

**REPORT TO: EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR TRAFFIC AND
TRANSPORTATION – 2 AUGUST 2005**

REPORT BY: HEAD OF TRAFFIC

WRITTEN BY: KEN ELLCOME

SUBJECT: RESIDENTS PARKING SURVEYS

Purpose of the Report

To agree a programme of residents parking scheme surveys and the subsequent implementation of such schemes should the survey prove to be in favour.

Recommendations

That the following programme be completed in priority order over the next 12 months.

1. Central Southsea between Goldsmith Avenue, Fawcett Road, Highland Road and Winter Road
2. Eastern Road
3. Areas to the north and east of Fratton Park football ground
4. Southsea area around Albert Road
5. Magdalen Road/Hilsea area
6. Heights Estate and Maidstone Crescent areas surrounding QA Hospital
7. Fratton North/Buckland
8. North End

Background

PCC introduced its first residents parking scheme in April 1999 and this report details the areas where schemes have either already been implemented or requested.

There are currently thirteen such schemes in the City with a further four about to be achieved.

The Schemes are as follows:-

1. Old Portsmouth commenced 28 April 1999
2. Hambrook Street area (Mineral Estate) commenced 20 September 1999
3. Old Commercial Road commenced 28 February 2000
4. Fratton South commenced 1 June 2001
5. Landort South commenced 7 January 2002
6. Portsea South commenced 1 February 2003
7. Priorsdean Avenue commenced 1 March 2003
8. Fratton South extension commenced 2 February 2004
9. West Southsea commenced 21 June 2004
10. Newbold Road commenced 13 September 2004
11. Whale Island Way 13 September 2004
12. Beatrice Road and Leopold Street commenced 10 February 2005
13. Hyde Park Road commenced 10 January 2005

14. Portsea North commenced 5 April 2005
15. Castle Road area due to commence October 2005
16. North Southsea due to commence October 2005
17. Landport North due to commence October 2005

Future Programme

There are a number of areas where surveys have been requested and these are listed below together with an assessment of their merits, not in priority order.

1. Parts of Central Southsea, Milton and Baffins Wards.

These roads encompass the area around Fratton Park which are not already covered by Residents' Parking schemes or surveys during the football season generates a number of requests from residents for the parking to be controlled. There may be additional interest from residents as these schemes are seen as a method of controlling commercial vehicle parking. It may be that a scheme which only operates on "match days" will be acceptable to residents. I would suggest this area should be the priority. In view of the area to be covered it will be resource intensive. Central Southsea is currently being surveyed, the remainder of the area will be included later in the year.

2. Magdalen Road area in the vicinity of the Mountbatten Centre (the precise area has yet to be determined) was requested by Councillor Thompson some 12 to 18 months ago due to the anticipated redevelopment of the Centre. However this project has not progressed and there has been little in the way of requests for such a survey from residents. Councillor Blair is seeking the removal of commercial vehicles from this area. I would suggest this area is added to the programme.

3. East Southsea area – the roads around Granada Road and Canoe Lake

Following the Scrutiny Panel investigation of the West Southsea residents scheme, it was recommended that this area be re-surveyed. However since the implementation of the adjoining scheme there have been no requests from residents for such a survey. I recommend that no further action be taken at this time.

4. Southsea around Albert Road

This area has long been affected by social parking from the pubs and restaurants in the area and also the Kings Theatre. There has in some parts also been a knock on effect from displaced parking from the west Southsea scheme. There is strong support for a survey in this area and I recommend it is a priority.

5. Fratton North / Buckland - the area between North End and St Mary's Road

There has been some support from residents in this area and problems in the southern part have been raised by Councillor Shaddock where displacement from the Fratton South scheme occurs. I recommend that this area is included in this year's programme.

6. Heights Estate – opposite Queen Alexandra Hospital Orkney Road area.

A petition requesting a survey has been received from residents and Councillor Henderson supports them. This request has been generated due to displaced parking from the hospital. Whilst all of these properties have off street parking, I do have some sympathy. The nature of the roads and the level of parking is such that access for visitors and to driveways has become extremely difficult. I would suggest that it be included on this programme if resources allow.

7. Maidstone Crescent

Again this area is affected by the Queen Alexandra Hospital and a petition has been received from residents. However two previous surveys have been conducted and the results were inconclusive. I would suggest that other areas should have priority, before a third survey is conducted and that it be carried out at the same time as the Heights estate above.

8. Eastern Road

This has been requested by some residents and is supported by Councillor Mike Hancock CBE MP. The main problems here are the continued practice of vehicles being parked and offered for sale and football match day parking. I recommend a survey take place as a priority. However if residents are not supportive, other methods of controlling the “cars for sale” will need to be considered.

9. North End – area yet to be determined

There continues to be a trickle of complaints about parking from residents in roads within 250 yards surrounding the North End shopping area. I would suggest that this is an area which could be considered for this year which would indicate that all of our efforts are not concentrated on Southsea.

Costs

It should be noted that the costs of implementing and enforcing residents parking schemes is being met from the parking budget at a cost of over £300,000 per year lost from parking revenues.

This amount will increase as more schemes are added to the list. The first permit in all schemes within the City is free of charge to the resident.

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Head of Traffic

Background List of Documents

Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972

The following documents disclose facts or matters which have been relied upon to a material extent by the author in preparing this report:-

Title of Document

Location

Survey Forms

Parking Office

Approval to the recommendations

The recommendation(s) set out above were approved/approved as amended/deferred/rejected by the Executive Member on

Signed:
(Executive Member of the Traffic and Transportation)

KE/JW
12 July 2005