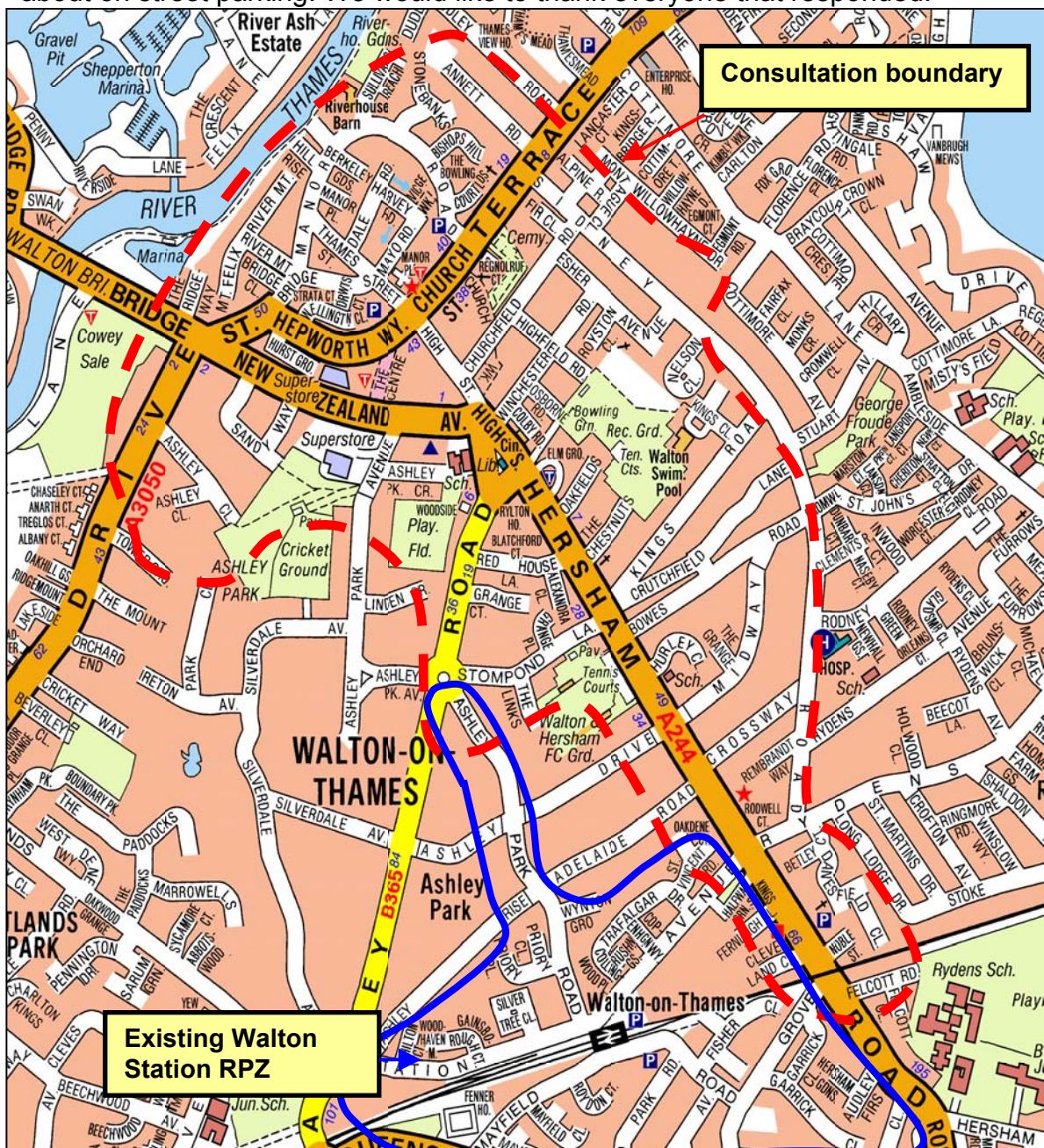


Walton On Thames Residents Parking Scheme

Public Consultation Results

Surrey County Council are considering how to make improvements to on street parking provision in Walton on Thames. The town centre is undergoing extensive re-development that could change the way people travel and park in the area. In addition the introduction of pay and display charges in the new Heart Centre Car Park could mean more cars are parked in residential roads around the town.

Consequently in August and September 2007 Surrey Highways delivered 3020 questionnaires to residents and businesses within the red boundary shown on the plan below to find out what residents and businesses think about on street parking. We would like to thank everyone that responded.



A total of 1217 questionnaires were returned, 1127 from residents and 90 from businesses. The overall responses to the two main questions on the questionnaire are summarised below. In addition the responses have been summarised road by road on the attached table.

Residents

Q2) Do you think something should be done to improve on street parking facilities for residents and businesses in and around Walton Town Centre ?

Yes 76% No 18%

Q5) Do you think that residents parking permits should be available to residents within the red boundary shown on the plan overleaf ?

Yes 67% No 29%

In general most streets felt 2 parking permits per household would be adequate

Businesses

Q2) Do you think something should be done to improve on street parking facilities for residents and businesses in and around Walton Town Centre ?

Yes 84% No 14%

Q5) Do you think that residents parking permits should be available to residents within the red boundary shown on the plan overleaf ?

Yes 69% No 25%

These results indicate overall support for improvements to on street parking facilities and for residents parking permits and that the proposed scheme boundary is in roughly the right place.

The survey results also indicated that some roads such as King Road, Sandy Way and Oakfields do not support residents parking permits. In addition there have been surveys carried out by residents in Winchester and Dudley Road that have had conflicting results to those carried out by Surrey County Council.

However, given the overall support from the survey local Councillors and Surrey Highways Engineers have decided to prepare more detailed proposals for further consultation next year. This will allow residents to see exactly how parking restrictions could be provided in each road and how much residents permits will cost before they deciding whether they want to go ahead.

If a residents parking scheme does go ahead there may still be some roads where resident do not want to be included, and these can be left out. However

in this case there is a danger that these roads without parking restrictions are likely to be used more for parking by visitors and workers to the area making it harder for residents to park near their homes.

What happens next

A Residents Parking Zone (Controlled Parking Zone) scheme will be developed in more detail for further consultation with residents and businesses next year. This will include detailed plans showing proposals as well as likely charges for residents permits. A letter drop will be arranged to inform residents how they can view these proposals nearer the time.