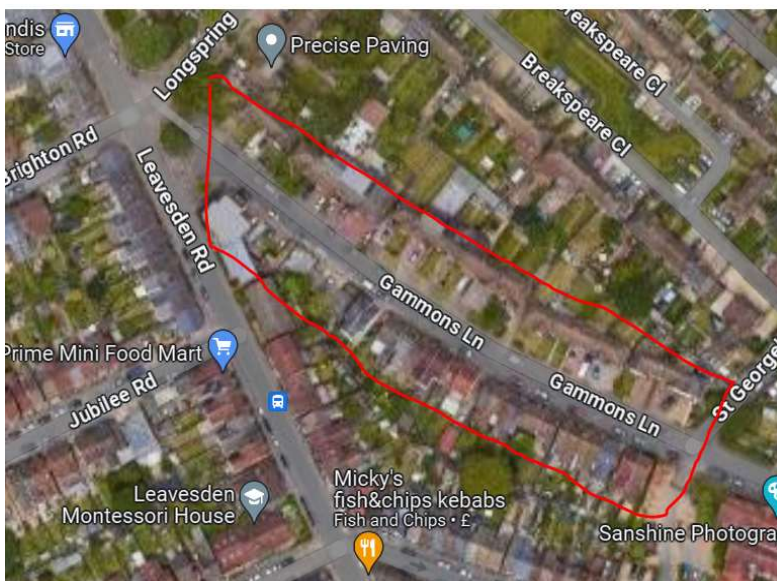




Informal Consultation Results – Extension of Permit Parking Area (PPA) NA to include Gammons Lane (section west of St George’s Road)

Informal Consultation was carried out with properties within Gammons Lane, the area of west of St. George’s Road, which are currently not included within the Permit Parking Area, on whether they would want to be included within Zone NA or not.



A letter and questionnaire was posted to 47 properties within the area, with the consultation being carried out over 3 weeks between Friday 17th November and Friday 8th December 2023.

A total of **14 responses were received (30% Response Rate)**.

Overall **12 responses** supported the proposal to extend the zone (85% of the responses), and **2 did not** support the proposals (15% of the responses).

The properties consulted were grouped into those that have an off road parking facility (on the eastern side of the road) and those that could only park on the road (those on the western side). This was done to determine and understand which residents would benefit from the scheme the most; and which residents would impact the scheme. Of the properties consulted on the eastern side (eg those with off street parking), 6 out of the 24 responded; and on the western side, 8 out of the 23 responded. On the eastern side, 7



properties voted Yes and 1 voted No and on the western side, 5 voted Yes and 1 No.

The following table sets out the level of support for a scheme based on the level of car ownership within the 14 residential responses.

No of Vehicles in household	No of Respondents		Do you support proposals?			
			yes		No	
	E. Side	W. Side	E. Side	W. Side	E. Side	W. Side
0	1	1	1	1	0	0
1	2	6	2	5	0	1
2		1	0	1	0	0
3 or 4	3	0	2	0	1	0
Total	6	8	5	7	1	1

In terms of existing car ownership, of the respondents, the western side owned the least- 8 cars in comparison to 12 cars on the eastern side where a resident confirmed owning 4 cars.

Whilst comments were not encouraged on the form, the following comments were received:

- 1) *“As part of this consultation, would it be possible to review the need for the extensive double yellow lines at the end of the road please? The lack of parking in the road often leaves residents with no choice but to park there at the risk of fines. We have previously been informed that this area is marked to allow the bin lorry to turn. However, I have watched the bin lorry reverse all the way down the road – making it pointless. If it does need to remain, could a time restriction be placed so it only needs to clear on Wednesday morning?”*
- 2) *“I am writing to you to express my strong concern and disappointment at the proposal to extend the Permit Parking Area (PPA) NA to include Gammons Lane. This informal consultation comes after we were already consulted on this proposal in the past, resulting in a resounding ‘no’.*

First, the map provided with the proposal is mistaken in the quantity of dropped kerbs on this road. There are only 4 recorded in front of houses on the map, with the rest showing as existing access protection marking. However, we have counted the dropped kerbs on our road in person. There are in fact at least 17 dropped kerbs according to our



observation. A question remains: what protection will these houses have for access to their driveway given the fact that you have recorded only 4 dropped kerbs? Those places do not in reality have existing access protection. This will lead to disruption for residents, as well as confusion over access.

Secondly, the proposal to introduce a permit during the scheme hours of Monday to Saturday 8am to 10am, and 5pm to 10pm (including bank holidays) is unnecessary and unfair. These are times when the residents of Gammons Lane will be at home. This will penalise those who have more than one car, as many households on this road do due to larger families or work. Furthermore, this proposal also coincides with when those on our road may expect visitors. We oppose the introduction of this permit. It will be a significant source of problems for us, and cannot be compromised. Even changing the timing of the permit will not remedy the core issues. Therefore, no permit should be introduced at all.

Thirdly, as this is an extension of St George's Road, the residents of that road - which is already extremely congested for their part - will be encouraged to park on our road. This will lead to an unjust outcome, taking up space on our road that we are already using. Clearly the proposal of this consultation is focusing on remedying a problem on St George's Road, rather than actually being focused on the experience of those living on Gammons Lane.

Finally, having already consulted on this proposal in the past, and as residents, having rejected this proposal, it feels unnecessary to be asked this question again. "

Officer Comments

The responses received from the informal consultation shows a clear majority support for the proposal, even from the residents with off road parking facility.

Based on past experiences, it's without a doubt that the residents do struggle with parking issues on the road and from this consultation, it can be concluded that they are happy for the Permit Parking Area Zone NA to be extended to include that section of Gammons Lane. Even the residents with off road parking facilities are supportive of the proposals.

The officer recommendation for the Portfolio Holder/Ward Councillors is that the proposal should progress to the final statutory consultation stage.