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To: Councillor David Godfrey, Cabinet Member for Housing, Transport and Special Projects
Date: 13 June 2019
Status: Non- Key Decision
Responsible officer: Andy Blaszkowicz, Assistant Director Environment and Corporate Assets

SUBJECT: INFORMAL CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO AMEND CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE (CPZ) OPERATIONAL HOURS IN RADNOR CLIFF AND RADNOR CLIFF CRESCENT

SUMMARY: Following a request to amend the winter CPZ operational hours in Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent by the the secretary for the Radnor Cliff, Radnor Cliff Crescent and The Riviera Residents Association (RRRA), it was decided to consult all residents on this proposal. This report provides an analysis of this informal consultation.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

The cabinet member is asked to consider the results of the recent informal consultations in which residents of Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent were asked whether they are in the support of a proposed change to the CPZ operational hours during the winter months.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To receive and note report C/19/06.
2. That based on the result of the informal consultations, changes to the operational hours during the winter months be made, subject to statutory consultation in July 2019.
3. That any objections to the proposed traffic regulation order (TRO) amendment be reported back to Cabinet Member for Transport.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Sandgate CPZ was extended to include Radnor Cliff, Radnor Cliff Crescent and other roads in 2017. The current operational hours are 8am-6pm, all days, all year round.
- 1.2 Prior to and after the introduction of the parking controls, the secretary for the Radnor Cliff, Radnor Cliff Crescent and The Riviera Residents Association (RRRA) contacted ward councillors and council officers highlighting issues particularly relating to the operational hours in Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent.
- 1.3 The Cabinet Member for Transport agreed to consult residents on proposals to amend the operational hours during the winter months.

2 INFORMAL CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Questionnaires were sent to the 131 properties in the area in May this year. Residents were asked whether or not they preferred a change in the operational hours during the winter months, as suggested by the RRRA.

3. RESULTS

- 3.1 There were 62 responses, which equates to a 47% response rate. This is an excellent response rate for this type of consultation. Response rates for parking consultations are usually between 15% and 25%.
- 3.2 As can be seen on the table below, the majority of respondents are in favour of amending the operational hours during October- March to 10am-3pm, all days.

Preferred hours of operation					
ROAD NAME	No. of responses	No change- happy with hours as they are	Change Winter Hours	% IN FAVOUR OF NO CHANGE	% IN FAVOUR OF CHANGE
Radnor Cliff	48	20	28	42	58
Radnor Cliff Crescent	14	6	8	43	57
TOTAL	62	26	36	42	58

4. ANALYSIS OF ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

- 4.1 The questionnaires also gave respondents the opportunity to make additional comments. Unsurprisingly comments were made on a wide range of issues some of which were not relevant to the consultation on the parking proposals.
- 4.2 One of the recurring issues that arose from the responses was the access and traffic problems in Radnor Cliff during busy periods in the summer months. This is mainly caused by the volume of traffic trying to enter and leave the coastal park.

- 4.3 Officers are currently looking at various options to alleviate these problems. These include improved directional signage, possible changes to the website and road markings. A quotation for variable message signs that will advise motorists on the availability of parking spaces within the coastal park has been sent to the parish council to consider.
- 4.4 The themes emerging from the additional comments are summarised in Appendix 1.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 In view of the above, it is recommended that subject to statutory TRO consultation in July, the operational hours for Radnor Cliff and Radnor Cliff Crescent be amended to 10am-3pm, between October and March.
- 5.2 That officers report back to the Cabinet Member for Transport, if there are any objections to this proposed TRO amendment.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The costs of amending the CPZ operational hours will be around £1000. This can be met from existing budgets. The costs include expenditure for TRO advertising and new signage to clearly communicate the new restrictions.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 7.1 No perceived risks

8. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

8.1 Legal Officer's Comments (NE)

The Traffic Regulation Order will require amendment in order to implement the proposal contained in this Report. Kent County Council, as the Highway Authority, will need to be involved in the amendment in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

8.2 Finance Officer's Comments (RH)

All the financial implications are covered in the body of the report and can be met within existing budgets.

8.3 Diversities and Equalities Implications (FM)

There are no negative implications arising from this report.

9. CONTACT OFFICERS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:

None

Appendices

Appendix 1- Analysis of public consultation