

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 12 August 2014

REPORT

Subject Heading:	TPC324 Malvern Road – proposed conversions of voucher bay to a residents parking bay
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	[X]
Excellence in education and learning	[]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[X]
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[X]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to convert existing voucher bays to a residents' parking bay in Malvern Road, which was agreed in principal by this Committee at its meeting in November 2013 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 Environment that the proposals as shown on Appendix A of this report be:

- a. That the proposals to change the use of the existing voucher parking bays in Malvern Road to a residents' only parking bays for the sector RO3 area, be implemented as advertised. Or
- b. The proposed scheme be abandoned

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background and outcome to Public Consultation

- 1.1 Following a request from local residents Officers presented the item to the Highways Advisory Committee at its meeting in August 2013, where it was agreed in principal to design and consult on a scheme to replace the existing voucher parking bay to a residents' bay adjacent to the Raphael Independent School in Malvern Road.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 On 21st February 2014 residents who 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.
- 1.4 By the close of consultation there were no responses either for or against the proposals.

2.0 Staff Comments

- 2.1 These proposals have been suggested as it would benefit the residents by increasing the parking facility of permit parking.
- 2.2 In 2013/2014 a total of 6 voucher permits were purchased by motorists wishing to park their vehicles in a voucher bay within the London Borough of Havering and it is considered that this type of permit is no longer attractive.
- 2.3 A total of Thirty Nine residents perceived to be affected by the proposals were consulted. At the close of the consultation there had only been one response received in favour of the scheme. Whilst the response rate was low, this type of parking facility is no longer favourable and Officers support its removal from this location.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking the Highways Advisory Committee to recommend to the Lead Member the implementation of the above scheme.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £1000 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 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:

Waiting restrictions and school keep clear markings require consultation and the advertisement of proposals 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 public consultation has taken place. All residents who were perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted by letter and eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted. Site notices were placed at the location. One response was received in favour of the advertised proposals. No equality implications were raised.

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 areas around school sites are often installed to improve road safety and prevent short-term non-residential parking, which could have positive implications for children and young people.

No potential equality concerns were raised through the consultation, officers recommend that the proposed changes be implemented as set out in option A of this report and the effects be monitored on a regular basis to ensure any negative impact on equality is mitigated.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A

