



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date 14 October 2014

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Sunnyside Gardens – Proposed change of Disc Parking bay to time limited Free Parking bay.

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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 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, outside the doctor's surgery, to a limited stay free parking bay.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the following measures, as set out in the report and shown on the drawing at Appendix A, be implemented:
 - A. The proposals to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions outside the doctor's surgery in Sunnyside Gardens to a Limited free parking bay, operational 8.00am – 6.30pm Mon – Fri inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 2 hours, with no return to the parking place 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 £750 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of September 2013 it was agreed by this committee that the scheme be moved to the Minor Traffic & Parking Control work programme to progress to the next stage of design and consultation.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed by officers and were publicly advertised on 11th July 2014.
- 1.3 It is proposed to change the existing Disc Parking bay outside the Doctor's surgery in Sunnyside Gardens, Upminster to a free parking bay operational from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday inclusive with a maximum stay of 2 hours, where return to the parking place is prohibited for 1 hour.
- 1.4 This report outlines the responses received arising from the public consultation, along with staff comments and further courses of action.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 On 11th July 2014, 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.

2.2 At the close of public consultation on 1st August 2014 no responses had been received to the proposals.

3.0 Staff Comments

Officers would support the scheme on the basis that it would provide a parking facility that may aid visitors, in particular patients attending the doctor's surgery.

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 £750 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:

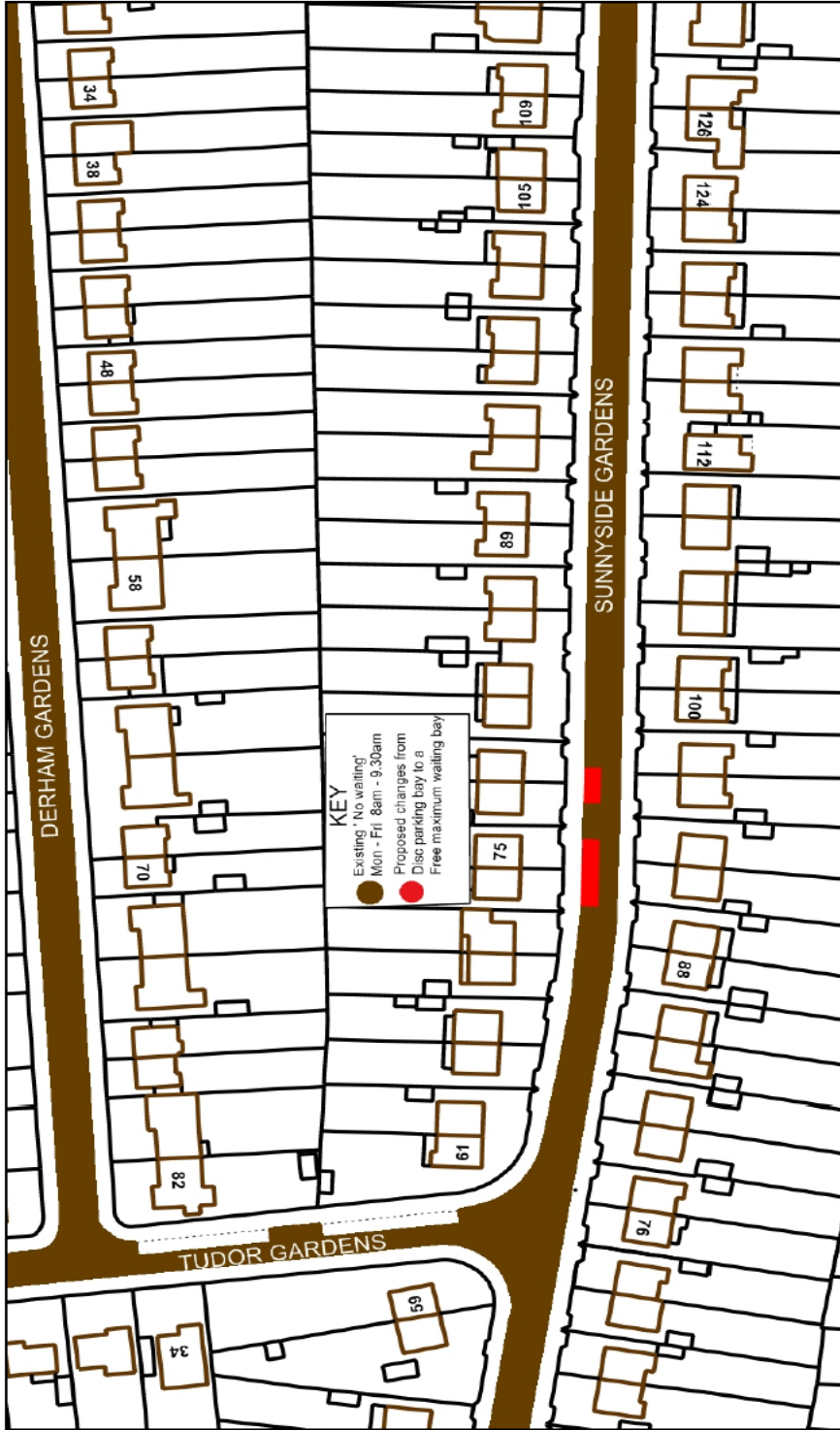
The proposal is to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions outside the doctor's surgery in Sunnyside Gardens to a free parking bay for specific times during the week. This was because previous restrictions were creating problems for the surgery and their patients, some of whom have physical disabilities, mobility difficulties, are parents with children or accompanying older dependants. This proposal will assist the Council in meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

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.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments will be made to improve access.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A



<p>Sunnyside Gardens - TPC351</p>	<p>N</p>
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