

Meeting:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	26 November 2008
Subject:	Wealdstone controlled parking zone – Review, possible extension and associated restrictions Objections to Traffic Orders.
Key Decision:	No
Responsible Officer:	John Edwards – Divisional Director Environmental Services
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Susan Hall- Environment and Community Safety Portfolio Holder
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A – Officer Report considered at 17 September 2008 Panel meeting including Appendices

## SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

This report reconsiders and updates the objections received (in particular that from Marlborough School) to the proposed traffic orders for the proposed extension of the Wealdstone controlled parking zone C and associated parking restrictions and recommends that the proposals should be implemented.

**Recommendations (for decision by the Environment and Community Safety 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 Zones C and CA incorporating a residents parking scheme and some associated waiting and loading restrictions be set aside for reasons given in the report, the objectors be informed and officers proceed with the order making and implementation.

**REASON:** To control parking at various locations in the Wealdstone area as shown at Appendix A

## **SECTION 2 - REPORT**

### **2.1.1 Background**

- 2.1.2 On 17 September 2008, the officer report on the results of the statutory consultation including the advertisement of the draft traffic orders (please see report attached at Appendix A) was initially considered by the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel, together with a deputation from teachers and staff of Marlborough School in support of their formal objection to those traffic orders. The panel resolved to defer formal consideration of the report to enable the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety to meet the Headteacher of Marlborough School and officers to consider the objections received.
- 2.1.3 The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Community Safety then met with representatives of teachers and staff at Marlborough School on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008. The main aspect of the proposals of concern to the school was connected with the use of coaches to take pupils on school trips. This aspect is considered in paragraph 2.2.3 below.
- 2.1.4 The Portfolio Holder has briefed officers regarding the concerns raised by the school and discussed further clarification necessary. It was confirmed that further clarification was only required with regard to the objection raised by the Headteacher of Marlborough School, as detailed in the report to the panel on 17 September 2008. This is the subject of this report.

### **2.2 Options considered**

- 2.2.1 The options considered in addressing the seven formal objections to the draft traffic orders are detailed in section 2.2 and Appendix B of the original officer report .
- 2.2.2 The implications of the proposals for areas designated as school safety zones where there are existing 'no stopping' restrictions operating from Monday to Friday 8.30 to 9.30am and 3 to 4.30pm have been subject to some misunderstanding. The issue has been complicated by possible future early years provision at the school, including a nursery. If this development was to take place it could increase the amount of vehicles involved in dropping off/picking up children, the times at which this takes place and the location along the school frontage where children enter/exit the new development. This could require a change to the timing of the no stopping restrictions.
- 2.2.3 The school has expressed concern that the proposals would prevent coaches parking outside the school to enable children to board/alight for school trips. The proposal to extend the CPZ would introduce waiting restriction between 10am and 11am including in the area of the school safety zone. Waiting restrictions however do not affect parking for the purpose of loading/unloading of goods or to enable passengers to board or alight. Boarding/ alighting from coaches would only be prevented by the introduction of stopping restrictions such as the school 'keep clear' marking accompanied by the signed restrictions but as shown above these only currently apply from Monday to Friday 8.30 to 9.30am and 3 to 4.30pm Therefore coach pick up/drop off could still take place between 9.30am and 3pm as it is at present.

- 2.2.4 Should the school introduce a nursery with young children being collected or delivered by parents in the middle of the day the council's current approach is to introduce the 'no stopping' restriction throughout the day i.e. 8.30am to 4.30pm. This would prevent the area in front of the school being used by coaches. This change however is **not** part of the current proposals.
- 2.2.5 The introduction of a waiting restriction alone should actually help coaches to park in front of the school as it will remove the opportunity for drivers to park there between 9.30am and 3pm as a means of getting round the restrictions in the adjacent CPZ for those without a permit.
- 2.2.6 Officers are in discussion with the school regarding the extent of the school safety zone restrictions and other physical measures to address the safety concerns raised in the petition reported to this Panel in September 2008. However other than localised double yellow lines, which are supported by the school, these changes are not part of the draft traffic orders which are under consideration in this report.
- 2.2.7 'No stopping' restrictions have been introduced outside one school in the borough which apply during a lunchtime period, but leave unrestricted periods in the morning and afternoon. Therefore even if at some future date a nursery does materialise and there was a need to revise the school safety zone, a similar approach might be considered appropriate.
- 2.2.8 The issue raised in the original objection was the effect the waiting restrictions in particular within the school safety zone would have on the ability of school staff to park their own vehicles close to the school. This issue and alternative parking locations have been considered at paragraph 2.1.7 and Appendix B of the original officer report which is included in Appendix A of this report.
- 2.2.9 Within a CPZ all kerbside space is required to be controlled during the controlled period, even if the control is exercised by the installation of a free bay, that is a bay where parking can take place without requiring a permit or payment. The necessary bay marking and signage would however be incompatible with school keep clear markings, hence it is not practical to allow school staff to park outside the school between 10am and 11am if the CPZ is extended to cover this section of Marlborough Hill.
- 2.2.10 For the reasons given above, it is recommended that Panel approve recommendations of the original officer report.

## **2.3 Consultation**

- 2.3.1 See the previous report. In addition the Portfolio Holder met school staff on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2008 as detailed above.

## **2.4 Financial Implications**

- 2.4.1 See previous report. There are some additional costs associated with the reconsideration of the formal objections which are estimated at £2000. This brings the estimated overall cost including implementation of the scheme which has

been advertised to £97,000 of which £18,000 has already been spent this financial year

2.4.2 £95,000 is currently available from the Harrow Capital budget in 2008/09 to cover the implementation of this scheme. The additional £2,000 can be accommodated within the overall capital programme due to savings made on other projects

2.4.3 It is therefore recommended that the monies not spent on this project in 2008/9 are transferred to the 2009/10 capital programme to enable the project to be completed.

**2.5 Legal Implications, Performance Issues, Risk Management Implications, Equality Impact, and Community Safety (s17 Crime & Disorder Act 1998)**

See previous report at Appendix A.

**SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE**

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**SECTION 4 - PERFORMANCE OFFICER CLEARANCE**

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**SECTION 5 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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**Background Papers:** Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel 17 September 2008  
Minute 118 Deputations and  
Minute 119 Wealdstone controlled parking zone review –  
Consultation results and objections

**IF APPROPRIATE, does the report include the following considerations?**

1.	Consultation	YES/ <del>NO</del>
2.	Corporate Priorities	YES / <del>NO</del>