

**Addendum to Sutton South Cheam and Belmont Local Committee:
Public Questions
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This addendum contains questions from Members of the Public received and answered since the last committee meeting on 13 September 2018

1. Question asked by Peter Matthey, local resident

I am concerned at the lengthy process for the parking consultation that has been gone through for the north of the borough and which does not seem to have not come up with much. In our view, this is what happens when you ask the population at large what they want without any focus. For the next area to be covered by the survey, I would like local councillors, with input from community organisations like ours, to have an input what is said in the questionnaire to residents, so hopefully we get some constructive feedback. Can we ask for this assurance?

As you will be aware, we have done a lot of work refining the parking requirements for Belmont (particularly around the Local Centre). I have raised with you before the pressing need for changing the time limit on the bay by the Post Office from 2 hours down to 30 minutes to enable customers to drop in. But there are a number of other requirements. We are also very disappointed on behalf of our members about the lack of fairness in aligning the pricing strategy for the Belmont CPZ with that for Sutton Town Centre. This is particularly unfair because the only reason for having the Belmont CPZ was to tackle the problem of nuisance parking from staff and visitors to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

I am also concerned that the date for doing anything relating to parking requirements in Cheam seems to be receding into the distance. Can we ask for assurances as to when this will be? I am surprised that the plan for the parking strategy does not follow Local Committee boundaries. As I understand it, the next phase will cover Belmont, Carshalton and Wallington with no mention of Cheam.

Reply by Ian Price, Senior Highways Engineer

Dear Mr Matthey,

The Parking Strategy Consultation has been through a thorough and extensive process, which has so far given the opportunity to 43,000 residents to take part in the scheme development. The Parking Strategy identified that an inclusive engagement process would be undertaken, and it was highlighted that a consistent and borough wide approach was required, and as such it is not appropriate to change the approach to developing the questionnaire. This approach also covers the

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need for consistency in terms of a pricing structure for the permits, and the on-street conditions throughout the borough are likely attributable to nuisance parking from commuters or hospital staff, and as such are not specific to Belmont.

I can advise that the phasing for the Parking Strategy Consultation is broadly following the Local Committee boundaries as set out in the original Strategy document, and the next phase involves the remainder of the Sutton South, Cheam and Belmont Local Committee area and the remainder of the Carshalton and Clockhouse Local Committee area.

I hope that is of some assistance.