



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Subject Heading:	TPC734 Wilson Close & Gaynes Road, No Loading Restrictions - comments to advertised proposals
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Policy context:	Traffic & Parking Control
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of £2000 for implementation will be met by 2015/16 revenue budget for Minor Traffic and Parking.

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	[x]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	[x]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	[x]

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation to introduce parking controls in Wilson Close and Gaynes Road, which are designed to improving road safety and traffic flow and prevent obstructive parking. The report also recommends a further course of action.

Ward

Upminster Ward

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made, recommends to the **Cabinet Member for Environment** that:
 - a. The proposals as shown on the plan appended to this report as Appendix B, be implemented as advertised, with a small reduction of the waiting and loading ban to the eastern boundary of No.2 Gaynes Road.
 - b. The effect of any agreed proposals be monitored.
 - c. Members note that the estimated cost for the current proposals in Wilson Close and Gaynes Road as set out in this report is £2,000, will be met from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following persistent reports from local residents surrounding safety; conflict of traffic movements; congestion and the environmental impacts from noise and exhaust fumes in both Wilson Close and Gaynes Road, Staff in consultation with the Lead Member for Environment, the Chair of the Highways Advisory Committee and Ward Councillors, agreed that proposals should be designed and urgently progressed to deal with the parking related issues. Furthermore, the progression of any such proposals at this time would greatly improve the situation during the forthcoming Christmas period.
- 1.2 The item was placed on the Calendar Brief request list on Thursday 20th August 2015 and officers were asked to developed proposals after carefully monitoring.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 2nd October 2015. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as Appendix A. All those perceived to be affected by the proposals were advised of them by site notices with the attached plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted.
- 1.4 The proposals are to introduce two disabled parking bays, operational 'At any time', with a 3 hour max stay and no return within 2 hours in Wilson Close to the rear of the Aldi store, with an adjoining pick-up and Drop-off bay operational 'At any time', where vehicle are permitted to set down or pick up passengers for a maximum period of 10 minutes. There are also two proposed loading bays in Wilson Close, one adjacent to the recycling centre and one to the rear of 13 and 15 Station Road, operational 'At any time'

where loading or unloading is permitted for a maximum period of 30 minutes and where return to that same loading place would be prohibited for 1 hour. The final element of the proposals is to introduce waiting and loading restrictions in the remainder of Wilson Close, extending into Gaynes Road, on its southern side, from the existing Pay and Display parking bays to a point 10 metres west of the western kerbline of Wilson Close and in Gaynes Road, on its northern side, from the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions to a point 3 metres west of the common boundary of Nos. 2 and 4. There are also two advisory Keep Clear markings proposed to help with traffic flow

- 1.5 Appended to this report as Appendix B is an amended plan of the proposals that shows the extent of the reduced waiting and loading restriction that is outlined in the recommendations.

2.0 Responses received

- 2.1 At the close of the consultation on Friday 23rd October 2015, one response was received, from a resident of Gaynes Road, who is directly affected by the proposals. They are very upset about the loss of parking provision outside the property and outlines that a family member will be effected when they come to help with shopping, cleaning. It is felt that the proposed restrictions will only up the usage of the Aldi car park, which already suffers from massive queues. They also feel that there is no need to extend the restrictions further up Gaynes Road, as the new restrictions that will be in place will mean that lorries will have no need to ever turn left into Gaynes Road. Furthermore, there are concerns that the proposals will devalue their home in comparison to properties further up in Gaynes Road.

3.0 Staff Comment

- 3.1 The proposals have been designed to ensure that parking in this area will not lead to problems with access to the road for delivery vehicles and vehicles accessing and egressing the car park in Wilson Close. To mitigate any possible negative effects to those that have disabled parking badges, the proposals include two dedicated disabled parking bays, a Drop-off and Pick-up bay for those shopping in Aldi and for the businesses that back on to Wilson Close, two loading bays are proposed in the wider area of the road, opposite the car park. There are also two advisory Keep Clear markings proposed to help with traffic flow.
- 3.2 To deal with the one objection, senior staff has met with the resident concerned and it is understood that reducing the extent of the waiting and loading restriction outside No.2 Gaynes Road, to the eastern boundary of No.2, would be acceptable. However, it was pointed out to the resident that the existing waiting restrictions would still apply and that after the implementation of any agreed restrictions, if there were still problems and it was felt necessary, the waiting and loading ban may have to be re-proposed at a later date.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to Lead Member the implementation of the above scheme as advertised.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals, including physical measures and advertising costs, as described above and shown on the attached plan is £2000. These costs can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement a scheme should it be ultimately implemented. It should be noted that further decisions are to be made following a full report to the Committee and with the Cabinet Member approval process being completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation.

Total costs will need to be contained within the specified budgets.

Legal implications and risks:

Waiting and Loading restrictions requires consultation, with the advertisement of proposals and consideration of the responses before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources implications and risks:

It is anticipated that the enforcement activities required for these proposals can be met from within current staff resources.

Equalities implications and risks:

The Council undertook a consultation with residents in the local area by site notices being placed around the area where the restriction area proposed, as well as consulting with 18 statutory bodies. The Council received 1 response to the consultation, which was against the proposals.

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Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others, including older people, children, young people, disabled people and carers. The Council will be monitoring the effects of the scheme to mitigate any further negative impact.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access for disabled people, which will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Equality Act 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

