

Outcome of Review into Zone M (Hospital Road/Out Westgate Area)

Neighbourhood Permit Parking Scheme

The percentage responses to the recent consultation were as follows (totals may not add up to 100% owing to rounding):

- 1) Do you feel that the introduction of the Zone M parking permit scheme into Hospital Road/Out Westgate Area has made it easier to park near your home?

Yes 79% No 21%

- 2) Would you like the scheme to continue in the Hospital Road/Out Westgate Area?

Yes 86% No 14%

- 3) Do you think the hours of operation of the scheme need to change (currently 9am – 5pm)?

Morning Start Time:

About right 78% Start Earlier 17% Start Later 6%

Afternoon Finish Time

About right 60% Finish Earlier 3% Finish Later 38%*

- 4) Do you think the days of operation need to change (currently Monday –Saturday)?

Monday to Friday 11% Monday to Saturday 76% Every Day 13%

On the basis of these results it has been agreed with the local councillors that scheme will continue unchanged. Normal practice is that we will review such schemes every few years to determine if they are still meeting the needs of the local community.

*There was majority view in Out Westgate that the scheme should finish later as some residents have difficulty parking near their homes when they arrive home in the early evening. There is little evidence that this area is attracting significant 'outsider' parking during the evening and the problem appears to be a result of the number of vehicles owned by residents exceeding the on street capacity. As all residents are entitled to buy permits there seems no advantage in extending the hours as it would not address this issue.

There were a few specific issues raised such as requests for additional disabled bays and changes to the waiting restrictions Mill Road which will be pursued separately.