

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at:	Council Chamber - Civic Centre, Folkestone
Date	Thursday, 7 March 2019
Present	Councillors Miss Susan Carey, Peter Gane (Chairman), Clive Goddard, Mrs Claire Jeffrey, Mrs Mary Lawes, Michael Lyons, Ian Meyers and Mrs Rodica Wheeler
Apologies for Absence	Councillor Russell Tillson
Officers Present:	Andy Blaszkowicz (Assistant Director), Kate Clark (Committee Services Officer), Fred Miller (Transportation Manager) and Jemma West (Senior Committee Services Officer)
Others Present:	Councillor Mrs Ann Berry

173. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

174. **Call-in of Decision number 18/076 - Informal Consultation on Proposals to Extend controlled parking zones F & G**

To consider a call-in of the decision made by the Cabinet Member, Councillor Mrs Ann Berry, on 19 February 2019 in respect of report number C/18/76.

The Chairman reminded members that any recommendation made must adhere to one of the conclusions set out in the Constitution Part 7.3 and, if applicable, must set out their reasoning for consideration. He pointed out that the informal consultation completed precedes a statutory consultation.

Councillor Mrs Ann Berry, Cabinet Member for Transport and Commercial, read out the following statement:

Following the informal consultation for the introduction of a controlled parking extension to zones F and G officers compiled a report with results which were analysed.

Zone G extension received overwhelming support with the exception of Harbour Way which has been excluded from the proposed formal consultation.

Support for the Zone F extension varied across the proposed scheme. There was limited support for the scheme east of, and including Blackbull Road, therefore I decided to remove these roads from the proposed formal consultation.

Results for all roads to the west of Blackbull Road were more positive in favour of progressing to the formal consultation with 53% in favour whilst 39% not in favour. Two roads, namely Walton Road and Garden Road were indeterminate in the results but due to the number of complaints received by officers, a petition for Walton Road and our knowledge of displacement parking I decided to include these roads. I decided to progress with the formal consultation for all roads to the west of Blackbull Road excluding Bonsor Road, Edward Road and Albert Road where residents were not in favour of the proposed scheme.

Councillor Mrs Berry then handed over to officers for their presentation.

Mr Frederick Miller, Transportation Manager, explained, through a presentation, the informal consultation for the proposed Controlled Parking Zone extensions F and G. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

Members made the following comments:

- The informal consultation was taken without Councillors prior knowledge. It was confirmed that this was an oversight and that ward councillors would be consulted in future.
- It was felt that response rates to the informal consultation were too low, however the results did show typical response rates received.
- The informal consultation timeline needed to be longer to achieve a higher response rate.
- Mundella School, Blackbull Road, was a concern as staff parking would be severely restricted. It was advised that the east side of Blackbull Road would provide adequate parking.
- Affordability of permits as Zone G extension impacts on a deprived area.
- Parking problems increase outside the zones timing restrictions.

Proposed by Councillor Claire Jeffrey
Seconded by Councillor Clive Goddard and

RESOLVED:

That the matter should be referred back to the decision-taker for reconsideration of Controlled Parking Zone F and G* extensions informal consultation with a request for door to door feedback.

(Voting: For 8, Against 0, Abstentions 0)

*The Chairman, on noting that Controlled Parking Zone G extension was to be included, accepted a proposal of this from Councillor Mrs Mary Lawes, seconded by himself, whereupon a unanimous vote to include Zone G extension into the resolution was noted.