

**COUNCIL****14 DECEMBER 2022****ITEM NO: 18****TITLE:** Strengthening scrutiny of proposed Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) and traffic management schemes, including Low Traffic Neighbourhoods (LTNs)**PROPOSING COUNCILLORS:** Matt Hartley, Pat Greenwell, John Hills

This Council:

- 1.1. Notes that as part of the Transport Strategy 2022-2023 (and associated Policy Framework Action Plans) agreed by Cabinet on 26 October 2022, the Royal Borough of Greenwich is now committed to “[expanding] the coverage of Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) to the whole borough” and “working with local communities to understand where traffic management schemes and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods could best be delivered across the borough”.
- 1.2. Notes that the Kerbside Management Policy Framework Action Plan, agreed by Cabinet on 26 October 2022, removes the previous ‘Attitude Survey’ stage in the Consultation Process for implementing CPZs in the borough – replacing the previous 3-stage process with a 2-stage process, with a proposed CPZ being designed and put to 3-4 weeks of public consultation before a Decision is made, which is then put to Statutory Consultation as a Traffic Management Order.
- 1.3. Notes that examples of both Controlled Parking Zones and traffic management schemes (such as Low Traffic Neighbourhoods) have attracted significant public interest, and controversy, in the past
- 1.4. Notes that in both cases, full and genuine consultation with local residents on businesses on proposed schemes is essential in ensuring the council introduces the ‘right scheme in the right place’.
- 1.5. Notes that Part 3, Schedule D, Section 13 of the Constitution of the Royal Borough of Greenwich states that the role of the Highways Committee is “to consider and advise” on a range of highway-related matters

including “traffic management and parking schemes” with such matters “referred to the Committee by the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills” – and that “the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, in consultation with the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Transport [is] to determine in each individual case whether a matter should be considered by the Committee.”

1.6. Requests that the Cabinet at its meeting on 25 January 2023:

- asks the Monitoring Officer to consider bringing forward to Full Council (via the Constitution Review Working Group) proposed changes to the Constitution that would ensure that all future proposed CPZs or traffic management schemes (including LTNs) are automatically referred to the Highways Committee for pre-decision scrutiny.
- commits the Cabinet Member for Transport to fully considering the advice of the Highways Committee on each proposed CPZ or traffic management scheme, before a final decision is taken.