

## New and Old Malden Neighbourhood Committee

23 January 2025

### California Road Area - Parking Options - Result of Local Consultation

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Relevant Portfolio Holder: Councillor Nicola Nardelli, Portfolio Holder for Sustainable Transport and Waste and Recycling

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#### Purpose of Report

The report outlines the results of a public consultation “California Road Area Parking Options” and seeks agreement on a way forward.

The California Road area takes in Apsley Road, Barker Close, California Road, England Way, Georgia Road, Leigh Close, Nevada Close, Oregon Close, Sherfield Close, Springfield Place, Virginia Close, Wellington Crescent, Windrush, and Willow Road.

#### Recommendation

##### The Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** that

Taking into consideration the results of the consultation in paragraphs 1-3 of the report and the comments set out in **Annex 2** of the report and, subject to the necessary statutory consultation, a Permit Parking Area (PPA) be implemented in those roads shown in **Annex 1**, operating between Monday - Saturday 8:30am - 6:30pm.

#### Benefits to the Community:

- Enhance road safety by reducing non-residential traffic flows on residential streets, encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport and reducing the presence of day commuters in the area and minimizing the number of vehicles parked in inappropriate locations.
- Eliminating parking for day commuters could enhance the air quality in the area.

#### Key Points

- A. At its meeting on 14 March 2023, the Committee considered a report on the outcome of a consultation on California Road area parking options. Given the

consultation results, the Committee decided not to take any action and to review the situation in a year's time.

- B. The California Road area takes in Apsley Road, Barker Close, California Road, England Way, Georgia Road, Leigh Close, Nevada Close, Oregon Close, Sherfield Close, Springfield Place, Virginia Close, Wellington Crescent, Windrush, and Willow Road.
- C. A second round of local consultation on options was conducted in November 2024. This report outlines the consultation result and seeks the Committee's decision on the way forward. On 22 November 2024, consultation letters were sent out to 571 addresses within the consultation area outlined above. 140 responses were received (a response rate of 24%)

## Consultation Results

1. 51% of the respondents in the consultation area, prefer to see some form of parking controls in place, either through Permit Parking Area (PPA) or Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). A PPA was a more popular option than CPZ.

PPA scheme	CPZ scheme	Support but no preference	Do nothing / Objections	Alternative (DYL)
35 (25%)	25 (18%)	12 (9%)	62 (44%)	6 (4%)

2. The 140 responses from individual roads within the consultation area are presented below, along with a summary of comments from residents who left comments via the Let's Talk Survey, email, or phone call can be seen in **Annex 2**. One of 140 respondents is a business owner in Kingston Road. An analysis of the response road by road is as follows.

Road Name	No of Addresses	Total Response	PPA	CPZ	PPA or CPZ	Alternative (DYL)	Objection / Do nothing
Apsley Road	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barker Close	19	10	0	0	3	0	7
California Road	37	34	11	7	5	0	11
England Way	45	3	0	0	0	0	3
Georgia Road	83	5	4	1	0	0	0
Leigh Close	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kingston Road	55	19	2	1	1	1	14
Nevada Close	14	3	0	2	0	0	1
Oregon Close	14	2	1	0	0	1	0
Sherfield Close	36	5	1	0	1	0	3
Springfield Place	102	7	2	3	0	0	2
Wellington Crescent	18	1	0	0	0	0	1

Road Name	No of Addresses	Total Response	PPA	CPZ	PPA or CPZ	Alternative (DYL)	Objection / Do nothing
Windrush	45	13	3	5	0	0	5
Willow Road	75	22	7	5	1	2	7
Virginia Close	3	3	1	0	0	0	2
Local Cllr	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Local Visitors	11	11	2	1	1	1	6
Business Owner (Kingston Road)	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>571</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>62</b>

3. As part of the consultation, residents were asked to highlight any parking issues in their roads, common themes are summarised below:

Issues of concerns	Officer's comments
Parking at corners - 8	New waiting restrictions to address this issue.
Dumped cars - 4	The proposed parking scheme will address this issue
All day parking by commuters - 6	The proposed parking scheme will address this issue
Parking from surrounding developments - 5	The proposed parking scheme will address this issue
Concern of lack of spaces for visitors - 8	The proposed parking scheme will remove all day commuters which will increase the road capacity for residents and their visitors.

## Proposals

4. Some residents of California Road are worried about the expenses associated with obtaining additional permits. On Kingston Road, there is concern over the lack of parking for customers and visitors. However, California Road already has a designated parking area where customers and visitors can park for a short time and it will remain as part of the scheme.
5. However, following site visits and the common themes set out in paragraph 3 above, it is considered that a PPA scheme will best address residents' concerns, discourage unauthorised parking and will promote neighbourhood road safety. It will also reduce parking congestion and will prioritise parking for the residents, and ensure that nearby businesses have access to parking for their customers to improve convenience and customer satisfaction.
6. Therefore, it is recommended to proceed with the implementation of a PPA in the California Road Area of Consultation as shown on **Annex 1** to operate between Monday - Saturday 8:30am and 6:30pm to enhance road safety by

reducing the presence of day commuters in the area and minimising the number of vehicles parked in inappropriate locations. Such a PPA would exclude Kingston Road, but include Wellington Crescent, Apsley Road and Leigh Close on the north side of Kingston Road. Some short stay parking to support businesses on Kingston Road will be retained, and the detailed layout will be considered as part of the TMO consultation.

### **Timescale**

7. Subject to the Committee's decision, a letter will be delivered to all households to invite them to respond to the formal consultation as part of the TMO process, and this will include proposed days and times of operation.
8. Residents will therefore get a further chance to comment as part of the TMO consultation process and any objections received will need to be formally considered by a future meeting of the committee.
9. Overall, it is programmed to be operational within 6-9 months from the Committee approval.

### **Resource Implications**

10. The cost for the delivery of this project is estimated to be £10k and it will be met from section 106 contribution (Homebase development).

### **Legal Implications**

11. There are no specific legal implications at this stage. However, should the scheme proceed TMOs would be required to make the proposed changes, and any legal issues arising at that stage would be the subject of a further report to this Committee.

### **Risk Assessment**

12. A full risk assessment will be carried out once any approved scheme is agreed.

### **Equalities Analysis**

13. An Equalities Relevance Test has been undertaken and indicated there was no significant impact and therefore no Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken.

## **Health Implications**

14. Should the Committee resolve to implement a PPA, with removing the day commuter parking, this will help improve the air quality in the area.

## **Sustainable Transport Implications**

15. Should the Committee resolve to implement a PPA, residents' who have no off-street parking facilities would have a reasonable opportunity to park closer to their homes. Also local roads would be improved with vehicles being parked in a more orderly fashion.

**Background papers** - held by author: Consultation responses Nov 2024

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