

	<p style="text-align: center;">Highways Committee 18th October 2011</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Report from the Head of Transportation</p>
<p>For Action</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Wards Affected: Mapesbury</p>
<p>Response to petition from residents of Ivy Road seeking a change to GM Controlled Parking Zone.</p>	

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 The report addresses a petition received from residents of Ivy Road, Cricklewood NW2 6SU requesting the reduction of GM Controlled Parking Zone parking restriction operational times.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That Committee notes the contents of the petition received from residents of Ivy Road, Cricklewood, NW2
- 2.2 That Committee notes the response of officers to the petition as set out within this report and notes that officers are unable to take any action in regard to this matter at this time.

3.0 Details

Petition

- 3.1 A petition has been received by the Council from residents of Ivy Road requesting that the Council reduces the operational time of GM CPZ. The petition is in accordance with Standing Orders and reads:

“We, the undersigned resident of parking zone GM, Cricklewood, NW2 are in favour of the reduction of the duration of the parking restrictions enforced in Zone GM.”

The petitioners are requesting that the operational times of the GM CPZ are reduced to Monday to Friday from 10.30am to 3pm.

The petition contains 146 signatures.

- 3.2 Ivy Road is located in zone GM CPZ which operates between Monday-Saturday from 10am to 9pm. The zone was implemented in February 2003. A review of the zone was subsequently carried out in November / December 2003. That review included a consideration of the CPZ operational times.
- 3.3 The results of the review showed that those residents that live(d) close to Cricklewood Broadway wanted to keep the existing CPZ times of 10am to 9pm, Monday to Saturday, whilst those further away wanted a reduction in times to 10am to 3pm, Monday to Saturday. This is a reflection of the difference in parking pressures within the zone with pressure being greatest closer to the Broadway with its attractions/facilities.
- 3.4 The results of responses received from residents of Ivy Road are set out below. The results indicate that, in 2003, the majority of residents (that responded to the consultation) were in favour of the more extensive CPZ operational hours:

Number of questionnaires sent:	191
In favour of Monday to Saturday, 10am to 3pm (shorter):	13
In favour of Monday to Saturday, 9pm to 10pm (longer):	24

- 3.5 The results of the review consultation were reported to the December 2003 meeting of the Highways Committee. Approval was given by the Committee to include those roads that supported shorter (10am-3pm) operational hours in a separate zone. That decision saw the creation of GA CPZ. The Committee decided that the remaining roads, including Ivy Road, should remain within GM CPZ (with the longer hours).

Response to the petition

- 3.6 Officers recognise that the operational hours of a CPZ has a significant impact on the lifestyle of (car owning/using) residents within the zone.

In determining the hours of a CPZ the Council often has to balance the needs and expectations of groups of residents in one part of the zone with those in another part in a way that avoids confusion for visitors to the area and enables the zone to operate efficiently.

- 3.7 Ivy Road is some distance away from Cricklewood Broadway and is not subject to the same intensive pressures on parking space that face residents closer to the Broadway. As a consequence it is not surprising that a number of residents in Ivy Road see the longer operational hours of the GM CPZ as inconvenient. However there is no evidence to suggest that there is a demand across the zone for a review or reduction in operational hours.

Changes to CPZ operational hours are only made after consultation with residents within the whole zone. This enables all residents and businesses to express a view and avoids the risk of decisions being made that suit certain roads or areas but subsequently impact adversely on other residents.

CPZ reviews are only undertaken if they are within the Council's CPZ work programme – which is typically approved by Committee just before the beginning of each financial year.

- 3.8 The Committee will recall considering a similar petition from a business in Temple Road, within the GM CPZ, at their meeting in February 2011. In that case the petitioner sought shorter operational hours for Temple Road. The Committee will recall that, in addressing the Committee, a resident's representative argued that the status quo should prevail. The Committee decided that no action should be undertaken at that time but that when the Council's 2011/12 work programme was being compiled, consideration should be given to including a review of the zone within that CPZ programme.
- 3.9 The Committee will also recall that, as part of the Council's budget setting process, the CPZ programme was for 2011/12 reduced significantly and that there is no revenue funding for undertaking reviews or introducing new CPZs in 2012/13 or beyond.
- 3.10 Officers did consider including a review of the GM CPZ within the 2011/12 CPZ programme but were unable to prioritise its' inclusion. Consequently the approved works programme for 2011/12 does not include provision to review GM CPZ. The programme for 2012/13 has not been compiled at this time but will only include schemes for which there is external (typically developer contribution) funding. At this time officers have not identified an external source of funding for a review of the GM CPZ.
- 3.11 In the absence of funding to undertake a review, officers are unable to undertake any work in response to the petitioners request at this time. However, if an alternative source of funding is identified in the future then a review of the GM zone would be considered for inclusion in a future CPZ work programme
- 3.12 The Committee are recommended to note the content of the petition and officers response as set out above.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications flowing from this report.
- 4.2 There is a (revenue) budget of £60,000 for undertaking CPZ work in the current financial year. That budget is fully committed. There is therefore no opportunity to undertake the review of the GM CPZ that would be a necessary pre-cursor to accommodating the request made within the petition submitted by residents of Ivy Road. There is currently no revenue budget for CPZ work in 2012/13.

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report. The Council has powers to introduce and adjust methods of parking control and parking prohibitions, (waiting and loading restrictions etc) through the making of a Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The procedures to be adopted for making the actual Orders and any amendments thereto are set out in the Local Authorities ' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996.

5.2 The procedures require a period of statutory consultation, which means the authority, must properly consider any comments and objections to the schemes. If it fails to do this the implementation of the scheme would be unlawful and it would be impossible to enforce. If the process is not carried out properly the decision could be challenged by way of judicial review with the same result.

5.3 However although the Council has a general obligation to consider requests to introduce or amend schemes there is no specific duty to introduce or amend schemes.

6.0 Diversity Implications

No diversity implications have been identified as arising from the recommendations made in this report.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

There are no staffing or accommodation implications arising from the issues set out in this report.

8.0 Environmental Implications

No environmental implications have been identified as arising from the recommendations made in this report.

Background Papers

L.B. Brent Parking Strategy (2002)

A New Deal for Transport: Better for Everyone (DETR)

Traffic Management and Parking Guidance for London (GOL)

Any person wishing to inspect the above papers should contact Transportation Service Unit, Brent House, 349 High Road, Wembley, Middlesex HA9 6BZ, Telephone: 020 8937 5124

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