



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

16 August 2011

Subject Heading:

**POND WALK PARKING REVIEW
Outcome of informal consultation**

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

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SUMMARY

This report presents the views of those responding to a parking survey in the Pond Walk and proposes further action based on the responses received.

The scheme is within Cranham Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee, having considered the responses and information set out in this report, recommends that the Head of StreetCare be authorised to publically advertise the proposals as outlined on the plan FLPW/01/01 and should any responses be received, they be reported to this Committee so a further course of action can be agreed

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of 19th October 2010, the Committee considered a Minor Parking Scheme Application (Item 35) for various parking-related matters in Pond Walk, raised by a ward councillor on behalf of residents.
- 1.2 Staff advised the Committee that before any detailed work took place, it would be useful to undertake an informal consultation with residents of the road to gauge the extent of any local issues.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed that the Head of StreetCare should proceed and so 13 letters were hand-delivered to residents in and siding on to Pond Walk on or just after 26th November 2010. The letter is Appendix I to this report.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 By the close of consultation 10 responses were received from residents, a 77% response rate. The responses are summarised in Appendix II of this report.
- 2.2 A majority of the respondents felt that there were parking problems within their street.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 As there was a significant response from the residents who were consulted, all of which outline a number of parking related issues, it is considered that some form of restrictions are required to address the residents concerns over parking at the junctions and access around the pond. A Residents Parking Scheme could be considered in the road and although such restrictions would require more signing and lining work and have a greater visual impact on the road, they can offer a better parking provision for residents.

4.0 Proposed Restrictions

- 4.1** The proposals are to restrict, with 'At any time' waiting restrictions, the eastern side of Front Lane, from a point 15 metres north of the northernmost east to west arm of Pond Walk, to a point 15 metres south of the southernmost east to west arm of Pond Walk, in Pond Walk on its northernmost east to west arm, on the northern side, from the eastern kerbline of Front Lane, eastwards for a distance of 15 metres and in Pond Walk on its southernmost east to west arm, on the southern side, from the eastern kerbline of Front Lane, eastwards for a distance of 15 metres. It is also proposed to restrict the remainder of the road with an 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday waiting restriction. The proposals are shown on the plan FLPW/01/01, which is appended to this report as Appendix III

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of up to £1,200 for implementation can be met from the 2011/12 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.

Overall costs will need to be contained within the overall revenue budget.

Legal implications and risks:

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

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities implications and risks:

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.

Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others.

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Blue-badge holders are generally able to park for an unlimited time in parking bays and up to three hours on restricted areas (unless a loading ban is in force).

There will be some visual impact, due to the required signing and road markings

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project File: QJ 102 Pond Walk Parking

**APPENDIX I
LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE**



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The resident or occupier
20 and 22 Front Lane
1 to 11 Pond Walk
Posted by MP 26/11/10

Please call: Mark Philpotts
Telephone: 01708 433751
Fax: 01708 433721
Email: streetcare@havering.gov.uk

My Ref:
Your Ref:

26th November 2010

Dear Sir or Madam,

PARKING ISSUES IN POND WALK, CRANHAM

Following a complaint that inconsiderate parking was taking place in Pond Walk, the Council's Highways Advisory Committee has asked me to write to residents in order to gauge local views on the matter and to see if residents feel that some kind of control is required.

In order that I may advise the Committee on local views, I should be grateful if you would provide me with your views regarding on-street parking in Pond Walk.

The Council does not have any views on what is required (if anything) and so this is your chance to make your views known, as the Highways Advisory Committee can only make recommendations based on the replies we receive.

Please respond to me at the above address or by email to **highways@havering.gov.uk**

Comments should be provided by **FRIDAY 7th JANUARY 2011**. Should the outcome of this process lead to detailed proposals, you will be consulted. If you require further information, please contact my team on **01708 433704**.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Philpotts CEng MICE MCIHT AIEMA
Principal Engineer
Traffic & Engineering

**APPENDIX II
SUMMERY OF RESPONSES RECEIVED.**

Front Lane response

1.

Relieved about consultation

An increase of inconsiderate parking over the years

Problems with sight lines when exiting driveways

Vans are left for days right up to boundary hedge

Would wholeheartedly support a move to implement restrictions

Pond Walk responses

1.

The road is used by commuters and pupils of Coopers School

The road is use as an overspill car park by the residents of Front Lane

Vans are left in the road day and night which cause problems

Parking causes problems to refuse collection and a small vehicle has to be used, however this still causes damage to the verge

In the summer, vehicles not owned by residents are left in the road for long periods while residents go on holiday

Have had to extend driveway as vehicles parking in the road causes problems with access.

It is suggested that residents parking and waiting restrictions are needed

2.

Parking by pupils of Coopers School, from early morning until late afternoon

Residents from Front Lane park the vehicles for long periods of time in the road

A special smaller refuse vehicle has to be used due to inconsiderate parking

Commuters park in the roads all day

It is felt that yellow lines would resolve the dangerous situation of vans parking close to the junctions of Front Lane, making it difficult to turn into Pond Walk

3.

Commuters park in their cars and catch the bus to Upminster Station.

Residents of Front Lane park cars and vans in Pond Walk for long periods close to the junction of Front Lane

One family in Front Lane are reported to have 7 vehicles, 5 of which are parked in Pond Walk for up to 24 hours

Parking by pupils of Coopers School in term-time.

Parking in Pond Walk up to the junctions makes it difficult and dangerous to turn in and out.

Due to the parking situation a small refuse truck has to be used to get round the Walk and this causes concerns over emergency access

Suggests double yellow lines for 15 metres at the junction and Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm in the rest of the road

4.

A large van makes it difficult to get round the pond.

Delivery drivers find it almost impossible to get round the pond

Non-residents park right up to the junctions obstructing sight lines making it

dangerous

Parking by pupils of Coopers School and commuters.

Residents have put a great deal of time and money into the road, which seems to be turning into a car park

Suggest residents parking and/or waiting restrictions as the current situation is unfair, unsafe and dangerous

5.

Has written several times over the years complaining about the amount of cars parked in the road not owned by the residents

Problems with refuse collection

Possible parking by pupils of Coopers School and commuters

Would like some kind of restrictions as parking in the road is considered to be dangerous at the junctions and it obstructs sight lines

6.

Commuters park their cars and catch the bus to the Upminster Station

Parking by pupils of Coopers School in term-time

Residents from Front Lane park their vehicles for long periods of time in the road

Parked cars often block access to driveways

Concerns over emergency access

Large refuse trucks cannot get round the road

Suggests double yellow lines at the junctions and residents parking elsewhere

7.

Commuters park their cars and catch the bus to the Upminster Station

Residents from the local area park their vehicles for long periods of time in the road

Parking by pupils of Coopers School in term-time

Non-residents park right up to the junctions obstructing sight lines making it dangerous and narrows the carriageway to a single lane

Vehicles parking in the road cause problems with access to driveways

Care workers finding it difficult to park when visiting a resident

Concerns over emergency access

A special smaller refuse vehicle has to be used due to inconsiderate parking

Suggests double yellow lines for 15 metre at the junctions and Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm in the rest of the road

8.

Over the last 12 months the road has become extremely congested with parking related to non residents of Pond Walk

Most of the parking in the road is related to residents of Front Lane and commuters

There are issues with residents of Pond Walk who have more vehicles than they can park on their off-street parking area

It is felt that some kind of parking control should be considered

9.

Over the years the road has turned into a municipal car park

Commuters park their cars and catch the bus to the Upminster Station

Problems with vans and taxis

Parking by pupils of Coopers School in term-time

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Parking at the junction causes a problem

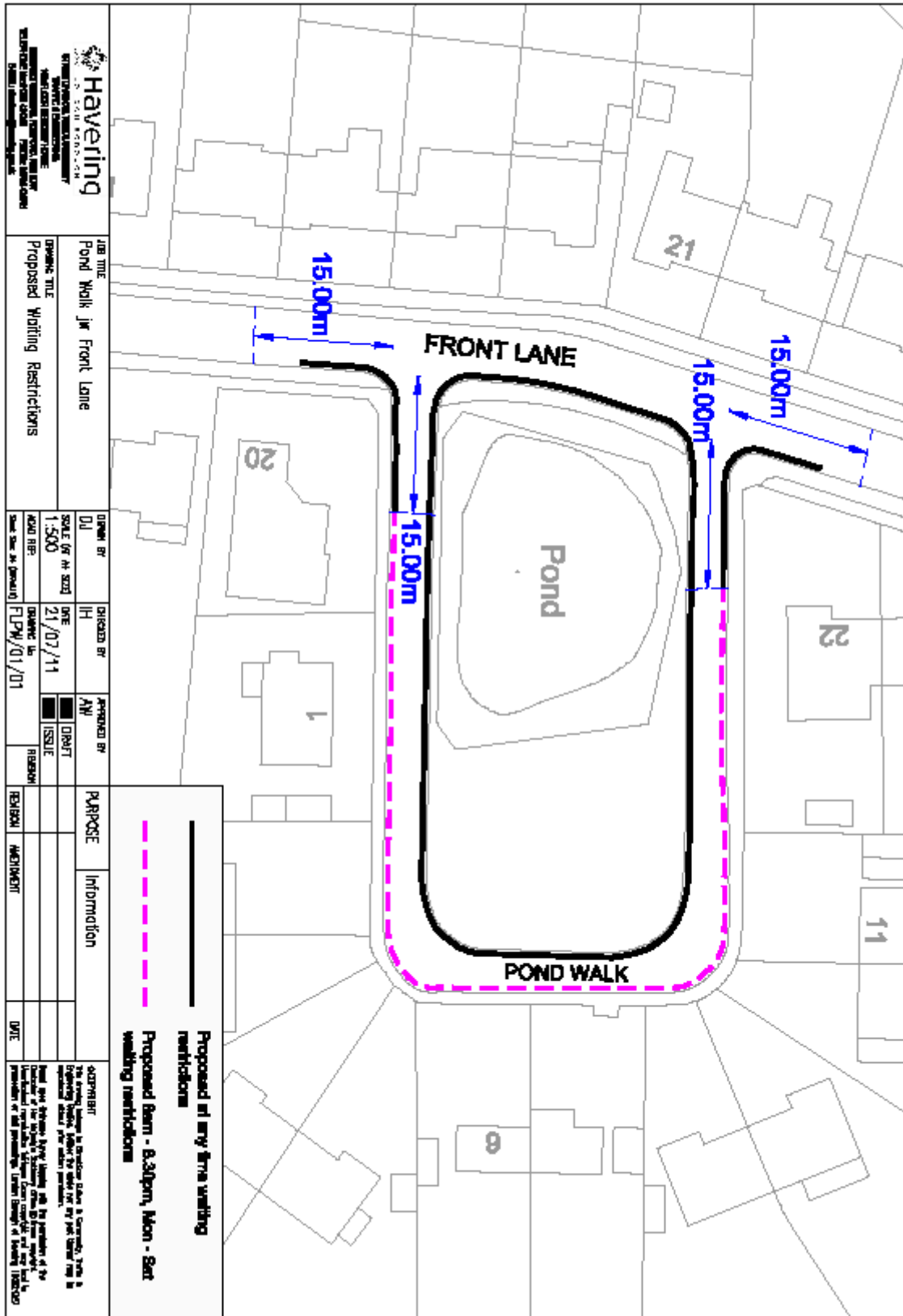
A special smaller refuse vehicle has to be used due to inconsiderate parking

Parking on the angles of the road causes problems for larger vehicles

Poor condition of the road surface

Suggests a combination of double and single yellow lines would solve the problem

Care workers finding it difficult to park when visiting a resident



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JOB TITLE
 Pond Walk in Front Lane

DESCRIPTIVE TITLE
 Proposed Working Restrictions

DRAWN BY DL	CHECKED BY IH	APPROVED BY AW
SCALE (if A4 SIZE) 1:500	DATE 21/02/11	ISSUE DRAFT
ROAD NAME	ISSUED TO FLPW/01/01	REASON

PURPOSE	Information
REVISION	AMENDMENT
DATE	

Proposed in any area within restrictions

Proposed item - 8.30pm, Mon - Sat

walking restrictions

DATE

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