

Meeting:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	25 September 2007
Subject:	Wealdstone controlled parking zone – Review, possible extension and associated restrictions – Zone CA phase 1 - Objections to Traffic Orders.
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	Head of Property and Infrastructure
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall, Environment Services Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No – Except Appendix B which is Exempt (Part 2) under Paragraph 2, Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contains information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Geographical extent of Proposals Appendix B – Letters of Objection Appendix C – Grounds for objection and officer comments

SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report considers objections received to the traffic orders for phase 1 of the proposed extension of the Wealdstone controlled parking zone CA and associated parking restrictions and recommends which proposals should be implemented.

Recommendations (for decision by the Environment Services Portfolio Holder): that the Panel recommends:

That the formal objections to the advertised traffic orders for the extension and revision to the Wealdstone Controlled Parking Zone CA incorporating a residents parking scheme and some associated waiting and loading restrictions, with the exception of a minor amendment as detailed in Part 1 (a) of Appendix C, be set aside for reasons given in the report, the objectors be informed and officers proceed with the order making and

implementation.

REASON: As stated in Section 2.2 and Appendix C to the Officer Report.

SECTION 2 - REPORT

2.1.1 Background

- 2.1.2 The existing Wealdstone CPZs were initially introduced in 1996, and extended and split into the present zones C and CA in June 2003. The first phase of local consultation reviewed the area near to the High Street/ High Road corridor and also the area immediately surrounding Zone CA (that lies to the northeast of the railway line) took place in July 2006 and was reported to this Panel on 20 September 2006. This zone operates Monday to Friday 10-11am and 2-3pm although it includes pay and display bays and shared use bays which operate 8.00am – 6.30pm, Monday to Saturday in or adjacent to the shopping area.
- 2.1.3 A second phase of local consultation for possible further extension of zone CA, arising from the July 2006 consultation, took place in July 2007. There were also a number of more localized issues which were picked up in this second phase consultation. Local consultation for a review of Zone C, which lies to the southwest of the railway line, was undertaken simultaneously. The outcome of these consultations is the subject of a separate report to this Panel.
- 2.1.4 The results of statutory consultation on the traffic orders covering the proposals agreed by this Panel in September 2006 are the subject of this report. The results consist of formal objections received together with officer comments and recommendations as to how these are addressed. The statutory consultation period ran from 2 to 22 August 2007. The traffic orders were advertised in the London Gazette and Harrow Times. Street notices were posted in affected streets during the statutory consultation period which summarized the proposals relevant to that location. The street notices gave advice on where full details of the effects of the traffic orders could be found and to whom observations and objections should be made.
- 2.1.5 Traffic orders were advertised covering aspects described in 2.1.7 below for the area shown on the plan at Appendix A. Seven letters of objections have been received by the Traffic and Highway Network Manager. Copies of these objections are at Appendix B. These comprise:-
- (i) 2 letters relating to proposed double yellow line restrictions in different parts of Weald Lane;
 - (ii) a letter from resident of Stuart Road relating to proposed restrictions nearby;
 - (iii) a letter from a resident of Graham Road relating to the proposed extension on the CPZ nearby;
 - (iv) 3 letters from a resident and a business located in the pedestrianised section of High Street, Wealdstone relating to the proposed extension of the CPZ.
- 2.1.6 The grounds for objection are summarised together with officer comments in Appendix C. More general background information for certain sections of the scheme are set out below to assist consideration of these objections.

2.1.7 The scheme proposals for which traffic orders have been published are:-

- (i) An extension to the Wealdstone CPZ zone CA to include Ladysmith Road, Lorne Road, Montrose Road, Stirling Road, and Whitefriars Avenue; the remaining sections of Aberdeen Road, Graham Road, and Spencer Road; and further sections of Locket Road and High Street, Wealdstone. There were also permit bays within the first sections of Athelstone Road, The Broadway, The Cross Way, Toorack Road up to the beginning of the residential frontages in those roads.
- (ii) Some permit bays in Graham Road, Grant Road, Locket Road, Spencer Road, Thomson Road and Wolseley Road are to be modified to also allow people who pay and display to use them. Additionally in the case of Spencer Road two short lengths of permit bays near the High Street junction have been converted to a loading bay and a disabled bay.
- (iii) Further loading bays, pay and display bays and disabled bays for Grant Road and High Street, Wealdstone.
- (iv) Revision to the waiting and loading restrictions on High Street, Wealdstone north of Gordon Road, High Road, Harrow Weald and the first section of side roads leading from them.
- (v) Main road and junction waiting restrictions, largely double yellow lines at or near junctions to improve visibility and/or access.
- (vi) Footway parking for Byron Road.

The area of the above proposals is shown at Appendix A. Full details were enclosed with the Panel report of September 2006.

2.2 Options considered

2.2.1 Having consideration for the scale and diversity of the scheme proposals it is surprising how few objections have been received. Approximately 4300 residential and business addresses were consulted on parking proposals which led to the proposed scheme.

2.2.2 Four objections were received to the extension of the controlled parking zone and all except one are from addresses well within the current zone. This compares to the 244 responses received in the local consultation referred to in 2.2.1 where a clear majority of responses from streets within the scheme area supported the proposed extension. Having regard to the officer comments given in Appendix C and the support shown in consultation **It is recommended that the objections be set aside and the CPZ be extended as advertised.**

2.2.3 Three objections were received regarding the junction double yellow line proposals at three separate locations. Of the 78 responses on the issue of double yellow lines away from the CPZ to which the three objections refer there was a small majority in favour of the proposals. As outlined in Appendix C the restrictions are intended to improve junction safety and aid access for larger vehicles (eg refuse trucks and emergency services) at locations where the Highway Code states people should not park. Introducing formal restrictions will allow the council to effectively deal with obstructive parking at these locations. **It is therefore recommended that these objections be set aside. The reduction in length of one section of double**

yellow line is recommended as this achieves an extra parking space without compromising the access improvements.

2.3 Consultation

- 2.3.1 Ward councillors were consulted throughout the review and were advised of the traffic orders being subject to statutory consultation.
- 2.3.2 All the scheme proposals which were advertised as part of the traffic order process were the subject of local consultation of people at approximately 4300 addresses during July 2006. The scheme proposals, especially the extent of the now proposed extension of zone CA, are a result of the responses received. The analysis of the response received and subsequent revision to the proposals were the subject of a report to this Panel on 20 September 2006.
- 2.3.3 The statutory consultation (traffic order) process, the results of which are the subject of this report, are carried out using legal processes described in section 2.5 below

2.4 Financial Implications

- 2.4.1 There is a total of £144,000 available from the Harrow Capital CPZ budget for the current financial year (2007/08) which is sufficient to cover completion of the order making and implementation of the scheme proposals covered by this report ie the completion of the zone CA phase 1 proposals.
- 2.4.2 An additional £90,000 funding is needed to take forward the zone C and zone CA phase 2 proposals which were the subject of local consultation in July 2007, the results of which are reported separately to this Panel. A bid for this additional funding from Harrow Capital in 2008/09 will have to be made to enable this element of the scheme to progress. Further work on these parts of the Wealdstone CPZ review must be deferred until this funding is available.
- 2.4.3 An alternative approach of deferring the implementation of zone CA phase 1 and making progress on the traffic orders for zone C and zone CA phase 2 was considered. However there are considerable expectations of extension of zone CA and associated proposals being completed this year and it is considered this should be given priority.

2.5 Legal Implications

- 2.5.1 Controlled parking zones and associated waiting and loading restrictions can be implemented under Sections 6, 45, 46 and 49 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. A scheme to allow parking in marked bays partially on the footway in Bengarth Drive and Christchurch Avenue can be introduced under the provisions of Section 15(4) of the Greater London Council (General Powers Act) 1974.

2.6 Equalities Impact

- 2.6.1 Not applicable.

2.7 Community Safety (s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998)

2.7.1 Not applicable

SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE

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		Date: 13 September 2007
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SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS

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Background Papers:

- 1 Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel 20 September 2006
Agenda Item 12 - Wealdstone controlled parking zone – Review
and possible extension of Zone CA and associated restrictions.
- 2 Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel 27 February 2007
Agenda Item 10 – Controlled parking zone/Residents parking
scheme - Annual review (2007).
- 3 Draft traffic management order for Wealdstone CPZ
- 4 A0 plans of detailed scheme parking restriction changes.

IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	YES/ NO
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES / NO