

Christie Residents' Parking Scheme Expansion

About the scheme

The existing Christie RPZ was implemented in 2015 and has proved to be successful in addressing the impact of parking on the surrounding residential areas generated by the hospital. However, it has caused displaced parking issues in the wider neighbourhood and with the on-going expansion of the Christie, staff and visitor numbers are forecast to increase further in future years. Therefore, an extension to the RPZ is proposed to address and future proof against these issues. Funding has been secured through S106 contributions to widen the Christie RPZ to additional parts of the Didsbury East, Didsbury West, Old Moat and Withington wards.

The proposed scheme will restrict parking on residential streets to residents and their visitors between the hours of 8am-6pm Monday-Friday other than short-stay (3hrs) parking.

Consultation approach

A design was developed for a widened Christie RPZ and further consultation held over a three-week period between 14th February and 13th March 2020. Residents within the scheme area were invited to view and comment on the proposals via the Manchester City Council website. In addition, public drop-in sessions were held at Fog Lane Park pavilion on 25th February and Withington Library 3rd March 2020.

The proposals were also displayed for the duration of the consultation period at the following locations:

- Whitchurch Road noticeboard
- Old Moat Lane noticeboard
- Copson St Horse Trough noticeboard
- Copson St opposite Costa
- Egerton Crescent
- Withington Baths
- Withington Library
- Withington Methodist Church
- Fog Lane Park pavilion
- Didsbury library

In order to ensure the maximum number of residents were made aware of the proposals and how to comment, a letter was posted to every address within and adjacent to the affected areas (7,706 properties).

Next Steps

Over 1,000 responses were received from the consultation. The feedback has been reviewed and a street-by-street analysis is currently being undertaken. Where design suggestions have been made officers will attempt to amend the design, and where changes are not possible (due to, for example, physical constraints) this will be explained. The amended design is expected to be shared with ward members by July 2020, then submitted for Delegated Decision Approval as soon as practical and undergo legal advertising thereafter. With the restrictions on movement related to Covid-19, legal advertising is being considered on a case by case basis to ensure that MCC meets all its statutory obligations in allowing the public and stakeholders a fair opportunity to register their objections to any proposed Traffic Orders. Given the significant size of this scheme meeting those requirements may be unachievable during lockdown. We will seek further guidance from the Exec Member and ward members advising an appropriate time to undertake statutory consultation.