Implementing an Experimental Residents' Parking Zone in Clarendon Park Briefing for Ward Councillors 15 July 2020

Introduction

Following initial discussions, in February, with Ward Councillors relating to a possible introduction of a workplace Parking Levy (WPL) in Leicester and its implications of commuter parking for residents particularly in the Clarendon Park area - it was agreed to introduce a pilot Experimental Residents' Parking Zone. The scheme would prevent all day commuter and student parking during the week by introducing a one hour restriction that would have a minimum impact on shoppers and businesses at lunchtime. There would be no restrictions at the weekend.

Plan of the Scheme

The plan of the Clarendon Park area to be included is attached highlighting the properties and businesses within the scheme.

Experimental Order [ETO] Process

The advertisement in the newspaper the ETRO is will have the start date of the experiment. Residents & businesses will be informed of the process and the stat date through the leaflet that will be distributed beforehand. This informs them when the experiment is due to start and that they will have 6 months to raise any objections to the ETO being made permanent. If any objections cannot be resolved within the 6 month period there will be a report to Planning and Development Control Committee for consideration.

The proposed parking restriction will be from 10 to 11 am on weekdays only

Leaflet for residents and businesses

Because of Covid 19 there will be no exhibition as originally planned before the publishing the ETO. A leaflet outlining the experimental scheme will be distributed to each resident and business to explain the experimental process and how to apply for Permits before the ETO is implemented.

Permits

Parking permits will be issued, with no initial charge during the experimental period, to those that apply. If the scheme is scrapped within the first 6 months, because of objections, there will be no charges for the Permits. However, if the scheme is fully implemented an annual charge with be backdated to the start of the scheme.

There will be no charge for permits to Blue Badge holders.

Proposed Timeline

At present, the earliest possible start for the scheme is the first week of October. This depends on the delivery and installation of signs required for the scheme that at present is estimated at 10 weeks. The zone entry signs will ban parking for any vehicle not displaying a permit – there will be repeater signs spaced regularly throughout the area to remind motorists of the restriction. There will be no need to change the existing lining within the zone.

Timeline Table

Date	Clarendon Park RPZ	Comments
	Timeline 2020	
	Outline brief to Ward Councillors	
15-Jul	Prepare ETRO report	For City Mayor for approval by 1st Sept.
03-Aug	Email Councillors with leaflet	
07-Aug	Councillor leaflet approval	Make changes to leaflet
17-Aug	Post Leaflet to residents	Publish on Council Website and Press release
17-Aug	Residents can apply for Permits	Permits free during Experimental Period
14-Sep	Experimental TRO published	Also posted on Streets & on Council website
21-Sep	Signs erected	Signs covered until - Sat/Sun 3rd & 4th October
05-Oct	Scheme up and Running	
	2 weeks Grace Period over for warning notices	Penalties issued from 19th October