

ELM PARK & HYLANDS AREA COMMITTEE (Elm Park & Hylands Wards) AGENDA

7.30 p.m.

Wednesday,
18 October 2007

Havering Indoor Bowls Club
Harrow Lodge Park
Hornchurch Road
Hornchurch RM11 1JU

Members 6: Quorum 3

COUNCILLORS:

Mark Gadd (C)

Roger Evans

Georgina Galpin (VC)

David Grantham

Jeff Brace

Barry Oddy

NB: HAVERING STREETCARE STAFF WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE VENUE FROM 7:00pm TO RESPOND TO GENERAL QUERIES.

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Welcome to this Area Committee Meeting....

Some Frequently Asked Questions

What is an Area Committee?

It is a formal meeting of all of the Councillors who sit for wards within the Area. Councillors are members of the Committee automatically; they are not appointed because they belong to any particular political party or group, or indeed to none.

What can it do?

The main purpose of an Area Committee is to enable local Councillors to meet with local people to deal with matters of local concern. Committees and other meetings at the Town Hall tend to deal with matters of borough-wide concern.

How many are there?

There are nine Area Committees, between them covering the whole of the borough. They are:

Area	Constituent wards
North Romford	Havering Park and Mawneys
Harold Hill	Heaton and Gooshays
Romford	Brooklands and Romford Town
Gidea Park	Pettits and Squirrels Heath
Emerson Park and Harold Wood	Harold Wood and Emerson Park
Upminster	Upminster and Cranham
Hornchurch	Hacton and St Andrews
Elm Park and Hylands	Elm Park and Hylands
South Hornchurch and Rainham	Rainham & Wennington and South Hornchurch

Each has six Members, three from each of its constituent wards.

Where does it meet?

Each Area Committee meets four times a year at a venue within its area, which it uses regularly for its meetings. Details for the coming meeting are usually published in "Living in Havering" or can be found out by asking Democratic Services at the Town Hall.

What will be on the agenda?

Generally, Area Committee agendas comprise five parts:

- The formalities of the meeting, including minutes of the last meeting
- A "surgery" at which the public can raise issues with Committee Members, representatives of StreetCare and of other services
- Reports on highways and other environmental issues
- Information report on issues of current local concern; and

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- Future business and meetings.

The precise agenda will vary from meeting to meeting, depending on what needs to be dealt with at any particular time.

A major component of the current issues is schemes for improving the use of the public highway.

Who runs the meeting?

The Committee each year elects one of its Members as Chairman and he or she will be in control. There is a Vice-Chairman who will take charge if the Chairman is absent for any reason.

A member of Democratic Services staff is also present: his or her job is to assist the Chairman with the smooth running of the meeting, to take the Committee's minutes and to deal with any issues that cannot be dealt with by any one else.

Who can attend?

By law, Area Committee meetings are open to anyone.

Who will attend?

- The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and other Members and the designated Democratic Services Officer
- Officers from StreetCare, and from other departments that have reports that the Area Committee will be dealing with
- Representatives of other official agencies, such as the police, are also often in attendance.

How can I raise an issue?

There are two ways you can raise an issue:

- *Before the meeting:* contact the Chairman, or the Democratic Services officer who deals with the Area Committee
- *At the meeting:* raise the issue during the public question time period (which usually lasts 30 minutes but, at the Chairman's discretion if there is time, can last longer)

RULES AND CONVENTIONS FOR AREA COMMITTEES

1. Area Committee meetings will be treated as just one element of community engagement and be used as a means by which community engagement can be promoted.
2. Area Committees will be constituted under the Local Government Act 1972 and will have the purpose set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
3. There will be nine Area Committees, each covering two electoral wards as set out in Article 10 of Part 2 of the Constitution (as revised).
4. Each Area Committee will decide the fixed venue where it will hold its meetings except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the Chairman. Additional meetings would ordinarily be held at the same venue.
5. Ordinary Area Committee meetings will start at 7.30pm.
6. Area Committees will meet four times a year, but will have the facility for holding special meetings. The Chairman may also arrange informal meetings of the Area Committee, alone or jointly with others, where to do so is conducive to dealing with particular items of business.
7. Area Committees should and can –
 - (a) consult the public to inform the decision makers;
 - (b) be used for the Council to inform the public;
 - (c) be used for non-Council agencies to inform or consult;
 - (d) be entitled to specifically invite appropriate people or organisations to meetings.
8. Area Committee Chairmen –
 - (a) operate under the Job Description, as agreed from time to time by the Governance Committee;
 - (b) take the role of steering committee and collective Member activity, and
 - (c) be required to report to each area committee meeting on their activities since the last meeting as well as an annual report to be submitted to the last ordinary meeting of the Committee of the Municipal Year.
9. In respect of Public Question Time -
 - (a) 30 minutes be allocated for questions from the public at each ordinary meeting, with the Chairman having discretion to modify that length of time, as the second part of the Agenda;
 - (b) Area Committee Chairman be responsible for dealing with questions and co-ordinate their replies.
10. Area Committee Members appointed to area-specific bodies on behalf of the Area Committee by the Governance Committee be required to report to the Area Committee at least once a year on their activities.
11. Area Committees shall –
 - (a) make decisions in respect of traffic matters or (the parameters to be defined) from time to time by the Governance Committee to be recommendation-makers to those taking the decisions;
 - (b) be allocated a budget of £5,000 and be delegated authority to spend on minor locally-focused environmental initiatives (on the basis of criteria established by the Governance Committee from time to time).
 - (c) be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet, such bid to be accompanied by a business case.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman or a member of staff on their behalf will announce details of the arrangements in case of fire or other events that might require the meeting room or building's evacuation.

The Chairman will remind members of the public present, that Councillors have to make decisions on the basis of the facts before them. The Chairman will also remind members of the public that the decisions may not always be popular, but they should respect the need for Councillors to take decisions that will stand up to external scrutiny for accountability.

PART 1

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (If any) – to receive

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Members are invited to declare any interests in any of the items on the agenda at this point of the meeting. (Members may still declare an interest in an item at any time prior to the consideration of the matter).

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 July 2007, and to authorise the Chairman to sign them.

PART 2

5. PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY (30 minutes)

Ward Councillors and possibly other Council services and the Local Police where the Area Chairman has arranged, will be in attendance to give the chance for residents to raise issues with staff, the Police (if present) or Members.

6. FEEDBACK ON MATTERS RAISED AT LAST MEETING – Oral Report

PART 3

7. EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY

The Committee are asked to receive a presentation from Environmental Health Services.

8. Sustrans Connect 2 Project

The Committee are asked to receive a presentation from Technical Services.

PART 4

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

10. PREVIOUS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT - attached

11. AREA COMMITTEE CAPITAL PROJECTS - attached

12. CLYDESDALE ROAD RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME- RESULTS OF INFORMAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION – to follow

PART 5

13. FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee Members are invited to indicate to the Chairman items they would like to see on future agendas.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 5 February 2008 at this venue.

15. URGENT BUSINESS

Other business can be considered at the meeting if the Chairman agrees that circumstances justify consideration on grounds of urgency. The reasons why the matters were considered will be recorded in the minutes.

CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ELM PARK & HYLANDS AREA COMMITTEE
Havering Indoor Bowls Club, Harrow Lodge Park
4 July 2007 (7.30pm – 9:10pm)**

Present:

COUNCILLORS:

Mark Gadd (in the Chair), Jeff Brace, Roger Evans, David Grantham and Barry Oddy

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Georgina Galpin.

In the absence of the Chairman, Councillor Gadd chaired the meeting.

No Member declared an interest in any matter under consideration.

7 members of the public were present.

The Chairman advised everyone present of action to be taken in the event of emergency evacuation of the Bowls Club becoming necessary.

1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were sought for the office of Chairman of the Committee. Only Councillor Mark Gadd was nominated.

Councillor Mark Gadd was declared duly elected and continued in the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Chairman sought nominations for the appointment of Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Only Councillor Georgina Galpin was nominated and she was, therefore, declared duly elected.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 April were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 COMMUNITY AND POLICE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Chairman sought nominations for the appointment of a representative to the Community and Police Consultative Group.

Only Councillor Georgina Galpin was nominated and she was, therefore, declared duly elected

5 PUBLIC FORUM AND SURGERY

Members of the public present raised issues, as set out in Appendix 1

6 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman did not give a report.

7 LICENSING OF GAMBLING ACTIVITY

The Licensing Divisional Manager gave a short presentation on licensing functions carried out by council officers.

The Committee was advised that since November 2005 it had been the responsibility of the Council to carry out licensing activities under the Licensing Act 2003 instead of the local Magistrates Court as had previously happened. Members noted that the four principal concerns the legislation dealt with were

- (i) The prevention of crime and disorder
- (ii) Public safety
- (iii) Prevention of public nuisance
- (iv) The protection of children from harm

The Committee was advised that licensable activities were

- (i) The sale by retail of alcohol
- (ii) The supply of alcohol by or on behalf of a club to, or to the order of, a member of the club
- (iii) The provision of (regulated) entertainment
- (iv) The provision of late night refreshment (between the hours of 23.00 and 05.00)

The Committee was advised that the act dealt with two specific areas firstly Premises Licences; these were required for any place offering

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regulated entertainment (including cinemas & theatres), refreshment at night and or alcohol. The other area was Personal Licences these were issued to individuals allowing them to sell and supply alcohol for consumption on or off the premises.

Members were advised that a review could be initiated with problem premises. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities and local residents (but not the licensing authority) if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

The Committee was informed that the Council would assume responsibility for licensing gambling premises from September 2007. The premises which would be regulated were casino's, bingo halls, lotteries, betting shops, tracks and arcades.

The Gambling Act 2005 contained three principal objectives:

- (i) Prevent gambling being a source of, or associated with, crime and disorder
- (ii) Ensure gambling is conducted in a fair and open way
- (iii) Protect children and vulnerable adults from gambling

Similarly to the Licensing Act, the Gambling Act allowed for the request of a review of a premises license. The review could be requested by the Responsible Authorities (including the licensing authority) and local residents if they had sufficient evidence that the licensing objectives were not being met.

The Committee was advised that if there were any specific queries these could be raised with the licensing team directly.

Members thanked the Officer for a useful and informative report.

8 REVIEW OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

The Committee received a presentation from the Head of Strategy & Commissioning, outlining proposals for the re-organisation and investment in Havering's primary schools, which had been considered and agreed by Cabinet on 1 May 2007.

Members noted that there was a long standing issue with the quality of the Council's school building estate which would need approximately £100 million to bring up to an acceptable standard. It was proposed to commence with the modernisation of some primary schools by the investment of £20 million in building new schools and the improvement of others.

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Members noted that currently some schools had surplus places in excess of 25% of the school's quota and that the modernisation programme aimed to deliver a surplus target of between 5% and 8%. It was advised that schools received their funding based on pupil numbers and that if a school had a surplus of places then its funding would be lower

Members were advised that several mergers and closures were proposed to allow the building and modernisation of other schools.

Members thanked the Officer for a useful and informative report.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on Thursday 18 October at the same venue.

Appendix 1

MATTERS RAISED AT THE MEETING BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

(a) Hangout hut in Park Lane park

A member of the public queried why approval for the hangout hut in Park Lane park had been granted without public consultation. The Chairman agreed to take the matter up and report back at the next meeting of the Committee.

(b) Parking Restrictions in Pembury Way

A resident complained that the double parking of cars along Pembury Way prevented emergency services from accessing the road. The resident requested that parking restrictions be implemented to prevent such occurrences.

(c) Residents parking bays in Tangmere Crescent

A member of the public commented that the markings for the residents parking bays in Tangmere Crescent needed correcting. It was agreed that the matter would be referred to the Council's Technical Services department for actioning.

(d) Streetcare operations along Airfield Way

A resident requested that increased Streetcare operations be carried out along Airfield Way. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Streetcare with a response submitted at the next meeting of the Committee.

(e) Overgrown vegetation along Wittering Walk

A member of the public requested that the overgrown vegetation along Wittering Walk be cut down and removed. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Streetcare for action.

(f) Repair road surface on Cheviot Road

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A resident requested that the road surface on Cheviot Road be repaired. It was agreed that the matter be referred to Streetcare for comment.



COMMITTEE	DATE	ITEM
ELM PARK AND HYLANDS AREA COMMITTEE	18 OCTOBER 2007	10

FORMER CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – COUNCILLOR GEORGINA GALPIN

I would like to say that it has been a pleasure and an experience to have been Chairman of the Elm Park and Hylands Area Committee over the past year.

Meetings have been lively with resident participation which is exactly the reason for the meetings, it is good to hear what local people want and how they feel on various issues.

There have been times of disagreement, and I have seen this as a healthy, positive way forward. It would not be good if we all agreed on everything all the time, life does not run that smoothly.

There have been a number of interesting presentations, St George's Hospital comes to mind.

Both Hylands and Elm Park Wards have seen a number of improvements and changes over the past year.

Hylands have a number of high profile parks, Hylands Park which benefits from a strong sporting culture, especially tennis and cricket. I am sure this will continue.

Park Lane have benefited from the play site being given a coat of paint – a new lease of life – with new benches and a successful bid for the teen shelter.

This has been ordered and will hopefully arrive in the next few weeks.

Both these parks are holding bulb planting events in partnership with the parks departments and local schools in the autumn.

Unfortunately, Hylands Ward had a number of anti-social problems but these have been dealt with by the police, and it is hoped it will remain this way for the future.

Harrow Lodge Park in particular was a target for such problems, but with extra resources and a keen eye being kept on the park, it is hoped that all will

remain well for the future. The leisure centre has now become the responsibility of a private company and it is hoped we will see the much needed improvements.

Once again the park will benefit from a 200 strong team of enthusiastic people who will, during the summer, have another major clean up.

Hyland Safer Neighbourhood Team have made a difference with their continued visibility and local people feel very comfortable with the team on the streets.

This goes also for Elm Park Safer Neighbourhood Team. Police support and partnership has been great.

Elm Park town centre has seen the start of the regeneration, the station will hopefully be transformed. The village atmosphere has been retained with an even stronger community cohesion. Shop Keepers work closely together and these are supported by local people. The recent Fiesta was a great success, and I am sure the Christmas event will be an event to remember.

It's been good to see old faces and new faces at recent meetings, and many have not just been old faces, they are the faces of old friends.

One of the great advantages of being a councillor, even more of being Deputy Mayor and even greater being Mayor, is the people I meet, and the relationships that develop over time.

I now find when attending any event there is always someone I know, a familiar face, a smile, a hug, a hand shake, a kind word. None of this costs any money, just a little time.

Whatever high profile post I have held, be it lead member, Deputy Mayor, or Mayor, the people of Hylands Ward always come first.

I take this opportunity to send my best wishes and thanks to Debbie who clerked the area committee over the past year, and wish her every success in her new challenge at Homes in Havering.

Welcome back Andy as our clerk once again.

I would like to thank my colleagues for their support over the past year, there were times when perhaps I did not say it, but truly appreciated you just being there. Thank you all.

Good wishes to the new Chairman of the area committee. Enjoy.

Best wishes

Georgina



MEETING	DATE	ITEM
Elm Park and Hylands Area Committees	18 October 2007	11

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Area Committee Capital Projects

WARD: Elm Park and Hylands

SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the current position regarding the Area Committee Capital spend projects for 2006/07 and 2007/08.

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the report and progress schedule be noted.
2. Those Area Committees that have not made decisions on their projects are requested to do so.

REPORT DETAIL

On 15th November 2005 Governance Committee agreed that there be a “Local environmental improvement budget (for) expenditure on capital projects, for the well being of the local community, It is proposed that this initially be £5,000 per Area Committee. Additionally, subject to the compilation of a business case, Committees will be entitled to bid for an allocation from a £45,000 budget held on behalf of Cabinet.”

The Council later adopted the recommendations of the Governance Committee for the administration of the scheme. The funds are held by Public Realm.

Every Area Committee made bids against their own allocation in 2006/07 and these bids were approved via Area Committee Chairs decision. A report on the progress of these bids is attached as Appendix 2. Different Area Committee submitted bids for the corporate pot at different times. This resulted in decisions not being made until March 2007.

A Form A was signed by Council Ramsey on 14 March 2007 agreeing the allocation of the corporate pot. At that time it became clear that the bids submitted exceeded the £45,000 provision for the Corporate Pot and that even though Upminster Area had waived their Area spend to support the Upminster Park toilet refurbishment there was still a shortfall of some £3,230. Given the desirability of these competing bids the lead Member for Environment & Technical services agreed to meet the shortfall and vire money to the Corporate pot from the Parks Capital Programme to enable them to proceed.

The approval of these Environmental Improvements bids needs to be made in the year in which the budget is allocated. This means that decisions are needed this cycle to enable the work to be programmed and delivered on time.

Area Committees which have not made decisions on the allocation of the £5,000 are requested to do so. The current bids for the corporate pot are being progressed.

Financial Implications and risks:

The sums involved in this scheme are relatively minor but are allocated and spent within the existing framework for spending capital. There are risks to the Councils reputation if, having made a commitment to spend capital on small local projects these do not proceed due to lack of input by Members. .

Legal Implications and risks:

There are none.

Human Resources Implications and risks:

There are none.

Environmental implications

This scheme addresses some of those local environmental issues that concern residents and councillors and will assist in the protection, enhancement and enjoyment of the local environment.

Equalities implications:

Many of the schemes approved and implemented last year made our services and facilities more accessible and welcoming to those members of the community who had previously not used them.

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CHERYL COPPELL
Chief Executive

Background Papers List

Minutes of Governance Committee 21 November 2006.

Area Committee capital spend 2007/08. £5000 per area

	Bid Submitted	Current situation
Elm Park & Hylands	None	
Emerson Park & Harold Wood	None	
Gidea Park	No bid will be submitted as budget already allocated to parking scheme approved last year	
Harold Hill	None	
Hornchurch	None	
North Romford	Donation to Metropolitan Police for purchase of police tactical bikes, one each in Mawneys and Havering Park	
Romford	None	
South Horn. & Rainham	None	
Upminster	None	

Corporate Pot - £45,000 in total

Bid made by	Bid submitted	Amount bid for:
Cllr Binion	Fencing works to banks of River Rom	18,558
Cllr Galpin	Fencing to playsite area Park Lane Recreation Ground	10,000

Area Committee capital spend 2006/07

	Approved bid	Current situation
Elm Park & Hylands	Equipment for Park Lane Recreation Ground.	Installed
Emerson Park & Harold Wood	Equipment for Harold Wood Park Donations to Met Police for purchase of bikes.	Equipment Installed Bike delivered to SNT.
Gidea Park	Traffic Management study in Hare Hall Lane	Scheme will have to be carried out over two capital years
Harold Hill	Donations to Met Police for purchase of bikes and donation to Community Housing Group.	CHG sent cheque to Met Police 9 May 07 and they report that bikes on order
Hornchurch	Equipment for St. Andrews Park.	Equipment installed
North Romford	Equipment for Chelmsford Avenue Play site and bin for Lodge Lane.	On order
Romford	Speed gun for Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team,.	Speed gun delivered to SNT
South Horn. & Rainham	Fencing for the Glen Playing Field	Installed
Upminster	Contributed allocation to support bid for refurbishment of Upminster Park Toilets.	Allocation added to corporate pot when bid approved.

Corporate Pot		
Bid made by	Bid Approved	Current situation
Cllr J Mylod	Repaint Orangery at Langtons and Lawn edging at Langtons	Orangery painting complete. Lawn edging to begin at end of growing season.
Cllr Galpin	Teen shelter Park Lane Recreation Ground	Will be delivered and installed w/c 17 September.
Cllr Light	Wooden Bollards to stop dangerous parking Harold Wood Park	Installation complete
Cllr Ford	Upgrade toilets in Upminster Park	Works on-going
Cllr Binion	Fencing Kiln Wood Lane/St. Johns Road	Installed
Cllr Gregory	Refurbishment of Pavilion Raphaels Park	Works to begin at end of cricket season.



COMMITTEE	DATE	ITEM
ELM PARK & HYLANDS AREA COMMITTEE	18 October 2007	12

This report is submitted with the agreement of the Chairman as an urgent matter, pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: CLYDESDALE ROAD RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME – results of informal public consultation

Ward(s): Hylands

SUMMARY

Due to increasing parking problems in Clydesdale Road, earlier this year, the Chairs of The Elm Park and Hylands and Romford Area Committees along with the Chair of the Regulatory Services Committee, agreed in principle to informally consult the residents of Clydesdale Road on being included in the residents parking scheme for the Romford Controlled Parking Zone (Sector 3), which operates in the adjoining road to Clydesdale road.

This report outlines the results of the informal public consultation and recommends a further course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That a proposal be drafted to include Clydesdale Road in the sector 3 residents parking scheme and residents be further consulted on a

detailed proposals.

2. That the decision made by this committee along with any decisions made by the Romford Area Committee, be reported to the Regulatory Services Committee, to agree a course of action, in accordance with the Councils Constitution.
3. That the approval of the final scheme following the results of the public consultation be delegated to the Head of Technical Services in consultation with the Chairman of both Area Committees and the Chair of the Regulatory Services Committee.
4. That the estimated cost of £5,000 for the waiting restrictions is met from the S106 Contribution from the New Queens Hospital Development, subject to finance being available.

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REPORT DETAIL

Background

1. In December 2006, the new Queens Hospital opened in Rom Valley Way and the old Oldchurch Hospital site was closed. Almost immediately, parking problems increased in many of the roads surrounding the new hospital site, leading to requests from residents for further parking restrictions or a residents parking scheme.
2. Clydesdale Road was included in the original proposals for the Sector 3 residents parking scheme. However, in 1999, when due to residential objections to the proposals, the road was removed from the scheme. Since this time, a number of residents of Clydesdale Road have expressed a preference to be included in the residents parking scheme, over leaving the majority of the road unrestricted as it is currently.
3. The Ward boundary and therefore the Area Committee boundary, runs down the centre of Clydesdale Road. As this is the case, authority to consult the residents on such proposals as being included in the Sector 3 residents parking scheme, must be sought from the Chairs of both the Elm Park & Hylands and Romford Area Committees and in turn the Chair of Regulatory Services Committee, to agree a course of action, in accordance with the Councils Constitution.
4. In July 2007, the Chairs of both the Elm Park & Hylands and Romford Area Committees and the Chair of the Regulatory Services Committee, agreed to informally consult the residents of Clydesdale

Road, by way of a questionnaire, on the possibility of being included

Address	Number of Properties	Number of responses	Question 1		Question 2		
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Unsure
Clydesdale Road	132	72	49	23	41	28	3
Park Lane	9	2	1	1	0	2	0
Total	141	74	50	24	41	30	3

in the Sector 3 residents parking scheme. A copy of the questionnaire used is appended to this report as Appendix A.

Responses Received

5. All responses received to the questionnaire have been counted and are shown in the table below. A sample of the comments attached to the questionnaires, is attached to this report as Appendix B.

6. From the 9 properties which were consulted in Park Lane, as they have side or rear pedestrian access from Clydesdale Road, there were only 2 responses, a 22% return and although one the of the two responses identified that there was some sort of a parking problem in Clydesdale Road, both respondents were not in favour of Clydesdale Road being included in the Sector 3 Residents parking scheme.

7. Out of the 132 addresses in or which sides on to Clydesdale Road, excluding the new development South Street end of the road, 72 responses were received, a 54.5% return. Out of the 72 responses received, 49 responses 68%, answered Yes to Question 1, outlining that there were parking problems in the road, while 23 responses, 32% indicated that there was not a problem in the road.

8. The responses to Question 2 of the questionnaire, 'Would you like to be included in the Sector 3 residents parking scheme', were a little more mixed, with 41 responses 56.9% wanting to be included in the residents parking scheme, 28 responses 38.9% not wanting to be include in the residents parking scheme and 3 responses 4.1% were unsure of what action to take, if any.

Staff Comments

9. Since the residents of Clydesdale Road were excluded from the Sector 3 residents parking scheme in 1999, this is the highest level of return from any previous survey undertaken by either

residents or the Council. Given that there was just over a 50% response to the questionnaire, the results indicate that out of the 132 properties in Clydesdale Road, 37% of residents indicate that there are parking problems in the road and 31% of residents have now outlined that they want to be included in the Sector 3 Residents Parking Scheme. However, some elderly residents are concerned over the cost of any of a residents parking scheme.

10. Given that there are provisional plans to consult residents of many of the roads around the Queen's Hospital Site on a possible residents parking scheme, that the 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the Craighdale Road and Londfield Avenue junctions with Clydesdale Road are in the process of being authorised for installation by the Chair of the Romford Area Committee and there has been a resubmission of a planning application for flats on the area of land along side the River Rom, it is recommended that Members authorise detailed proposals be drafted, to include Clydesdale Road in the Sector 3 Residents Parking Scheme and that residents be further consulted on those proposals.
11. Although it is recommended that Members agree in principle to the Sector 3 residents parking scheme being extended into Clydesdale Road, such action is likely to disperse long term non-residential parking into Hillcrest Road, Melton Gardens, Park Crescent, and the more traffic sensitive roads such as Park Lane and South Street.

Financial Implications & Risks

12. The estimated costs of the proposals are £5,000. It is intended to fund these proposals from the £50,000 set aside in the Section 106 agreement for the Queen's Hospital site to review the parking restrictions in the area. However the £50,000 has not yet been received. The Section 106 agreement specifies that it is due no later than whichever is the later of (a) 4 weeks after all necessary highways orders have been made, (b) the opening date or (c) such other date as may be agreed.

A further £3,500 from the Section 106 provision has already been committed to other schemes, therefore the remaining balance is £41,500.

If the Section 106 monies are not available an alternative source of funding should be identified before the scheme can proceed.

Legal Implications & Risks

13. Waiting restrictions require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources Implications & Risks

14. None.

Equalities and Social Inclusion Implications & Risks

15. Parking restrictions in residential areas are often installed to improve road safety and accessibility for residents who may be affected by long-term non residential parking.
16. Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas which may be detrimental to others.
17. Blue-badge holders are able to park with an unlimited time in resident permit bays and up to three hours on restricted areas (unless a loading ban is in force).

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Background Paper List

Responses from residents in Clydesdale Road and Park Lane

Appendix B

Comments from Clydesdale Road

- Not so much of a problem at weekends
- Concern over the cost of the scheme to residents
- Residents from adjoining roads in the scheme park some of their vehicles in Clydesdale Road while the parking restrictions are in operation and move them back when the restrictions do not apply.
- Concerns over the implementation of proposed restrictions at the Clydesdale junctions reducing the amount of parking space for residents
- Residents can usually get parked in the road if not outside their own house
- If Longfield Avenue were taken out of the scheme this would ease the parking in Clydesdale Road
- Currently, parking problems are being caused by parking related to the construction of the new flats at the South Street end of Clydesdale Road
- Residents Parking is only a money making scheme
- Fears over a Residents Parking Scheme putting off visitors to elderly residents
- It is estimated that it is a 15 minute walk from the Park Lane end of Clydesdale Road to the Queens Hospital and it is not believed that staff or patients would walk this far.
- Further parking for the hospital could be provided in the remainder of Oldchurch Park
- Most cyclists use the pavement rather than the cycle track
- The parking restrictions advertised for the junctions of Clydesdale Road should be implemented to improve safety
- Criticism over the planning issue related to the amount of parking space at the Queens Hospital
- Most problems with parking occur after 6.30pm
- The long term non-residential parking makes it hard to unload shopping

- The condition of the road and pavement surface is not in good repair
- Should not commercial vehicles incur higher parking charges as they take up more road space
- There is a likelihood there will be an increase in on-street parking when the new flats at south street end of the road are fully occupied.
- Vehicles related businesses in adjoining roads are leaving their customers vehicles in Clydesdale Road
- Light commercial vehicles are being parked in this largely unrestricted road
- Concern over further increases to parking in Clydesdale Road related to a planning application for flats on the section of land along side the River Rom
- Vehicles which do not qualify for residents permits are being parked in Clydesdale Road
- Would like further information on how the residents parking scheme works
- Parking in the road is a nightmare
- The turning point at the end of the road is always obstructed by parked vehicles preventing vehicles from turning
- Vehicle being parked and obstructing vehicle access and therefore yellow lines are requested.

Comments from Ormonde Court

- Concerns over the amount of space that will be left in the road when the new flats opposite Ormonde Court have all been sold
- Most of the spaces at the South Street end of the road are taken by 9.00am by commuters
- Problems with a resident of Clydesdale Road parking an selling cars at the South Street end of the road
- Ormonde Court residents have limited parking space on the site.

Comments from Park Lane

- Commercial vehicles being parked in Clydesdale by residents of adjoining roads within the permit scheme

