



Bury St Edmunds Area Working Party 31 May 2011

Review of Zone H Neighbourhood Parking Scheme

Summary

This report updates the Working Party on progress with the review of Zone H neighbourhood parking scheme.

The Working Party is **recommended** to note the contents of this report and approve the additional consultation regarding operating hours in respect of Zone H together with the distribution of improved enforcement information to all permit holders.

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Working Party of:-

- (a) progress with canvassing existing Zone H permit holders on the possible extension to the existing scheme;
- (b) extending the end time of permits; and
- (c) enforcement of resident parking schemes.

2. Zone H Parking

2.1 At the meeting of the Working Party on 22 February 2011 a request regarding extending the eligibility of the Zone H neighbourhood parking scheme to include those residents on the east side of Parkway was considered (Report B466 refers). It was resolved that the existing Zone H permit holders were to be canvassed for their opinion on the extension of the scheme to include other nearby properties, and that a further report be brought back to a future meeting of the Working Party.

2.2 Following the termination of the Highway Agency Agreement, the responsibility for the introduction of neighbourhood parking schemes and reviews are now undertaken by Suffolk County Council (SCC) and accordingly the review of this Zone H scheme has been passed to SCC.

2.3 Funding of approximately £2,000 for the review is being sought from County Councillors Oliver and Ereira-Guyer from their Quality of Life Budgets.

2.4 The review is due to commence in June 2011 and it is anticipated a report will be presented to the meeting of this Working Party on 19 July 2011.

3. Time periods of Schemes

3.1 Operating times for the various schemes vary and are based on consultation with residents who are part of the scheme. Once set, these times are not usually amended. However it would be appropriate, as consultation is already proposed on the extension of this scheme, to consult with the Zone H participants on the operating hours as well.

4. Enforcement

4.1 The Borough Council are responsible for enforcement of the use of bays and areas identified in the neighbourhood parking schemes traffic order and do not have powers to enforce elsewhere, i.e. double yellow lines, dropped kerbs etc. This does cause some confusion with residents even though the terms and conditions of permits would state this constraint.

4.2 To improve the situation it is suggested that the parameters of the scheme are communicated in an explanatory leaflet to all permit holders on renewal of their permit and enforcement will be worked on in partnership with the Police

4.3 The prospect of converting to a 'decriminalisation' enforcement, which encompasses all traffic enforcement, is a strategy which would be SCC led across the County and at this time there is no indication this will happen in the near future.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Working Party is **recommended** to note the contents of the report in respect of Zone H update and to approve:-

- (1) consultation with Zone H permit holders to extend the existing zone to include the east area of King's Road, this consultation to include canvassing views on current operating hours; and
- (2) the preparation of a leaflet explaining enforcement for distribution to all scheme holders on renewal of permits.

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