scheme design. However, it is not possible to investigate the conversion of current grassed amenity space to parking bays as part of this proposal.
- 3.11 In light of the consultation results, it is recommended that officers should proceed to statutory formal consultation on the introduction of a CPZ in Spencer Road, operational Monday to Friday 9.30am 5.30pm.
- 3.12 Residents are to be notified of the consultation results, and of this Area Forum's decision.

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