

Guildford

Guildford has operated a highly effective system of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ), based on Resident's Permits and Pay & Display on street parking for many years. It therefore has built up an extensive knowledge of the mechanisms and detail required to make CPZs work and how these aspects are both organised and implemented.

Currently there are on street parking charges of up to £1.40 per hour around the town centre and therefore there was no issue with regards to the further high tariff proposals in the central areas.

Neither were there concerns around the proposed medium tariff for the London Rd., where it was agreed that a free of charge period was unwarranted.

The 12 proposed parking spaces in Warwicks Bench are not shown on the current outline plan and hence should be included at a medium tariff with no free of charge period.

However, there was a concern that the proposed low tariff at Woodbridge Hill and Kingpost Parade could damage local shops on the periphery of the town, so it was agreed that these locations should be amended to carry the medium tariff, but to include a 30-minute free of charge period, which was still economically viable.

There was an extensive discussion around the proposed charging for the Millmead area, where there are reportedly a couple of under-used car parks.

The Chairman of the Local Committee believed that this area should ideally be restricted for resident's permits rather than to create more paid parking bays, but that if this was not supported by the Task Group, then there should at least be a free of charge period for an hour, for those visiting the Health Clinic in Buryfields.

However, the TG noted the proximity of the location to the town centre and felt that charges should still apply, but accepted that a limited number of the bays could perhaps be dual use, were a resident's permit scheme to be introduced.

There was also a long discussion as to whether patients visiting the Health Clinic should benefit from a free of charge period. On balance, although this was an understandable request, it was felt too difficult to create an isolated exception, in that what was the argument whereby dental surgeries, or physiotherapy centres should not be treated similarly, so it was decided to advertise the current proposal and review the consultation response.

The last areas for proposed charging were those of Manor Road and Merrow Parade, but the TG felt that these locations would not be financially viable and that the proposals should be withdrawn.

The Chairman also proposed that the final decision with regards to charging for on street parking, should be determined by the Local committee, but this was not supported by the TG.

Any displacement issues, that had not been anticipated, should be tackled during the review period.