Woking

Woking already has on street charges in the town centre and recently raised the on street parking charge in the Town Centre to £1.40 per hour, to maintain a differential with off street charges.

A CPZ covers much of the town around the centre and 'pay by permit' parking charges have been in operation for a number of years.

This scheme requires a motorist to pre-purchase a ticket from an outlet, or local shop, to park in marked bays and has proved difficult to operate, as there are few outlets offering parking vouchers, making it difficult for visitors to park legally.

The Task Group considered this area could be used as a trial for 'pay by phone' without coin machines (excluding central Woking), as in many of the residential roads, it would not be cost effective to install and maintain a coin payment machine.

It is recommended that the costs associated with pay by phone are investigated more fully as well as the effect on resident permit holders, with the officers continuing to work with Woking Borough on this approach.

Although no one from Woking decided to accept the invitation to present to the Task Group, concern was raised by e-mail that residents in high value houses will have strong views about pay and display machines outside their houses.

Officers will work with the Local Committee during the consultation stage to refine the proposals.

Again, any displacement issues should be tackled during the review period.