

## **Summary meeting notes, issues, concerns and actions**

**Ward: Erdington**

**Date of meeting: 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018, 7.00pm St Barnabas Church**

**Present:** Councillors Robert Alden, Gareth Moore and Bob Beauchamp

Officers: Paul Simkins(P.S) –Infrastructure Delivery Manager

Debbie Mitchell(D.M) –Project Officer

Karl Randall – District Highways Engineer

Lesley Bannister – Community Governance Manager

There were approximately 80 plus residents in attendance.

- **Apologies-** None
- **Notice of recording** -Read out by Councillor Alden
- **Erdington Controlled Parking Zone**

Councillor Alden opened this item and explained the consultation process to the residents for a proposed Controlled Parking Zone, which ends on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. He said that residents with objections needed to make them in writing. All attendees were given detailed maps of the zone, written details of the Erdington permit scheme, a copy of the proposed Traffic Regulation Order and larger maps of the scheme were pinned up around the room

Paul Simkins (Infrastructure Delivery Manager) briefly outlined the scheme to the residents for a controlled parking Zone, Monday to Saturday 8.00am to 6.00pm and details of all the roads effected were referred too and included in the literature supplied to all the residents.

The meeting was then opened up to the residents for their questions, comments and concern's.

1. Resident of Hart Road – Supporting of the scheme, however the times of the restriction 8.am to 6.00pm, is generally when our household is at work therefore can the hours be looked at, as Hart Road is most effected by the Leisure Centre opening hours which are 9.00am to 10.00pm.In response **P.S.** said the that any change would require another consultation and that the scheme had to be enforceable.
2. Resident of York Road – Disagreed with scheme due to the fact that York Road has a number of H.M.O's (Houses of Multiple Occupation) and shops and this resident believed that this hadn't been taken into account. **P.S** confirmed the number of residents passes were restricted to 700 for residents and 100 businesses and that the whole area had 1000 dwellings .This was disputed by residents.

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3. Resident of Hart Road – The Leisure Centre has made the parking in the area worse; will this scheme address this issue too? **P.S** said this scheme would not address that problem.
4. Resident of Edwards Road – Not in favour of the scheme they said that houses in Edwards road have been sub divided into flats.
5. Spring Hill Resident – Not in favour of the scheme, they said currently residents co-ordinated the parking in Spring Hill and it worked and this scheme would upset things.
6. Are permits going to be given to the coaches that park outside the Leisure Centre? **P.S** said No
7. Resident of Swan Gardens – Swan Gardens is already a car park is this going to make things worse? **P.S** said that Swan Gardens would have parking on one side of the road and double yellow lines on the other .The resident said that like any scheme this would only work if the patrolled and enforcement action was taken.
8. Resident of Newman Road – Said that she was fed up with workers parking outside her house, she said we had a scheme before and it wasn't enforced so a complete waste of time. **P.S** explained that there were only 100 business passes and it would be enforced.
9. Blue badge holders – How many Blue badge holders were there in the proposed area? Debbie Mitchell said she had written to all twenty that she was aware of .Residents believed there were more than this .**D.M.** asked residents if they knew of blue badge holders who had not been contacted, to pass her details on to them.
10. Blue badge holders – Can any blue badge holder parking in restricted area? **D.M.** said no, however they could park in any marked disabled bays with the area.
11. Does this conform to the Disability Act? **P.S** said that an equalities impact needs assessment would have been done as part of the process.
12. Resident of Newman Road (without a car) – said in her view the restrictions should be 24/7 or not at all.
13. Question on Deliveries – When do delivery vans need a visitors permit? **D.M.** said that depends on the length of time ,for example if it's unloading and for 5 to 10 minutes then no ,but if in the case a of a plumber carrying out work at a property then they would need to purchase a visitors permit .

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14. Resident from Chester Road – Pointed out that residents would be incurring additional costs to park and the scheme would improve things for the residents, he also commented that building a Leisure Centre on a Car Park was a silly decision .
15. Resident from Orchard Road – Could the Conservative Club car park be rented to help with the parking situation. **P.S.** said that the process to achieve that and the cost would not be easy or cheap. Cllr Alden said he would ask the Conservative Club to look at pay and display car park but took **P.S.** point too.
16. Resident Edwards Road – This scheme is no longer fit for purpose it's what residents wanted 15 years ago the make- up of the area is so different we now have a number of HMO's and a transient population who are not concerned about this scheme. **P.S.** said that residents had been consulted on this in 2016.
17. Residents of Dunvegan Road (edge of the scheme) – Stated that they believed this was just going to cause on a knock on effect and would just move the problem to their road, they added that they too believed it was a good idea 15 years ago but not now.
18. Who makes the final decision on this scheme? And will this be consulted on again? Cllr Alden said that a report would be written by officers on the findings of the Consultation and the Cabinet member would make the final decision based on the report.
19. Residents comment – He said that the scheme area had 2009 postcodes and he believed that based on this the number of he believed 700 permits was insufficient.
20. Mason Road – Do residents have priority over businesses? **P.S.** replied that this wouldn't be feasible.
21. Resident of Holiday Road – said this scheme is a “quart in a pint pot”, the restriction will cause more problems.
22. Resident of Orchard Road commented that “No solution is going to suit everyone; there is no clear scheme to suit. There are too many cars and not enough spaces.”
23. How are the 700 residents passes allocated? **D.M.** said that this would be done on a first come first served basis.
24. Do Blue badge holders take preference when permits are allocated **.D.M.** said yes they would

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25. Are the 700 spaces allocated /numbered? **D.M** said no if you have a pass you can park anywhere in the residents areas.
26. Resident from Hart Road – So if I do have two permits it won't allocate a space outside my home.
27. Resident from Hart Road – What happen after 6pm? **P.S.** replied there is no scheme after 6.00pm
28. Do you know how many H.M.O's there are in this area? Councillor Moore said because currently some HMO's don't require planning permission there was no accurate way of knowing that.
29. Resident of Spring Hill – said that he returns home from work after 6.00pm and currently is able to park his van outside his house, which contains his work tools and he believes if this scheme goes through he won't be able to do this and is worried about theft from this Van.
30. Orchard Road resident – Totally against the Scheme and pointed out that one of the maps was incorrect as the Leisure Centre is not on the plans.
31. Resident of Arthur Road – Also pointed out that Hart Road car park had been turned into the Leisure Centre, therefore giving the impression that there was more parking in the area. If the Cabinet member was relying upon this map to make an informed decision, then this would give a totally different view, as the building of a Leisure Centre on a car park had made a bad situation worse. She added that if this scheme went ahead it would just move the problem not solve it.
32. Resident of Newman Road – Is there a limit to the number of visitor booklets we can buy **.P.S.** currently no limit.
33. Resident of Hart Road – Commented “how People Park isn't the same as an average parking space”.
34. Resident of Newman Road – What's the procedure for using permits when we have a courtesy car? **D.M.** said she was unsure and would take that question back.
35. How much are the enforcement fines? **PS** said - £40
36. Could permits be registered to a house instead of a car? **PS** – The Policy is to register the car to the house.

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37. Residents also commented that this scheme could adversely affect businesses on the High Street and surrounding businesses. For example installing parking meters outside Charlie Hall's.

Councillor Alden closed this section of the meeting by thanking officers for attending and reminded the residents that they need to submit any objections and comments in writing by the 5<sup>th</sup> February and all details on how to do this were in the papers that had been handed out at the start of the meeting.

- **Pedestrian Refuge** – Karl Randall District Highways Engineer

Karl announced that a pedestrian refuge is to be installed on Orphanage Road near Orchard Road at the end of March 2018 and would take approximately two weeks, he said that this being done as a road safety and traffic calming measure. Karl noted comments from the residents concerned about the current Gas pipe work being carried out in the area and said that those works should have finished before this installation started.

Other highways schemes announced were:

Goosemoor Lane- enhanced bend warning signs (already installed )

Goosemoor Lane – replacement of internally illuminated Bollards with self-righting ones

Goosemoor Lane – lane markings at Gravelly Lane

Gravelly Lane –Lane approach sign

Birch Croft – no through road sign

- **Grass verge protection scheme** - Karl announced that consultation was underway in two areas within the ward
  1. Berwood Farm Road /Barnsbury Road/Welwyndale Road
  2. Berkswell Road /Ayre Road /Allman Road /Ewell Road.
- **Resident's Concerns and Issues**
  1. Location the High Street by The Ultimate Training Gym and by the Swan Pub - broken slabs from vehicles parking on the pavement. Cllr Alden to report to Amey.

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2. Litter Issues –
    - a) Alley way by the Co-op supermarket reported that the undergrowth has a considerable amount of litter .Cllr Alden to discuss with the store's manager.
    - b) Street Cleaning – residents asked is there a rota for this? Councillor Alden informed the residents from the 1<sup>st</sup> April there would be Weekly Street cleaning in the Ward and that he was not sure if there was a set rota for which days but would try to find this out and update the Ward at the next meeting.
  3. Central Square – Residents asked for an update on the site. Councillor Alden said that several development ideas and planning applications had failed to materialise, either due to funding problems or suitability, currently however the site had planning permission for a supermarket and he believed discussions were underway with a super market chain.
- **Future meeting topic and date** - Colliers/Sainsbury's site the date yet to be confirmed the Governance Manager is currently trying to arrange a date with Seven Capital the developers.
  - **Petition** – none
  - **Authority to Chairman and officers** – agreed
  - **Meeting closed at 9.20pm**

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