

Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 08/16

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Purpose:

To inform Members of the review of Controlled Parking Zones

Integrated Transport – Review of Controlled Parking Zones

Integrated Transport have received many requests to review parking controls throughout the authority area from residents, businesses, and elected members. With average car ownership on the rise, and a higher demand for on-street parking places, reviews of certain areas are now deemed necessary. Currently, the review is focused on five different areas of Medway. These reviews are ranked in order of priority, and in rough order of proposed implementation.

1. Zone R1 (Rochester East Ward)

This scheme originated from the development of the old police station at Ruxton Square, and was soon expanded to cater for the residents and businesses on Maidstone Road and Dunning's Lane. This new zone (R1) aims to introduce controlled parking on East Row, Dunning's Lane, Maidstone Road (up to the Shozna), and Union Street, as well as introduce some time limited parking places on Cazeneuve Street. This proposed scheme is currently at statutory consultation stage and is due to be implemented by the end of the financial year (providing the proposed zone is well received).

2. Strood CPZ (Strood North Ward)

This scheme is proposed to restrict non-residents (i.e. commuters, visitors to Strood) from parking outside residential properties within a 10-minute walk from the attractions in Strood Town Centre. Due to the size, this is currently being proposed as two CPZs; one that immediately surrounds

the town centre and another that encompasses all roads a little further away. We aim to instigate the design process and informal consultation with residents in the autumn period.

3. St Mary's Island (River Ward)

A review of parking on St Mary's Island has been requested by Cllr Mackness. Officers will deliver an informal consultation letter to all properties on St Mary's Island during the first week of September 2016 to ascertain what the residents require.

4. Zone B – Brompton (River Ward)

Due to a number of concerned residents and outline planning permission to develop Kitchener Barracks, Zone B in Brompton is in urgent need of a review. Most of this scheme will be to extend the hours of operation and to cover all adopted roads within the area with some form of controlled parking.

5. Area east of Zone F (Gillingham North Ward)

Last year, Officers extended Zone F further south to Parr Avenue due to concerns raised by residents. Medway Council have received requests from residents of Knight Avenue to implement some form of controlled parking east of the existing Zone F.

6. Area south of Zone A (Watling Ward)

A review of parking in the section of Watling Ward bounded by Napier Road, Oxford Road, Third Avenue, Barnsole Road and Gillingham Road has been discussed and is currently being considered by Ward Members. As yet this is not a programmed scheme.

Ward Members and the Portfolio Holder will be consulted on each scheme as appropriate at different stages to sign off the proposals. For a smooth implementation it will be essential that we have agreement from all on the design and operating hours. This is especially important when we go out to public consultation. It may be easier in some wards to hold public meetings but that can be decided as we go. The most important thing is for officers and Members to stick to the plan and not change direction or waver from our intention. There will always be some degree of opposition to CPZs and this may influence decisions to promote some schemes. Each scheme implementation will be project managed and Members will be involved at each stage. With limited staffing resources and minimum statutory requirements, each of these six proposed schemes will take many months to implement, so there is little scope to add additional reviews to the above list at this moment in time. However, if Ward

Councillors feel that there are other locations within Medway that are in need of a review, then they are able to contact officers within the Integrated Transport service via parkingdesign@medway.gov.uk to discuss any issues.

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