

SEPTEMBER WAY / THE RIDGEWAY CPZ.

TEAMS MEETING 2nd February 2022 TO DISCUSS RESULTS OF STATUTORY CONSULTATION

Councillor Marilyn Ashton	Councillor Mina Parmar	Sajjad Farid (SF)
Councillor Camilla Bath	Apologies from Cllr Lynda Seymour	Bruce Bolton (BB)
Councillor Philip Benjamin		Nabeel Shahid (NS)
Councillor Anjana Patel		

The meeting was held to discuss the responses to the statutory consultation, undertaken with residents in November 2021 on proposals as follows:

- A new CPZ, with extended hours of control operational Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm to include:
 - The Ridgeway (Including section not currently within existing CPZ (B))
 - September Way
 - Old Church Lane (between Gordon Avenue and property No's. 59/69 and 1/44)
 - Elm Park - (between The Ridgeway and property Nos 41/43 and 46/48)
 - Nelson Road - (between Elm Park and property Nos. 27/29 and 28/30)
 - Bernays Close including Naresby Fold
- Cherry Tree Way – To remain as zone (CTW) but with new extended hours of control operational Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm
- Introduction of “At any time” (double yellow lines) at key locations throughout the consultation area at junctions, bends, turning heads and narrow sections of road to help remove obstructive and dangerous parking, improve access and sightlines and to help re-enforce the rules of the Highway Code..

BB outlined the objections received during the consultation and suggested that, taking the above into account considering the objections:

- the general proposal as advertised i.e. the extension of the operational hours should proceed.
- The extents of the additional double yellow lines should proceed to implementation with some minor amendments where necessary.

Councillors commented as follows:

Cllr Ashton agreed that the increase in operational hours should go ahead, especially given the problems encountered by residents in September Way with respect to students parking. However, Cllr Ashton cannot support the proposed double yellow lines in Cherry Tree Way – there is a long history of attempts to introduce additional waiting restrictions in this road and residents consistently raise objections since they do not report any problems of access or obstruction and are content with the current situation remaining. This view was fully endorsed and supported by Cllrs Bath and Benjamin.

Councillors Patel and Parmar raised concerns about the proposed extension of the zone in The Ridgeway, especially given the large number of objections received which should be listened to and the proposals to extend the zone should not taken forward.

Councillor Patel further stated that there were considerably more objections to the Statutory consultation in addition to the two petitions when compared to the low turn out of public consultation.

SF outlined the options that had been put to residents during the initial consultation that had received wide support from residents. SF mentioned that officers had met with the residents in the uncontrolled section of The Ridgeway who raised concerns that they did not want the CPZ extended which would impede them from parking outside their dropped kerbs during the hours of control. Instead they wanted a permit parking scheme

with “Residents parking only past this point” with signs erected at the entry points only. It was explained that it was not possible to introduce a CPZ signed and lined in the conventional way in one part of a road and the other half “Residents parking only past this point” signs. A further point to consider is that if one section of The Ridgeway remains uncontrolled outside of a CPZ then it is most likely to experience an increase in displaced/ non-residents parking from the nearby roads where extended hours of control have been introduced.

Councillor Ashton agreed that if extended hours of control were introduced then there will be a transfer of parking to the uncontrolled section of The Ridgeway.

Councillor Parmar mentioned that other roads near the college do have problems with students parking.

SAF outlined that other areas had not objected to the proposals in the same way as The Ridgeway and therefore the proposed measures if taken forward could contribute to displaced parking in the uncontrolled section of The Ridgeway.

Councillor Patel recommended that the objections should be upheld so that the section of The Ridgeway not currently in CPZ remains out of the zone. Within the existing CPZ extended operational hours should be introduced as advertised.

Councillor Ashton proposed that in Cherry Tree Way the proposed increased operational hours should be introduced but there should be no double yellow lines of any length introduced.

Councillor Bath asked about the situation in Rectory Close. SAF confirmed that there are no proposals in Rectory Close as it was situated outside the agreed consultation area.

SF and BB summed up and stated that whatever councillors agreed i.e. if they wish to uphold the objections, this will be reported to the PH to enable her to make an informed decision. The important thing to note is that this is a statutory consultation and not a public consultation. There is a significant difference. It is not the purpose of the statutory consultation to have a second chance to amend the proposal. The purpose is to state what is the Council’s final scheme/proposals and to only make changes where there are strong material grounds to do so.

The consensus of the councillors was that the various objections received regarding The Ridgeway and Cherry Tree Way should be upheld and an amended scheme taken forward to implementation as follows:

- A new CPZ, with extended hours of control operational Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm to include those roads currently within CPZ (B), namely:
 - o The Ridgeway from junction with Old Church Lane to the boundary between numbers 9/11 The Ridgeway (i.e. excluding the section not currently within existing CPZ (B))
 - o September Way (excluding Laurimel Close)
 - o Old Church Lane (between Gordon Avenue and property No’s. 59/69 and 1/44)
 - o Elm Park - (between The Ridgeway and property Nos 41/43 and 46/48)
 - o Nelson Road - (between Elm Park and property Nos. 27/29 and 28/30)
 - o Bernays Close including Naresby Fold
- Cherry Tree Way – To remain as zone (CTW) but with new extended hours of control operational Monday to Friday 10am – 2pm.
- Cherry Tree Way – proposals to introduce “At any time” waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) should be withdrawn.
- Introduction of “At any time” (double yellow lines) at key locations throughout the consultation area (except in Cherry Tree way) at junctions, bends, turning heads and narrow sections of road to help remove obstructive and dangerous parking, improve access and sightlines and to help re-enforce the rules of the Highway Code.

NOTE.

Officers would like to proceed with the extension of the existing no waiting "At any time" waiting restrictions either side of the bend of The Ridgeway (eastern end) as consulted upon. Following a site visit/meeting with the residents it was agreed to cut back the proposed double yellow lines on the northern side from a point midway outside property no 48 to a point midway outside property no. 50 (in line with the double yellow lines on the opposite side of the road). The residents had reported two vehicular accidents at this location and these restrictions will help address these concerns by improving safety/ access around this dangerous bend as well as to re-enforce the rules of the Highway Code. It is therefore suggested that these restrictions are taken forward.