
HOME ZONES AND QUIET LANES - CONSULTATION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report seeks Members' views on the Government's ideas for the introduction of home zones and quiet lanes. A response to the consultation is required by 31st October 2001.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Transport Act 2000 makes provision for the provision of home zones and quiet lanes and Local Traffic Authorities will be able to designate these within their area. They will also be able to make Orders about the use of roads and about speed reduction measures.
- 2.2 The consultation paper seeks views on proposals for statutory guidance and regulations relating to the use of these powers. A copy of the consultation and questions is attached to this report and a suggested response is outlined below.

3 RESPONSE

- 3.1 Q.1 It is considered that it would be very helpful for the Government to provide statutory guidance on the policy parameters for home zones.

Q.2 Yes

Q.3 If the arrangements are to be fully integrated, then guidance should include uses which do not involve making progress along the lane.

Q.4 Procedure regulations are helpful in that they provide a set framework and ensure the public are fully consulted.

Q.5 The outline in paragraph 14 seems reasonable.

Q.6 A general description would be appropriate.

Q.7 It would make best sense to have regulations applying to both home zones and quiet lanes.

Q.8 Yes

Q.9 Yes

Q.10)

Q.11) These seem reasonable.

Q.12 Yes

Q.13 Parish Councils and District Councils in two tier Authorities.

Q.14 If there are many objections to a proposal, a Public Inquiry may be the only way of providing a fair hearing.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Homes Zones and Quiet Lanes are intended to make the environment safer.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Not known at this stage. The highway authority would have the key responsibility for developing home zones and quiet lanes, though in Rochford could decide to commit resources to assist their introduction.

6 PARISH IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Not clear, but Parish Council's might also be able to contribute to the introduction of home zones.

9 RECOMMENDATION

It is proposed that the Sub-Committee **RECOMMENDS**

That, subject to comments from Members, this report forms the basis of the Council's response to the DTLR consultation paper on Home Zones and Quiet Lanes. (HPS)

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Background Papers:

Homes Zones and Quiet Lanes – Consultation Paper – DTLR July 2001

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