



**HIGHWAYS
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

REPORT

12 July 2011

Subject Heading:

**BROOKLANDS ROAD, MARSHALLS
ROAD & MEDORA ROAD PARKING
BAY EXTENSION**

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Outcome of Public 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 sets out the responses to a public consultation for proposed additional parking bays in Brooklands Road, Marshalls Road and Medora Road. This report recommends options for implementation or rejection of aspects of the scheme.

The scheme is within the **Romford Town** ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the representations made either;
 - (i) Recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the parking bay extensions and amendments to the existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) on Brooklands Road Marshalls Road and Medora Road be implemented as shown on Drawings QJ078-OF-01-A to 05-A; or
 - (ii) That the proposals be rejected.

3. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £3,500 for implementation will be met from the Council's 2011/12 revenue budget for Minor Parking Schemes.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting of 17th August 2010, the Committee considered a Highways Scheme Application (Item 45) from residents for additional residents' parking bays in Brooklands Road, Marshall Road and Medora Road (already being within the Romford CPZ).
- 1.2 The Highways Advisory Committee agreed that the Head of StreetCare should proceed with the design and consultation of suitable measures.
- 1.3 Proposals were drafted as shown on Drawings QJ078-CON-01 to 05-A.
- 1.4 Approximately 250 letters were hand-delivered to residents potentially affected by the scheme on or just after 29th November 2010, with a closing date of 7th January 2011. In addition, the proposals were advertised. The emergency services and London Buses were also consulted.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 By the close of the consultation, 5 responses were received. The responses are summarised in Appendix I of this report.

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- 2.2 Of these responses, 2 residents were in objection to part of the scheme (within the vicinity of their property), 1 was due to apply for a vehicle crossover and 2 other residents were in favour of the scheme.
- 2.3 London Buses made no comment to the scheme as no bus routes operate within the vicinity.
- 2.4 The Metropolitan Police Traffic Unit and the London Fire Brigade had no objections to the scheme. No response was received by the London Ambulance Service.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 Staff suggest that the proposed scheme will provide an increase in parking facilities within the area and ease the current parking problems for residents caused by lack of spaces.
- 3.2 Where residents have objected to the scheme, Staff are of the view that some bays can be removed near those residents, whilst retaining other bays. The amended layouts are shown on Drawings QJ078-OF-01-A to 05-A.
- 3.3 The Committee could decide that the low response rate and objections mean that the whole scheme should be rejected.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of £3,500 can be met from the Council's 2011/12 revenue budget for Minor Parking Schemes.

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.

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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).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project file: QJ 078 Brooklands Road Parking Bays

**APPENDIX I
LETTER AND QUESTIONNAIRE**



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

The residents of
Brooklands Road
Marshalls Road
Medora Road

Please call: Raj Padam
Telephone: 01708 432501
Fax: 01708 433721
Email: highways@havering.gov.uk

My Ref: QJ078-CON-01 to 05
Your Ref:

Date: 29 November 2010

Dear Sir or Madam;

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PARKING BAY BROOKLANDS ROAD AREA

After several requests from local residents the Council has proposals to provide additional parking bays around the Brooklands Road area, for details please see attached drawings.

Before a final decision is made, you have the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Comments should be made **in writing to the above address or by email at highways@havering.gov.uk** and should reach us by **07 January 2011**. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting us on 01708 432501 or 01708 433704.

Please note that all comments we receive are open to public inspection.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'RP'.

Raj Padam MCIHT
StreetCare - Traffic & Engineering

**APPENDIX II
CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

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<p>30.11.10 15 Marshalls Road</p>	<p>Resident would like to vote against any parking bays to be extended to outside their property as the resident is planning on providing off street parking.</p>
<p>03.12.10 Flat 9, Ford Lodge</p>	<p>Resident welcomes the scheme, although we have allocated parking at Ford Lodge (Medora road), very few of us can actually park here as the people in Medora road are always using our parking bays. Additional parking and eradication of restricted parking can only help us in this situation. Please take this message as a recommendation from us that we approve of your proposal</p>
<p>10.12.10 37 Medora Road</p>	<p>Resident has stated that the proposed parking bay outside Brook Lodge will unsighted when accessing his driveway. The emergency services and other vehicles will encounter difficulties passing the proposed bays.</p> <p>Resident feels that the parking bays should be placed on the other side of the road in front of the new residential dwellings as this will improve visibility.</p> <p>If they have to come out into the road to go round parked cars they will be more visible to oncoming cars approaching a corner the driver cannot see round</p>
<p>27.12.10 25 Brooklands Road</p>	<p>Resident feels that the proposed parking bays by the side of their property would block the vision when pulling off and onto the drive way.</p> <p>Resident would like some extra traffic calming implementation at the corner of their property as cars often speed round and also perform dangerous U turns swinging onto the pavement at the side of their house.</p> <p>Resident feels this proposal is dangerous as car speed near their property and by allowing cars to park on the corner of 25 Brooklands Road with 2 wheels on the pavement this would restrict the walk way for pedestrians, especially wheel chairs and buggies as a lot of parents and children go past on their way to school leading to cars being scratched and damaged.</p>
<p>06.01.11 3 Medora Road</p>	<p>Resident has no objections to the proposal, and would really welcome extra parking spaces in the area, as parking is difficult neat their property.</p>