

# THE ASSEMBLY

1 MARCH 2006

## REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

*This report is submitted under Agenda Item 3(g). The Chair will be asked to determine whether this report can be considered at the meeting under the provisions of Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 as a matter of urgency.*

<b>Title: Petition Regarding a Controlled Parking Zone, King Edwards Road Area, Barking</b>	<b>For Decision</b>
<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>After consultation with residents, a Controlled Parking Zone is to be introduced in the King Edwards Road area, generally, within the boundaries of the A13, Movers Lane, Ripple Road and King Edwards Road. The new Zone will operate seven days a week between the hours of 8:30 am and midnight. During this period only vehicles displaying a valid permit will be permitted to park. Permits will be available for purchase by residents and their visitors.</p> <p>The Salvation Army have raised a number of concerns regarding parking facilities and have submitted a petition of signatures from 105 residences; however, many of the signatories are from outside of the Borough.</p> <p>At a meeting with representatives of the Salvation Army and Ward Members, it was clear that the Salvation Army felt that the new Controlled Parking Zone would cause difficulties to their visitors in terms of parking opportunity.</p> <p>There are a number of roads in close proximity to the Salvation Army site that do not have parking restrictions. In addition, research is underway with regard to opening the Westbury Centre on Sundays for use by religious establishments and this appears to be viable on a permit basis.</p> <p>The Assembly is requested to approve in principle the introduction of a self financing permit scheme for the use of the Westbury Car Park and to maintain a review of its use.</p> <p><b>Wards Affected:</b> Gascoigne</p>	
<p><b>Implications:</b></p> <p><b>Financial:</b></p> <p>The cost of the implementing the Controlled Parking Zone will be recovered from the income from parking permits and enforcement.</p> <p>The cost of opening the Westbury Centre on Sundays will be recovered from the issue of permits for parking within the area.</p> <p><b>Legal:</b></p> <p>Parking Orders are being prepared for installation of the Controlled Parking Zone.</p>	

**Risk Management:**

The Council has installed a number of Controlled Parking Zones across the Borough and, although there are generally some issues specific to each location that need addressed, they are usually resolved.

It is not possible to determine the level of use that the Westbury Centre car park will generate, however, costs are fairly low and it is envisaged that if there is low take up of this facility, costs will be met from the Parking Account. Notwithstanding this point, the use of the car park will be reviewed and reassessed every six months.

**Social Inclusion and Diversity:**

The car park will be available to religious establishments in the area for use on Sundays. Permits will be sold through these establishments.

As this report does not concern a new or revised policy there are no specific adverse impacts insofar as this report is concerned.

**Crime and Disorder:** None.

**Recommendations**

The Assembly is asked to agree:

1. That the implementation of the Controlled Parking Zone continues in accordance with the wishes of the majority of residents who responded to the consultation exercise;
2. That the Westbury Centre be made available for use by religious establishments on Sundays on a self funding basis as far as is possible to determine; and
3. Permits for Parking in the Westbury Centre be allocated via Religious establishments who will make payment to the Council.

**Reasons**

The Controlled Parking Zone is supported by the community; however, a problem of parking facilities has been raised by the Salvation Army and the petitioners. Although it is not possible to provide additional parking facilities for the Salvation Army within the Controlled Parking Zone, the option of using the Westbury for all religious establishments provides some degree of additional parking capacity in the area.

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## **1. Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 In recent months residents of the King Edwards Road area have been expressing concerns regarding parking congestion and seeking assistance from the Council. The Council has an established procedure for consulting the community on new Controlled Parking Zones and this work was undertaken.
- 1.2 A majority of residents (56%) who responded were in favour of the Controlled Parking Zone and preparation is underway for implementation.
- 1.3 The Salvation Army have submitted a letter with a petition attached of signatories from 105 residences. In accordance with Council procedure, a meeting was held with representatives of the Salvation Army, ward councillors and officers in order to establish details of opposition to the Controlled Parking Zone and to investigate potential resolution.

## **2. Report Detail**

- 2.1 Design and preparation of the Controlled Parking Zone are underway with a view to full implementation during March/April. It is proposed that the opening of the Westbury Centre on Sundays be arranged to coincide with the introduction of the Zone.
- 2.2 Ripple Road, King Edwards Road, and Movers Lane are the boundary of the Zone although properties in Movers Lane and on the A13 are not proposed to be within the Zone enforcement area.
- 2.3 The Salvation Army is located towards a corner of the new Zone and, therefore, there are roads nearby that are not contained within a controlled area. Since the scheme has been advertised, some residents of Movers Lane have asked to be included in the scheme and consultation with these residents will be undertaken in order to try to link this area with the overall Zone.
- 2.4 Following the meeting with the Salvation Army officers, investigation was undertaken to determine additional parking facilities for religious establishments and the Westbury centre was cited as a possible opportunity. It has been determined that this is viable with a permit system and appropriate enforcement arrangements.

## **4. Consultees**

- 5.1 The information contained in this report accord with discussions with Councillor Rush and Councillor Mckenzie.
- 5.2 This report has been circulated to the following:-

Ken Jones – Acting Director of Regeneration  
Jim Mack – Head of asset Strategy and Capital Delivery  
Alex Anderson – Head of Finance  
Roger Luxton – Director Education, Arts and Libraries  
Leslie Jennings – Westbury Centre Manager

### **Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:**

- Petition
- Consultation Papers for Proposal of a Controlled Parking Zone in the King Edwards Road area