



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: 16 September 2014

REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC 347 – Heath Park Road and Manor Avenue, Proposed change of Disc parking to Pay and Display – comments to advertised proposals

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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 use of the existing Disc parking bays in Heath Park Road and Manor Avenue, to Pay & Display parking bays 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 the Environment** that:

- a. the proposals to change the use of the existing Disc parking facility Heath Park Road to Pay and Display parking as shown on **Appendix A**, be implemented as advertised;
- b. the proposals to change the use of existing Disc parking bays in Manor Avenue to Pay & Display parking bays as shown in **Appendix B**, be rejected and brought back to HAC as a limited waiting bay;
- c. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme in Heath Park Road as set out in this report is £5,000. £3,500 can be funded from the capital allocation and the remaining £1,500 will be met from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget;
- d. Members should also note that the estimated cost of this scheme in Manor Avenue as set out in this report is £5,000. £3,500 can be funded from the capital allocation and the remaining £1,500 will be met from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.
- e. The effect of any agreed scheme/s be monitored;

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Currently, there is Disc parking bays in Heath Park Road and Manor Avenue that serve the local shopping area around the Drill roundabout and The Gidea Park Methodist Church. These parking bays are operational from Monday to Saturday 8:00am to 6:30pm, with a maximum stay period of 1 hour and no return to the bay within 2 hours.
- 1.2 Throughout the borough there is a general trend for the Council to receive requests from shopkeepers or residents to change the existing Disc parking bays to Pay and Display parking bays and limited waiting bays, which are now considered to be more convenient and user friendly for visitors and shoppers.

- 1.3 The request was received from a Ward Councillor on behalf of their constituents to change the use of the existing Disc parking bays around the Drill roundabout to Pay and Display parking bays.
- 1.4 This request was presented to the Highways Advisory Committee at its meeting in September 2013, when the Committee agreed in principle to design and consult on such proposals.
- 1.4 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised. Plans showing the proposals are appended to this report as **Appendix A & Appendix B.**
- 1.5 On 27th June 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.
- 1.6 By the close of the consultation on the 18th July 2014, there was only one response was received to the proposals.

2.0 Responses received

- 2.1 The one response received to the proposals was from a representative of a business in Heath Park Road, who stated that they were in favour of the proposals.

3.0 Staff Comment

- 3.1 The introduction of pay and display parking in popular local shopping areas has proved beneficial in promoting vitality in the local area and managing out commuter parking. A number of Pay and Display schemes are operating successfully in other areas in the borough serving both businesses and local community.
- 3.2 These costs will be met from a specific addition to the StreetCare capital budget; this budget is aimed at improving accessibility to retail areas, deterring long term commuter parking and progressing one of the key elements of the 2007 Parking Management Strategy - to phase out the Disc Permit Scheme.
- 3.3 Officers suggest a Pay & Display bay will be effective within Heath Park Road, but consider that the proposals for Manor Avenue, fronting the Gidea Park Methodist Church, should be to return back to The Highways Advisory Committee as a proposed limited waiting bay.
- 3.4 Having considered the proposals Officers have identified and assessed the potential negative impact that the parking scheme proposes on the worshippers of Gidea Park Methodist Church and those who use the Church Hall facilities, such as Nursery Groups. As a result of this assessment officers would recommend to reject the Pay & Display element of the scheme for Manor Avenue and seek further approval to advertise proposals for limited stay parking provisions outside the church.

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 to install the proposed Pay & Display machine as set out in this report is £6,000 and the intention is to finance this from a separate capital allocation.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £3,500 including advertising costs but excluding the installation of Pay and Display machine. These costs can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement a scheme should it be ultimately implemented. It should be noted that further decisions are to be made following a full report to the Committee and with the Cabinet Member approval process being completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation.

Total costs will need to be contained within the specified budgets.

Legal implications and risks:

The proposals of Pay & Display bay requires consultation, the advertisement of proposals and consideration of the responses 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:

The proposal is to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions in Heath Park Road and Manor Avenue to a Pay & Display bay. 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 one response to the consultation in favour of the scheme.

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

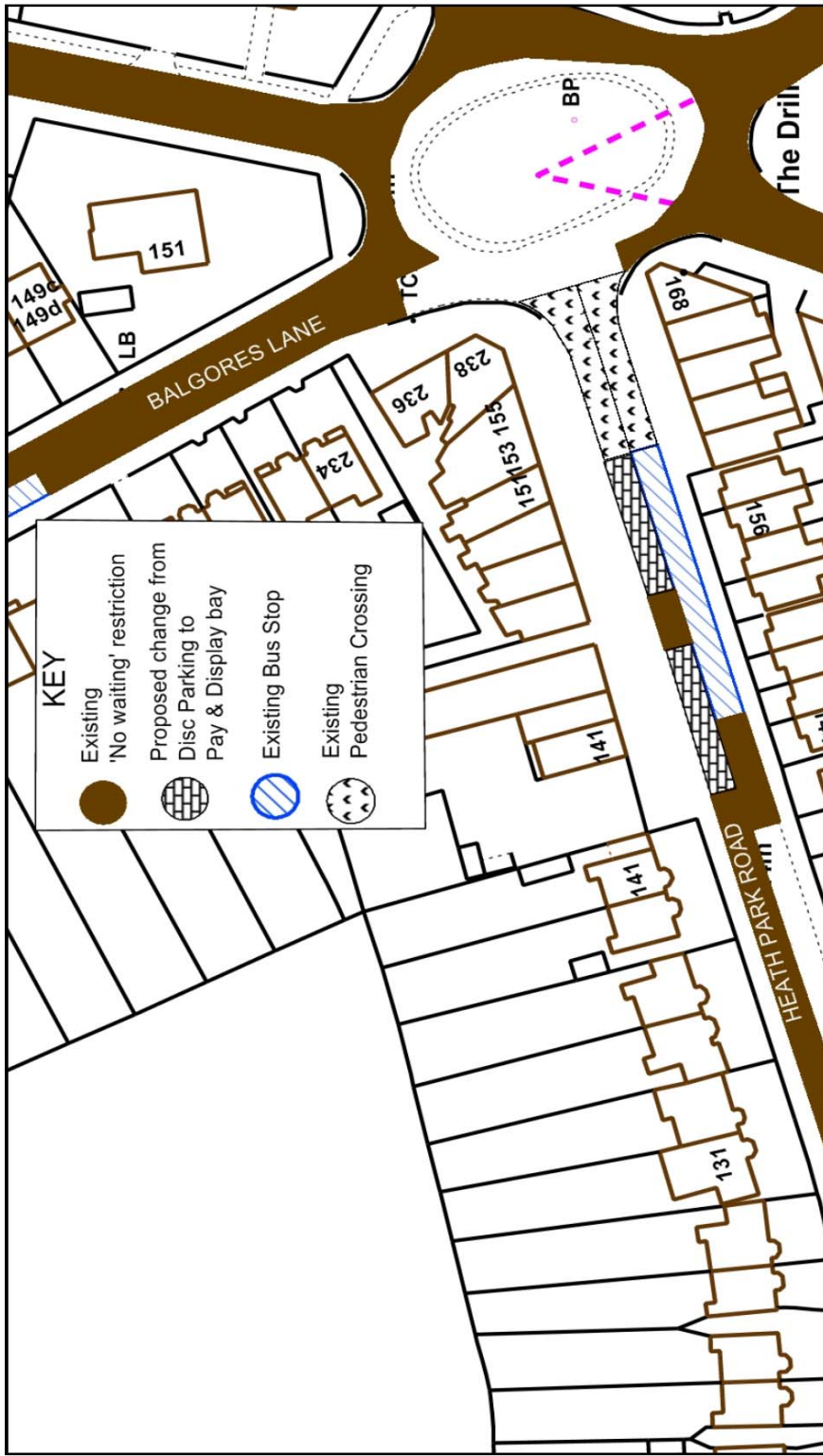
Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, Children and young people, older people), this 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.

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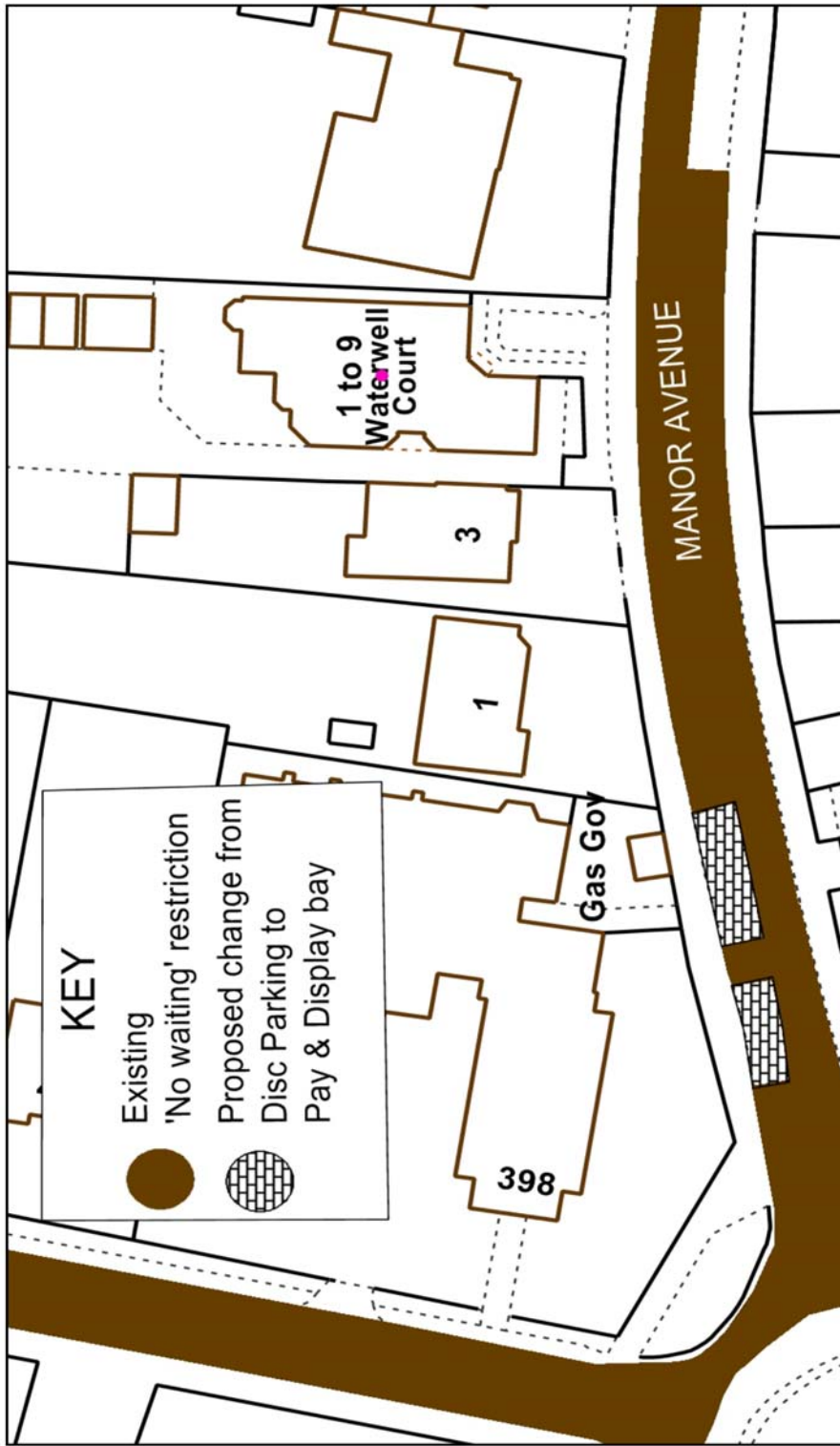
BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A
Appendix B



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