



Highways Committee

9 February 2011

Report from the Head of Transportation

For Decision

Wards Affected: All

Petition against changes to residential parking (charges) in Cobbold Road

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report advises the Committee of a petition received, from residents of Cobbold Road, in relation to proposals to introduce a vehicle emission-based scheme of charges for residents parking permits. The petition opposes the changes.
- 1.2 The report outlines the process for considering representations to the proposals and confirms that the views of the petitioners will be properly considered before a decision is made.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee notes the contents of the petition and the issues raised.
- 2.2 That the Committee notes the response of officers to the petition, as set out in this report.
- 2.3 That the Committee agrees that the main petitioner should be informed of the Committees consideration of this matter.

3.0 Petition

- 3.1 A petition has been received from residents of Cobbold Road (Dudden Hill Ward). The petition contains 89 signatures and is headed **“we hereby undersigned object to the proposed changes in residential parking scheme”** The petition is reported here in accordance with standing orders and is shown at Appendix ‘A’.
- 3.2 In an email to accompany the petition, the lead petitioner explains that *“we feel that proposed changes are unfair and will make us pay much more than*

we currently pay and we feel this is another excessive charge for what we are already charged for our road tax we do not want our street to be part of this scheme”.

- 3.3 Other references indicate that the petitioners are opposed to the Councils proposal to introduce a vehicle emission-based charging regime for residents parking permits from 01st April 2011.

4.0 Report

- 4.1 Cobbold Road is within HY controlled parking zone (CPZ) which operates Monday-Friday 8:30am-6:30pm. Residents seeking to park vehicles on the public highway during the CPZ operational times are required to display a valid residents parking permit.
- 4.2 The Committee will be aware that, at its meeting on 11th August 2010 the Executive Committee agreed to introduce a vehicle emission-based regime and new charges for residents parking permits, subject to the undertaking of appropriate consultation and the advertising of Traffic Orders.

The Executive delegated authority to the Director of Environment & Culture to subsequently consider all representations received in relation to the proposals and, having considered those representations and if appropriate, and, making any modifications, make the proposed Traffic Orders to introduce the proposed regime and charges.

The proposals are designed to encourage residents to consider the contribution their vehicle makes to CO₂ emissions and climate change whilst revising the charge for an average vehicle so that it is more closely aligned to permit charges in other London boroughs with similar parking conditions and practices.

- 4.3 Since the Executive Committee made its decision on 11th August 2010 officers have been undertaking appropriate consultation on the proposals, including the statutory consultation to the necessary Traffic Orders. The petition is a response to that consultation process.
- 4.4 Officers have collated all responses to the consultation and are currently compiling a report for decision by the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services in accordance with the Executive Committees earlier decision.

That report will give consideration to all representations made during the consultation process. Consideration will be given to the views expressed in the petition that is the subject of this report.

- 4.5 The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services had not made a decision on the proposed vehicle emission-based regime of charges at the time this report was drafted. It is anticipated that a decision will be made prior to the Committee meeting on 09th February 2011. A verbal update will be provided.

- 4.6 Once a decision has been made all parties who made representations to the proposals will be advised in writing. That will include the lead petitioner from Cobbold Road.

5.0 Summary

- 5.1 The petitioners are opposed to the introduction of a vehicle emission based regime of charges for residents parking permits.
- 5.2 The proposals were set out in a report to the Executive Committee on 11th August 2010 which delegated the responsibility for considering any representations and making a decision to the *now* Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services.
- 5.3 The Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services has not made a decision at this time but this report confirms that the petition presented by the residents of Cobbold Road will be properly considered and that, when a decision is made, the lead petitioner will be advised of the decision.
- 5.4 The Committee are recommended to note the contents of this report.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. The implications of introducing the proposed emission-based parking regime and charges are set out in the report to the Executive of 11th August 2010. The financial implications arising from any decision to implement the proposals, not to implement the proposals or to modify them will be set out in the report to the Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services at the time the decision is made.

7.0 Legal Implications

- 7.1 None in addition to that set out in the report to the Executive Committee dated 11th August 2010.

8.0 Other Relevant Implications

- 8.1 None

Background Papers

Report to Executive Committee: The introduction of a vehicle emission-based charging regime for residents parking permits (11th August 2010).

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Petition against changes to residential parking (charges) in
Cobbold Road

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