



**SCC LOCAL COMMITTEE IN  
SPELTHORNE**

**CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES**

**19 JUNE 2006**

**KEY ISSUE:**

To consider the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones within Spelthorne.

**SUMMARY:**

This report proposes that County and Borough Council Officers continue to work in partnership to seek to introduce the Borough's first Controlled Parking Zone by late 2007 / early 2008.

**OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS:**

The Committee is asked to endorse that:

- (i) the County and Borough Councils work together to introduce the first Controlled Parking Zone to Staines; and
- (ii) the proposal is funded from the Local Allocation at a cost of £20,000 for the current financial year and £10,000 for 2007 / 2008.

## **1 INTRODUCTION and BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to Staines was investigated twice by Spelthorne Borough Council under the highways agency agreement. Neither proposal resulted in the implementation of a scheme.
- 1.2 Under Decriminalised Parking, the Borough carries out enforcement of the waiting and loading restrictions under a new agency agreement with the County Council. The Borough's enforcement regime has effectively reintroduced penalties for vehicles parked on waiting and loading restrictions. It is likely that the higher level of enforcement of the restrictions combined with the lower frequency that some residents are able to park close to their homes has resulted in more residents apparently in favour of the introduction of a CPZ, in some parts of Staines Town Centre.
- 1.3 At the meeting of the Decriminalised Parking Enforcement Task Group held on 08 May 2006, members of the Task Group requested that this item was considered at this Local Committee meeting.

## **2 ANALYSIS and COMMENTARY**

- 2.1 At the DPE Task Group Meeting in May, officers highlighted the lack of staff resources to carry out the work and estimated that jointly 1 FTE would be required. The Task Group considered employing a consultant on a fixed term contract but that may not be possible under SCC's Business Development Review.
- 2.2 County and Borough Officers have investigated the possibility of the two authorities jointly pursuing Controlled Parking in Spelthorne. If this work is to proceed, there is a need to establish commitment to the proposal through the committee approval of both authorities. SBC have produced a draft programme and highlighted the need to review the business case at the outset. It is expected that the business case would take about 5 months to carry out, consultations would take a further 4 months and an additional 8 months would be needed for the legal and marketing work. This would mean that a programme of about 18 months to implement the first CPZ by late 2007 / early 2008.

## **3 CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 Spelthorne Borough Council will consider whether they wish to proceed with Controlled Parking Zones jointly with the County Council.

- 3.2 Public consultation would be carried out with residents, businesses and the Chamber of Commerce who would be likely to be affected by the introduction of a Controlled Zone.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The cost of introducing a Controlled Parking Zone to Staines could be met jointly by the County and Borough Councils on a 50:50 basis. The initial consideration is that of staff funding, whereby neither the County nor Borough staffing levels have the resource to work on this proposal.
- 4.2 On the basis of one FTE required to carry out this work, a joint sum of £60,000 for a fixed term contract of 18 months would be required. The County Council's contribution of about £20,000 for the current financial year and £10,000 for 2007 / 2008 could be met from the Local Allocation.

#### **5 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no implications.

#### **6 CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no crime & disorder implications as unauthorised on-street parking in Staines has been decriminalised.

#### **7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 There are no implications.

#### **8 CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 There appears to be support for the introduction of a CPZ in parts of Staines Town Centre. A programme will be confirmed by County and Borough Officers and reported back to the DPE Task Group. Subject to the support of this Committee and that of Spelthorne Borough Council support for this initiative,

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS: There is none**