



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC 331 -Warriner Avenue
Proposed Pay & Display

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

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals for the change of use of a Free Parking bay in Warriner Avenue, alongside the doctor's surgery, to a Pay & Display parking bay and recommends a further course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the proposals as shown on **Appendix A** of this report be:

- a. That the Pay and Display operational Monday to Saturday 8am – 6.30pm and as set out in **Appendix A** be Implemented as advertised and effect be monitored; or
- b. That the proposals be abandoned and that the Head of StreetCare consult on a limited stay parking bay operational 8am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday with a 2 hour maximum stay, no return to the same place for 1 hour.

Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is estimated at £5,000 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following a request from a Ward Councillor the item was presented to The Highways Advisory committee at its meeting July 2013. It was agreed in principle to design and consult on proposals to convert the existing free parking bay to a Pay and Display parking area, adjacent to the Doctors surgery in Warriner Avenue.
- 1.2 On presenting the item, Officers initially recommended that a limited wait for 2 hours with a no return within 1 hour would be more beneficial due to its close proximity to the Doctors Surgery, although this idea was rejected.
- 1.3 Approximately 11 letters were hand delivered to the area on 29th November 2013 with a closing date of 20th December 2013.
- 1.4 Additionally Key stakeholders were consulted such as London Buses, emergency services and Ward Councillors. Notices were also placed on site detailing the proposals and advertised in the press.
- 1.5 By the close of consultation, 5 responses had been received with 3 responses in favour, and 2 responses against the proposals.

- 1.6 Warriner Avenue has a one hour restriction operating Monday – Friday 10.30 – 11.30am. This assists in deterring long-term commuter parking due to its proximity to Hornchurch station, with prevailing restrictions operating in the same way.

2.0 Outcome to Public Consultation

- 2.1 The 2 responses that spoke against the proposals both feel that scheme would have an adverse effect since they have no off-street parking to their properties. However, current location maps indicate at least one of the households has parking to the rear of their property with access from the parking area to their back garden.

- 2.2 It was suggested that a permit parking scheme instead of the proposal put forward may be more advantageous as residents that don't have off-street parking would be able to park. However, there needs to be evidence to support this idea from the wider community, such as a petition before a scheme application can be considered and put forward to the Highways Advisory Committee for a decision on whether it should be progressed.

- 2.3 The Practice Manager of the surgery responded to the consultation supporting the proposals but made enquires as to whether the Doctors Bay that is located in Warriner Avenue would remain. The proposals did not include retaining the Doctors Permit Parking Bay as the surgery has approximately 5 parking spaces to the front of the property, removing this facility will provide additional kerb space for other road users. Furthermore, detailed within the terms and conditions of the permit application form it states, *“the Council reserve the right to cease this particular Doctor bay permit and remove the Doctors parking bay from Warriner Avenue, Hornchurch at any given time, providing me with one months’ notice in writing.”*

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 Should these proposals be implemented as advertised, the Pay and Display parking area which is operational Monday to Saturday 8am – 6.30pm may be left unused. This is due to the prevailing restrictions operating Monday – Friday 10.30 – 11.30am with commuters taking advantage of free parking and park in surrounding roads causing displacement and taking up available kerb space, generally used by residents.

- 3.2 Officers would support the recommendation as set out in **option b** of this report as it would provide a parking facility that will aid patients/visitors in attending the doctor's surgery by promoting short-term parking. The operational times of 8am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday with a 2 hour maximum stay, no return to the same place for 1 hour strikes a balance between both residents and visitors of the area, minimising the hours of operation to only what is required and in-line with the opening times of the surgery.

- 3.3 Any amendments to the original proposal will require further statutory public consultation that will lead to additional costs for design and advertisement to accommodate any physical changes that may be agreed.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking the Highways Advisory Committee to consider options on what to recommend to the Lead Member in connection with the implementation of the above scheme.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals in full as described above and shown on the attached plan is £5,000 including advertising costs. £3,000 is for the supply and installation of the Pay and Display machine, and all costs can be met from the 2014/2015 Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget. Given that the prevailing restrictions operate differently to that proposed, there is a strong possibility that the scheme may be ineffective leaving the Pay and Display parking area empty and unused.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should it be implemented. A final decision would be made by the Lead Member – as regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change.

This is a standard project for StreetCare and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. There is an element of contingency built into the financial estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the StreetCare overall Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

Legal implications and risks:

The proposals of Pay & Display bay requires consultation, 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:


All proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation.

We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, particularly residents living locally, people on low incomes and local businesses. However, parking restrictions in residential are often installed to prevent short-term non-residential parking.


As potential/likely equalities issues and concerns raised through the consultation have been factored into the final proposal, officers recommend that the proposed changes be consulted on as set out in **option b** reporting back to this committee further recommendation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS



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