



**HIGHWAYS  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

**REPORT**

12 JULY 2011

**Subject Heading:**

**FAIRFORD WAY AREA  
PARKING REVIEW  
Outcome of questionnaire consultation**

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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"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input 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 presents the views of those responding to a parking survey in the Fairford Way area of Romford and proposes further action based on the responses across the area.

The scheme is within **GOOSHAYS** ward

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the responses and information set out in this report either;
  - (a) Recommends that the Head of StreetCare should proceed with the detailed design and advertisement of proposals, subject to comments put forward by the Committee, to introduce and resident's parking scheme within the Fairford Way area, subject to the following design constraints;
    - The scheme shall operate between 8:30am and 6:30pm, Monday to Saturday;
    - Residents' parking bays shall be provided where possible having regard for access and servicing;
    - That it be noted that parking bays cannot be provided in front of dropped kerbs; or
  - (b) The Committee recommends that the Head of StreetCare should not proceed further with the scheme
  
3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of implementing the scheme is £5,000 which can be met from the 2011/12 revenue allocation for Minor Parking Schemes.

## REPORT DETAIL

### **1.0 Background**

- 1.1 At its meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010, the Committee considered a Highways Scheme Application (Item 14) for a residents' parking scheme in the Fairford Way area.
- 1.2 Staff advised the Committee that before any detailed work took place, it would be useful to undertake a parking review questionnaire of the area to gauge the extent of any local issues.
- 1.3 The Committee agreed that the Head of StreetCare should proceed and so 43 letters with a questionnaire were hand-delivered to residents in the area on or just after 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The letter and questionnaire are in Appendix I to this report. The area involved is shown on Drawing QJ073-OI-01-A.

**2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation**

- 2.1 By the close of consultation, 9 responses were received from residents (21%). The responses are summarised in Appendix II of this report.
- 2.2 A majority of residents who commented feel the parking problems are caused by commuters, and residents of Kenilworth Avenue who rear garages back onto Fairford Way.
- 2.3 The responses suggest that the residents responding are in favour of a Residents Parking scheme (80%) rather than waiting restrictions, which should operate all day Monday to Saturday.
- 2.8 In terms of double yellow lines being placed at junctions, on bends, past pedestrian refuges and where servicing/ fire fighting access is difficult, 4 of all respondents agreed (80%).
- 2.9 The emergency services were not consulted at this stage.

**3.0 Staff Comments**

- 3.1 Of those responding, it is a clear that the respondents from Fairford Way/ Close would like a residents parking scheme in operation all day, Monday to Saturday.
- 3.2 There is support for double yellow line restrictions on junctions bends, etc and staff suggest that restrictions are designed in such locations if the Committee agrees to take the matter further.
- 3.3 Many of the comments made demonstrate the problems with many different people trying to access the road network and the difficulty there is in trying to balance parking, servicing and access.
- 3.4 Residents' parking permits are available on an unlimited basis (subject to vehicles being registered at the permit address) and so there is a risk that parking demand exceeds capacity.
- 3.5 The Committee may take the view that a 21% response rate is low and therefore conclude that further action is not warranted at this time. The Committee will note that no residents' parking schemes currently operate in the Harold Hill area.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

**Financial implications and risks:**

The estimated cost of £5,000 can be met from the Council's 2011/12 revenue budget for Parking Schemes, should a scheme be taken forward.

**Legal implications and risks:**

Parking management schemes (including restrictions and 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 management schemes 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.

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).

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

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project File: QJ 073 Fairford Way Parking Survey

**APPENDIX I  
LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE**



The Resident or Occupier  
Fairford Way

**Bob Wenman**  
Head of StreetCare

Culture & Community  
London Borough of Havering  
10th Floor, Mercury House  
Mercury Gardens  
Romford, RM1 3DW

Please call: Raj Padam  
Telephone: 01708 432501  
Fax: 01708 433721  
Email: [highways@havering.gov.uk](mailto:highways@havering.gov.uk)

My Ref: QJ 073-CON-01-A  
Your Ref:

Date 27 September 2010

Dear Sir or Madam,

## **FAIRFORD WAY PARKING REVIEW**

The Council has received various parking-related complaints and concerns from the Fairford Way area. In order to decide if any controls are required, the Council's Highways Advisory Committee has agreed that I should write to you with a questionnaire to gauge your view.

I should be grateful if you would complete the questionnaire enclosed with this letter and if needed, provide some brief comments relating to any on-street parking issues you encounter in the area. We are not able to deal with non-parking related problems through this exercise.

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.

You should return your completed questionnaires to completed questionnaires to;

London Borough of Havering  
StreetCare, Traffic & Engineering  
10th Floor, Mercury House  
Mercury Gardens  
Romford RM1 3DW

**Highways Advisory Committee, 12 July 2011**

You may also send responses either in text form or a scanned document electronically to: **highways@havering.gov.uk**  
Questionnaires should be returned by **FRIDAY 15 OCTOBER 2010**. Should the outcome of this process lead to detailed proposals, then those potentially affected will be consulted.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01708 432501 or 01708 433704.

Yours faithfully,



Raj Padam MCHIT  
Engineer  
Traffic & Engineering

**APPENDIX II  
CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

**FAIRFORD CLOSE & FAIRFORD WAY**

Letter delivered **43**  
Responses received by close of consultation **9**  
Response rate **21%**

1.	In your view, is there a parking problem in your road severe enough to justify action being taken by the Council? If your answer is YES go to Part A, if NO go to Part B	Yes	5 (71%)
		No	2 (29%)

**PART A**

**Please complete if you feel the Council should take action with parking**

2.	Do you consider the parking problem to be caused by?	Residents	0 (0%)
		Non-residents	3 (60%)
		Both	2 (40%)
3.	What form of parking control would you prefer to ease the situation?	Residents' Parking	4 (80%)
		Waiting Restrictions	0 (0%)
		Did not answer	1 (20%)
4.	Over what hours would you like to see any restrictions or residents' parking scheme operating?	All day 8am to 6:30pm	3 (60%)
		1 hour in the morning 10:30am to 11:30am	2 (40%)
5.	For which days of the week would you like restrictions or a residents' parking scheme operate?	Mon - Fri	1 (20%)
		Mon – Sat	3 (60%)
		Did not answer	1 (20%)
6.	Do you support double yellow lines being placed at junctions, on bends and where servicing/ fire fighting access is difficult. Such restrictions would be in force, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.	Yes	4 (80%)
		No	0 (0%)
		Did not answer	1 (20%)

**PART B**

**This section is for those who do not consider there to be a parking problem to give their views should the Council ultimately decide to implement a scheme**

7.	What form of parking control would you prefer to ease the situation?	Residents' Parking	0 (0%)
		Waiting Restrictions	0 (0%)
		Did not answer	2 (100%)
8.	Over what hours would you like to see any restrictions or residents' parking scheme operating?	All day 8am to 6:30pm	0 (0%)
		1 hour in the morning 10:30am to 11:30am	0 (0%)
		Did not answer	2 (100%)
9.	For which days of the week would you like restrictions or a residents' parking scheme operate?	Mon - Fri	0 (0%)
		Mon - Sat	0 (0%)
		Did not answer	2 (100%)
10	Do you support double yellow lines being placed at junctions, on bends and where servicing/ fire fighting access is difficult	Yes	1 (50%)
		No	1 (50%)