

**TO:** SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD  
**DATE:** 15<sup>th</sup> December 2008  
**SUBJECT:** SHEERNESS PARKING REVIEW UPDATE  
**BY:** Head of Amenities & Environmental Services  
**Classification:** Unrestricted

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**Summary:** An update report to members informing them of the results of the recent consultation with residents of Sheerness with regard to the Parking Review.

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**Implications:**

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Human Resources Implications - None

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Finance Implications – None

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Legal Implications – None

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Crime & Disorder Implications (Section 17) - None

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Equalities & Diversity Implications – None

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Sustainability Implications – None

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Risk and Health and Safety Implications – None

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Corporate Plan Implications – Improving Community Safety through safer Highways.

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**Decision Required:** **Members are asked to note the information supplied in the report**

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Introduction/Background

1. Following the previous review of parking carried out in 2005, a further consultation has recently commenced in the Sheerness area. The first stage of this review was to distribute questionnaires to residents and property owners in the area. Of the 1980 consultation leaflets sent out, 285 leaflets were returned, giving a response rate of 14%. Details of the questionnaire sent out can be found in Annex A. For a plan of the area included in the review, please refer to Annex B. This report is a summary of the responses received from the consultation. Detailed figures of the consultation results can be found in Annex D.
2. The initial consultation asked residents and property owners when they experienced parking problems in their road, and the responses received have been split into 6 categories. Details of these categories and the roads within them can be found below:-

A. Parking Problems At All Times

Some roads were reported to experience parking problems at all times of the day and night, 7 days a week. These roads included Strode Crescent and east of Strode Crescent to Berridge Road, with the exception of Meyrick Road where reported problems were overnight and at weekends only. Other areas reporting parking problems at all times included Sheerness High Street, Beach Street, Rose Street, Harris Road, Royal Road and Delamark Road.

With regard to Delamark Road, it has been previously suggested that the residents' car parking area could be made into a Pay & Display car park, whilst introducing a Residents Parking Scheme in Delamark Road itself, and of the seven responses received from this road six supported a Residents Parking Scheme (13% of total residents). The introduction of such a scheme would have an effect on adjoining roads through vehicle displacement, and it would therefore be necessary to consider extending the scheme to include Royal Road where four of the six responders supported a Residents Parking Scheme (42% of total residents).

Obviously the introduction of any Residents Parking Scheme will only address parking issues during the period of enforcement, in other areas 8:00am-6:00pm Monday-Saturday, and parking problems would therefore continue to exist outside of these restricted times.

B. Parking Problems At Weekends and Daytime

Residents in some roads reported parking problems at weekends and during the daytime. These roads included Broadway and Trinity Road, and also Broad Street.

C. Parking Problems At Daytime

Pepys Avenue and Hope Street were reported as having parking problems during the daytime only.

D. Parking Problems At Daytime and Overnight

Residents of Railway Road and Cavour Road reported parking problems during the day and overnight, but not at weekends.

E. Parking Problems Overnight and At Weekends

Roads where parking problems were reported overnight and at weekends included Marine Parade, Invicta Road, Alexandra Road and Acorn Street, as well as Granville Road and St Georges Avenue.

F. No Parking Problems

Comments from consultees in Wood Street suggested there were no parking problems in this road.

Neptune Terrace Area

It was suggested that a scheme could be developed to provide a Pay & Display car park by demolishing redundant garages and outbuildings to the east of Neptune Terrace. As well as the demolition works, the scheme would require the surfacing of the car park, associated lining works, and the installation of a Pay & Display ticket machine with electrical supply. Initial designs suggest that the car park would have an approximate capacity of 16 No. parking spaces. Further investigation would be required to ensure that the vehicle access from Marine Parade is suitable for a car park entrance and exit, and also to ensure that the increased vehicle movements would not impact on the

safety of pedestrians between Neptune Terrace and the sea wall and floodgate to the east of Neptune Terrace.

### Consultation Results

3. The responses have been broken down into each individual street within the review area. Where roads are not listed there was a nil return. The response rate is the proportion of households that responded to the consultation. The support or objection percentages are the views expressed in the responses received, and the support is also shown as a percentage of households in each street.

The results of the consultation are show in the table below:

<b>Road Name</b>	<b>Response rate %</b>	<b>Support %</b>	<b>Object %</b>	<b>Support as % of households</b>	<b>Times when problems reported</b>
Acorn Street	8	50	50	4	o/night & w/ends
Alexandra Road	18	28	72	5	o/night & w/ends
Alma Road	14	68	32	10	all times
Beach Street	12	67	33	8	all times
Berridge Road	24	61	39	15	all times
Broad Street	3	100	0	3	w/ends & daytime
Broadway	2	67	33	1	w/ends & daytime
Cavour Road	23	63	38	14	daytime & o/night
Clarence Row	6	100	0	6	daytime
Coronation Road *	75 *	33	67	25	o/night & w/ends
Delamark Road	13	100	0	13	all times
Fonblanque Road	16	100	0	16	all times
Granville Road	15	67	33	10	o/night & w/ends
Harris Road	17	43	57	7	all times
High Street	2	25	75	1	all times
Hope Street	7	100	0	7	daytime
Invicta Road	18	51	49	9	o/night & w/ends
Marine Parade	8	57	43	5	o/night & w/ends
Meyrick Road	13	80	20	10	o/night & w/ends
Newcommen Road	15	67	33	10	all times
Pepys Avenue	44	50	50	22	daytime
Railway Road	22	50	50	11	daytime & /night
Ranelagh Road	20	78	22	16	all times
Rose Street	21	40	60	8	all times
Royal Road	63	67	33	42	all times
St Georges Avenue	13	80	20	10	o/night & w/ends
Strode Crescent	12	60	40	7	all times
Trinity Road	20	75	25	15	w/ends & daytime
Victory Street	24	0	100	0	all times
Winstanley Road	22	94	6	21	all times
Wood Street	13	0	100	0	no problems
<b>Summary</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>9</b>	

\* Only four properties consulted in Coronation Road, on junction with Winstanley Road

## Discussion

4. Overall, there is support for the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme from residents in around 70% of the roads who returned their comments form. However, there was a low response rate from the consultation, at just under 14% of households and properties consulted, whereas where similar parking schemes have been introduced in other areas this was based on a far better response rate of around 30%. There is concern that the feedback obtained is insufficient to represent the views of the majority of residents in the area. There also appears to be some confusion as to the purpose of a Residents Parking Scheme. Such schemes are introduced to deal with commuter and town centre visitors' parking problems, and would not address problems in the evenings and weekends, or problems associated with the number of parked vehicles for the number of available spaces, which is a common problem in areas of terraced housing.

## Recommendation

Members are asked to note the results of the initial consultation and recommend that:

- A Residents Parking Scheme should not be implemented in any of the areas at this time due to the low response rate of the consultation
- A separate consultation takes place with residents of Delamark Road and Royal Road with regard to the suggested introduction of a Pay & Display Car Park and possible Residents Parking Scheme
- A separate consultation takes place with residents of Neptune Terrace and adjoining properties with regard to the suggested installation of a Pay & Display Car Park to the east of Neptune Terrace

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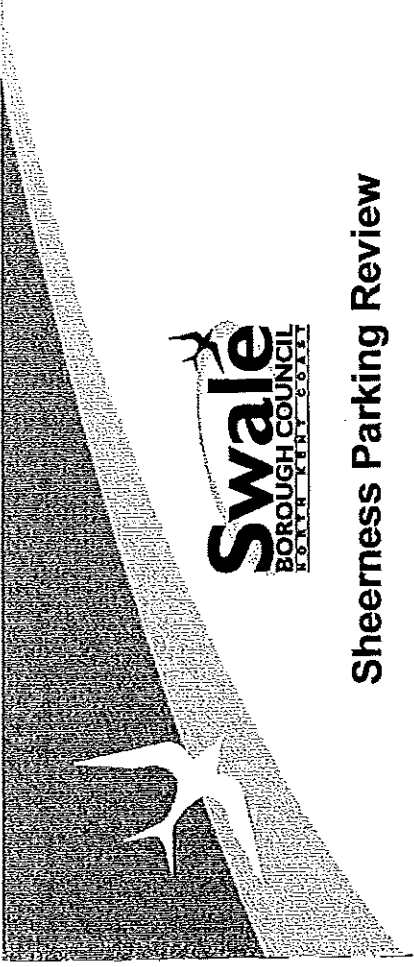
Report approved by - Brian Planner

List of background documents –

- Annex A – Copy of questionnaire
- Annex B – Plan of review area
- Annex C – Percentage of returns from each road
- Annex D – Detailed analysis of consultation results

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## Sheerness Parking Review

A parking review of the Sheerness area took place back in 2005, and the results of this review revealed that there was not majority support for a residents parking scheme as there did not appear to be a significant commuter parking problem. A number of minor changes were made to the existing parking restrictions and double yellow lines were introduced on some junctions to improve highway safety.

Following requests from Councillors and local residents, the Borough Council is undertaking a further review of the on street parking restrictions in the central area of Sheerness.

The first stage of this review is to seek the views of residents and property owners. This will give us a clearer picture of any problems you are experiencing with parking within your area.

We need to make the best of what we have, and your experience of parking within the area is very important in allowing us to develop potential options to improve the management of parking in the town. It is therefore very important that we gather as much information as possible.

A good response to this survey will help us to paint a clearer picture of on street parking usage within the town. This in turn will help guide us in the development of options for parking management. Once the survey is completed we will report back to residents with results and possible options that will form the basis of further consultation.

To allow us to compile all of the responses, please could you return the completed form by **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008**.

**Thank you for taking the time to complete and return the questionnaire.**

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**Questionnaire**

Responses – please write your road name below and tick/circle your responses to the questions on the left. Please detach this side and post back to us  
no stamp required

What is the name of your road?

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We need to know how many vehicles you have in your household so that we can gauge the level of demand in your road. How many vehicles do you have in your household?

1  2  3  4+

Are there any parking problems in your road, and if so when do these occur? (you may circle more than one answer)

Daytime	Evenings/Overnight	Weekends	No
Commuters/Visitors	Residents	Other (please specify)	

If you consider there is a parking problem in your road, would you say it is caused by commuters or visitors to the town centre or is it simply too many residents competing for a small amount of space?

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Based on the frequently asked questions below, do you feel that a Residents' Parking Scheme would help with parking in your road?

Yes  No

Do you have off-street parking?

Yes  No

Are there any other comments you would like to make?

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**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q** Will a Residents' Parking Scheme improve parking overnight and at weekends?

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**A** No, the purpose of a Residents' Parking Scheme is to control parking by non residents and would only operate during the working day

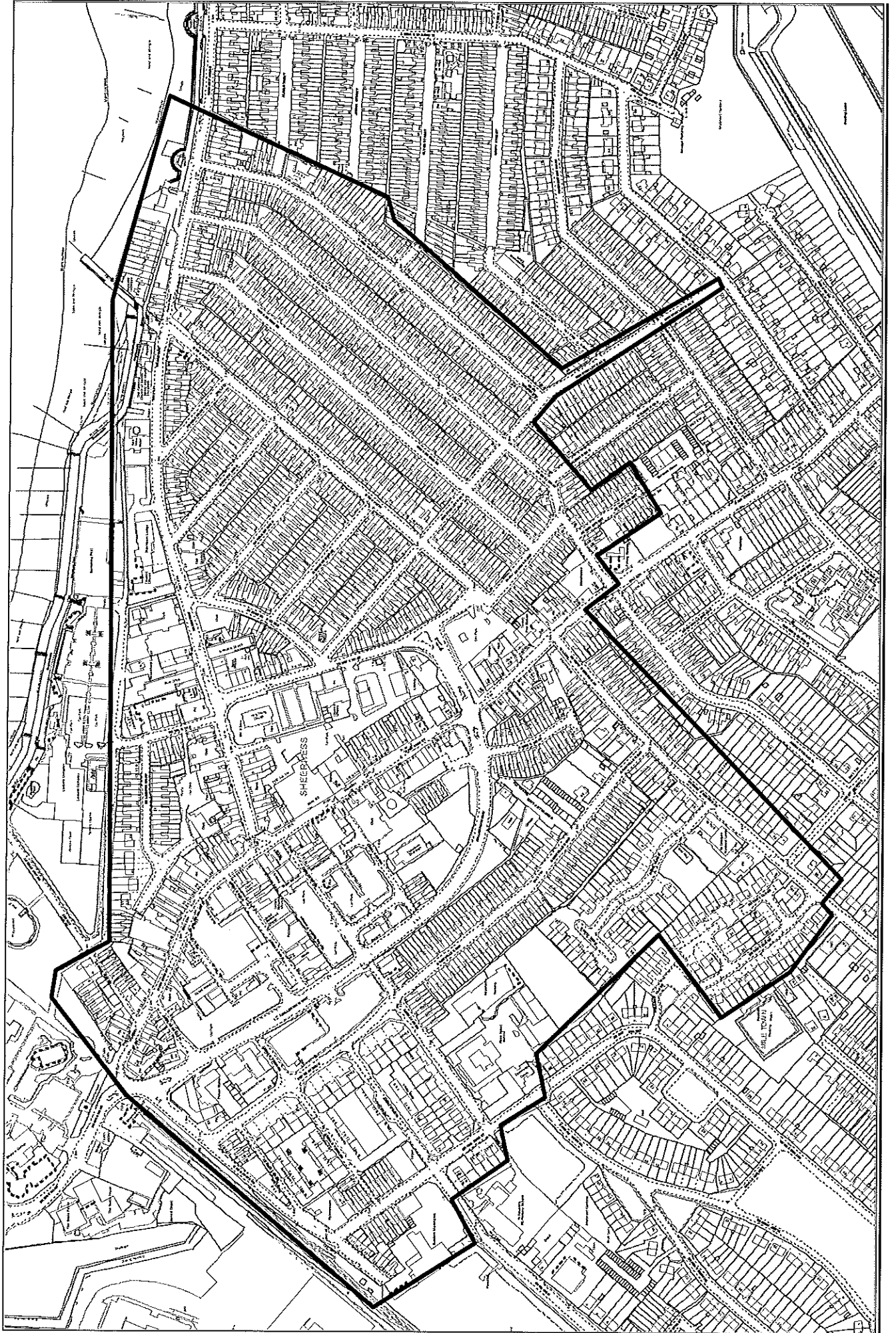
**Q** How much will permits cost and how many permits will be allowed per property?

**A** Permits currently cost £30 per year, and two permits are allowed per property. Each permit can have two vehicles on it, but can only be used for one vehicle at a time

**Q** How would visitors to residents be able to park in the road?

**A** Non-permit holders would be allowed to park for 2 or 4 hours during the day, depending on the restrictions applying. Residents can also buy "day tickets" for visitors to use

PLAN OF REVIEW AREA



**ANNEX C****PERCENTAGE OF LEAFLET RETURNS PER ROAD**

<b>Road name</b>	<b>No. of returns</b>	<b>% of returns</b>
ACORN STREET	2	8%
ALEXANDRA ROAD	29	18%
ALMA ROAD	26	14%
BEACH STREET	3	12%
BERRIDGE ROAD	35	24%
BROAD STREET	1	3%
BROADWAY	5	2%
CAVOUR ROAD	8	23%
CLARENCE ROW	1	6%
CORONATION ROAD	3*	75%*
DELAMARK ROAD	7	13%
FONBLANQUE ROAD	3	16%
GRANVILLE ROAD	16	15%
HARRIS ROAD	7	17%
HIGH STREET	5	2%
HOPE STREET	3	7%
INVICTA ROAD	36	18%
MARINE PARADE	7	8%
MEYRICK ROAD	5	13%
NEWCOMMEN ROAD	6	15%
PEPYS AVENUE	7	44%
RAILWAY ROAD	4	22%
RANELAGH ROAD	10	20%
ROSE STREET	5	21%
ROYAL ROAD	8	63%
ST GEORGES AVENUE	10	13%
STRODE CRESCENT	5	12%
TRINITY ROAD	8	20%
VICTORY STREET	2	24%
WINSTANLEY ROAD	17	22%
WOOD STREET	1	13%

(Roads not listed above produced a nil return to the consultation leaflets)

\* Coronation Road properties consulted at junction with Winstanley Road only



**RESPONSE DETAILS TO CONSULTATION**

**ANNEX D**

Road	Response %	% of car ownership per property					% of problems experienced				Problems caused by			Support for residents parking scheme %	
		0	1	2	3	4+	Daytime	Overnight	Weekends	None	Commuters/ Visitors	Residents	Others	Yes	No
Acorn Street	8	0	100	0	0	0	20	40	40	0	50	50	0	50	50
Alexandra Road	18	0	82	12	0	6	2	53	37	7	12	88	0	28	72
Alma Road	14	12	44	32	8	4	32	32	23	13	38	59	3	68	32
Beach Street	12	0	33	67	0	0	33	33	33	0	40	60	0	67	33
Berridge Road	24	12	56	24	6	3	20	39	34	6	42	58	0	61	39
Broad Street	3	100	0	0	0	0	50	0	50	0	100	0	0	100	0
Broadway	2	20	40	40	0	0	33	11	44	11	67	33	0	67	33
Cavour Road	23	0	100	0	0	0	37	37	26	0	50	50	0	63	38
Clarence Row	6	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	100	0	0	100	0
Coronation Road	75	0	33	67	0	0	0	75	25	0	50	50	0	33	67
Delamark Road	13	0	71	29	0	0	37	32	32	0	75	25	0	100	0
Fonblanque Road	16	0	67	33	0	0	33	33	33	0	40	60	0	100	0
Granville Road	15	27	67	7	0	0	15	37	37	11	56	44	0	67	33
Harris Road	17	0	67	0	17	17	26	37	32	5	40	60	0	43	57
High Street	2	0	20	60	20	0	33	25	33	8	100	0	0	25	75
Hope Street	7	50	50	0	0	0	60	20	20	0	50	25	25	100	0
Invicta Road	18	12	59	29	0	0	10	47	42	1	21	79	0	51	49
Marine Parade	8	29	43	14	14	0	8	33	50	8	57	43	0	57	43
Meyrick Road	13	0	100	0	0	0	27	36	36	0	50	50	0	80	20
Newcomen Road	15	17	50	33	0	0	55	18	27	0	86	14	0	67	33
Pepys Avenue	44	71	29	0	0	0	50	0	0	50	67	33	0	50	50
Railway Road	22	25	25	25	25	0	60	40	0	0	100	0	0	50	50
Ranelagh Road	20	0	60	40	0	0	37	47	16	0	57	43	0	78	22
Rose Street	21	0	75	0	25	0	50	20	30	0	71	29	0	40	60
Royal Road	63	13	63	25	0	0	29	43	21	7	80	20	0	67	33
St Georges Avenue	13	0	70	30	0	0	29	33	33	4	50	50	0	80	20
Strode Crescent	12	0	60	20	0	20	36	18	36	9	67	33	0	60	40
Trinity Road	20	0	75	13	13	0	46	15	31	8	63	38	0	75	25
Victory Street	24	0	100	0	0	0	50	25	25	0	0	0	0	0	100
Winstanley Road	22	6	53	29	6	6	44	22	31	3	74	26	0	94	6
Wood Street	13	0	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	100	0	0	0	0	100
<b>Summary</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>38</b>