



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date 12 August 2014

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Moray Way – Proposed change of Disc Parking bay to time limited Free Parking bay.

Report Author and contact details:

Mitch Burgess – Technical Engineer
schemes@havering.gov.uk

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

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
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 to change the existing Disc parking restriction, in the lay-by outside the local shops in Moray Way, to a limited stay free parking bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **That the Committee having considered the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:**
 - A. The proposals to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions in the lay-by area outside the shops in Moray Way to a Free parking bay, operational 8.30am – 6.30pm Mon – Sat inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 2 hours, with no return to the bay within 1 hour, be implemented as advertised.
 - B. The effect of the scheme be monitored
 - C. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1,000 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

Following a request from a Ward Councillor for changes to the Disc Parking restrictions in Moray way, a request was approved by this Committee in January 2011.

- 1.1 These proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised. 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 a letter and copy of the appended plan.

2.0 Proposed Scheme

- 2.1 **Moray Way** - Plan Ref. Moray Way

- 2.2 The scheme is within the Pettits Ward

- 2.3 The request was put forward to help the shopkeepers, who were increasingly finding that the Disc parking restrictions were causing problems for them and their customers. As an interim measure, the Disc parking signs were removed and the bay was left unrestricted.

- 2.4 The formal proposals are to change the existing Disc Parking restriction, operational from 8am to 6.30pm Mon – Sat, with a maximum stay period of

1 hour, with no return to the bay within 2 hours, to a Free parking bay operational 8.30am – 6.30pm Mon – Sat inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 2 hours, with no return to the bay within 1 hour.

- 2.5 This report looks at the responses received to the advertised proposals and along with staff comments, recommends a further course of action.

3.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 3.1 On 12th April 2013, residents and businesses in the area, which were perceived to be affected by the proposals, were advised of them by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

- 3.2 During the statutory consultation period there were no responses received to the proposals.

4.0 Staff Comments

Although there were no responses received to the proposals, it is felt that the proposals should be implemented as advertised, on the basis that the scheme has been designed to stop long term parking within the lay-by, which is expected to help local businesses and attract more custom.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial Implications and Risks

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

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above is £1,000 including advertising costs. This cost can be met from the 2014/2015 Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

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 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.

The proposal will cause a limited reduction in potential parking income, but it is also hoped to stimulate the local economy.

Legal Implications and Risks

Legal resources will be required to give effect to the proposals.

HR Implications and Risks

The proposal can be delivered within the standard resourcing within Streetcare, and has no specific impact on staffing/HR issues.

Equalities Implications and Risks:

The proposal is to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions in the lay-by area outside the shops in Moray Way to a free parking bay for specific times during the week. This was because previous restrictions were creating problems for the local businesses and their customers in the area.

The Council undertook a consultation with residents and businesses in the local area, as well as 18 statutory bodies. Site notices were also placed in the location. The Council received no responses to the consultation.

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

Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, Children and young people, older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Equality Act 2010.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A

