



OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE  
(SPELTHORNE)

**PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE  
(RESIDENTS PERMITS) GEORGE STREET,  
MOORMEDE ESTATE AND LAMMAS CLOSE**

**16 MARCH 2009**

**KEY ISSUE & SUMMARY:**

To seek approval to fund the introduction of Controlled Parking Zones with residents permits in Staines and to advertise the proposals by public notice.

The Local Committee (Spelthorne) is asked to agree that:

1. George Street

- (i) **The proposed Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits for George Street is statutory advertised using the Road Traffic Act (1984, amended). The plan will be displayed at the meeting.**
- (ii) **Subject to no objection being received the zone is implemented.**
- (iii) **If any objection is received it is determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Local Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council.**

2. Moormede Estate

- (i) **The proposed Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits for Moormede Estate is statutory advertised using the Road Traffic Act (1984, amended). The plan will be displayed at the meeting.**
- (ii) **Subject to no objection being received the zone is implemented.**
- (iii) **If any objection is received, it is determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Local Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council.**

3. Lammas Close

- (i) **A discussion is held with the Department of Transport to see if Lammas Close is a suitable candidate for introducing a Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits without signing and lining.**
- (ii) **If a positive outcome is achieved in the above a proposed Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits is statutory advertised using the Road Traffic Act (1984, amended). The plan will be displayed at the meeting.**
- (iii) **Subject to no objection being received the zone is implemented.**
- (iv) **If any objection is received, it is determined by the Local Highways Manager in consultation with the Chairman, the Local Electoral Division Member and the Leader of the Borough Council**

4. (i) **Joint Surrey County Council/ Spelthorne Borough Council funding of £14,000 that remains from the Controlled Parking Zone consultation for Staines is used to part fund this project.**

- (ii) **The balance in funding of £16,000 is made available from the Local Allocation 2009/ 2010.**

## **1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 George Street, the Moormede Estate and Lammas Close are all close to Staines Town Centre and suffer from non-residential on street parking issues, raising concerns about road safety and obstructed access for residents.
- 1.2 A large public consultation exercise was carried out in March 2008 across central Staines to gauge opinion on the option of introducing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) for the town. For the purpose of the exercise Staines Town Centre was divided into eight zones. The proposals for each location in this report are based upon the plans drawn up for the March 2008 consultation.
- 1.3 Response rates to the public consultation were lower than expected and opinion was very polarised. Consequentially as reported to the June 2008 Local Committee the decision was taken to defer the proposal and review the parking situation in Staines during autumn 2009.
- 1.4 Since the response to the CPZ parking consultation was reported to the Local Committee in June 2008, petitions have been received from George Street and Lammas Close. They have reported this to the Divisional Member for Staines who has canvassed residents of these roads and is keen to find a workable solution for them, leading to this proposal.

## **2. ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY**

- 2.1 In a Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits parking in the entire road is reserved solely for permit holders and no other parking or loading activities are permitted. It might be possible to provide signs solely at the entrance to the road and dispense with signs and bay markings within the road itself. Schemes need to be discussed with the Department of Transport at an early stage and would need Secretary of State approval.
- 2.2 Signs at the point of entry to a Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits are called 'Entry' Signs. A prominent clearly visible sign is required on both sides of the carriageway at the point of entry advising motorists they are entering a restricted parking zone. An equally prominent clearly visible sign is required on the reverse side indicating the end of parking restrictions and motorists leave the zone.
- 2.3 Obtaining Secretary of State of approval is not guaranteed, could take some months and slow the process. If approval is not granted the committee will have to decide if they want to progress the Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits with traditional lining and signing.

- 2.4 Criteria for permit eligibility has already been considered and distributed to residents in the document 'Controlled Parking Zones – easier residents' parking in Staines. There are no plans to change the criteria. A 10% increase in the cost of permits has been added however. The criteria can be seen in **Annex A circulated separately**.
- 2.5 The technology to issue permits by the Borough Council has been confirmed and they have experience of doing so for public car parks.
- 2.6 The management and enforcement of the scheme can be accommodated without extra staff as the locations are already on standard patrol routes.
- 2.7 There is officer concern that the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone with residents permits scheme in George Street on the Moormede Estate and Lammas Close could result in the displacement of vehicles to the surrounding highway network.
- 2.8 This could result in further requests from neighbouring residential roads, ultimately leading to a whole series of Controlled Parking Zones with residents permits being introduced piecemeal without consideration being given to the town centre highway network as a whole.

### **3. CONSULTATIONS**

- 3.1 A discussion at the On-Street Parking Partnership meeting of 19 January 2009 agreed to go-ahead with the proposed Controlled Parking Zones with residents permits.
- 3.1 Final consultation of residents in George Street, on the Moormede Estate and in Lammas Close would to be given by public notice in the press and on site.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 Joint Surrey County Council / Spelthorne Borough Council funding of £14,000 remains from the CPZ consultation that took place in March 2008.
- 4.2 The estimated cost to implement the Controlled Parking Zones with residents permits scheme in the three locations is £30,000. This includes the cost of £5,000 to advertise the order.
- 4.3 The estimated income if each property were to purchase a 'first' permit at £22 is £9,000.
- 4.4 Income from Penalty Charge Notices is an unknown quantity. Initially it could be quite high but it would be predicted to fall rapidly.

**5. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no implications.

**6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no implications as offences for on-street parking are a civil offence.

**7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no implications.

**8. CONCLUSION & REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

8.1 In March 2008, a low response rate was received to the public consultation on controlled parking across Staines Town Centre and in June 2008 Members agreed to defer the matter until autumn 2009. However, petitions in support of controlled parking have since been received from residents of George Street and Lammas Close and they were reported to the November meeting of this Committee.

Many residents on the Moormede Estate are also known to have considerable parking difficulties. In view of the support for controlled parking from residents at these three locations it would be appropriate to progress controlled parking zones (with residents permits) along those roads to improve their parking availability

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Local Committee Report 30 June 2008  
Controlled Parking Zones – easier residents' parking in Staines.  
Minutes of on-street parking partnership meeting 19 January 2009.  
Traffic Signs Manual, Chapter 3.