



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC337 Western Avenue – Proposed extension to the Gidea Park, Control Parking zone.

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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 formal consultation to proposals to include Western Avenue in the Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), which was agreed in principal by this Committee at its meeting on 13th August 2013 and recommends a further course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee having considered the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that:

- A. Proposals be drafted and publicly advertised to restrict all arms of the Western Avenue junction with Upper Brentwood Road for 10 metres, with 'At any time' waiting restrictions and include the road into the Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone.
- B. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £2,500 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background and outcome of consultation

- 1.1 Following a request from residents to include Western Avenue into the Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone, an informal consultation was undertaken to gauge resident's feeling and comments, which was agreed in principle by this Committee at its meeting on 13th August 2013.
- 1.2 All residents of the road along with residents siding or facing the road received letters dated 18th April 2014, outlining the draft proposals and asking for a response. A plan of the road is appended to this report.
- 1.3 At the close of consultation on Friday 2 May 2014, out of the 16 properties in Western Avenue, 6 responses were received from residents of the road, 3 responses received did not state their address, while there was 1 response from a resident of Castellan Avenue and 1 response from a resident of Upper Brentwood Road. Out of the responses received there were 6 residents in favour of the proposals and 5 against.
- 1.4 On the 8th August 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.
- 1.5 By the close of the consultation on the 29th August 2014 19 responses were received, 9 in favour, 6 against and 2 in favour of part of the proposals. A list summarising the responses received to the consultation can be found in Appendix B attached to this report.

2.0 Staff Comments

- 2.1 As there were more residents in favour of the proposals than against and reports of parking issues in the road being raised several times in the last few years, it is recommended that the proposals are implemented as advertised.

Two of the responses that were received from residents wanted free parking bays located within the road and had provided plans showing that they were needed near the junction of Upper Brentwood Road. The restrictions that have been proposed are enforceable from 9am-10am Monday to Friday and for those residents who do not wish to utilise their off street parking places can park within the unrestricted section of Upper Brentwood Road as long as the vehicle is not parked in contravention or seen to be causing an obstruction to other motorists or residents.

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 £2,500 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 require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources 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:

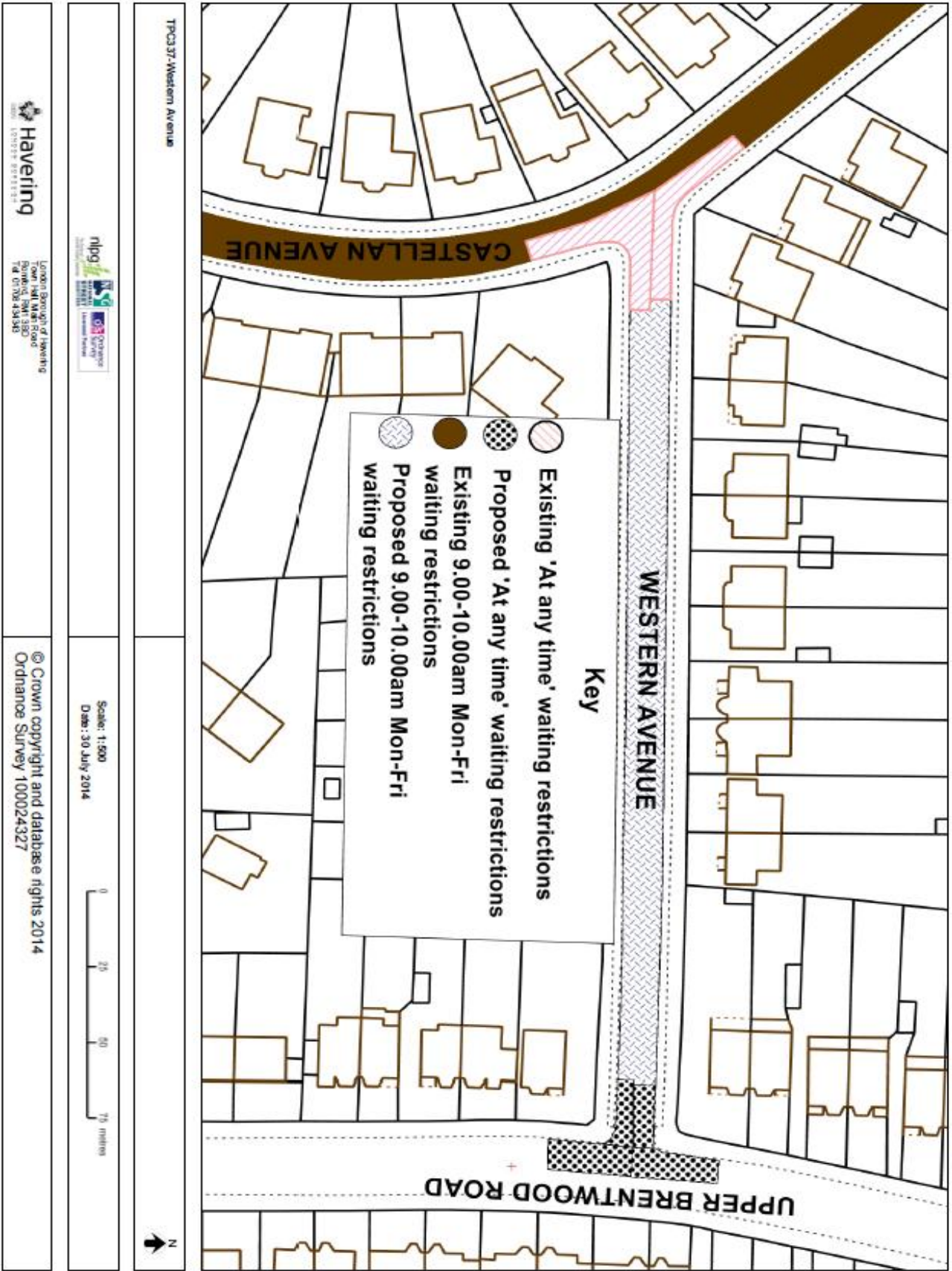
All proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation. By the close of the consultation 19 responses were received: 9 in favour, 6 against and 2 in favour of part of the proposals.

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 are often installed to improve road safety and prevent short-term and long-term non-residential parking.

As potential/likely equalities issues and concerns raised through the consultation have been factored into the final proposal, 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.

There will be some physical and visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access for disabled people, which will assist the Council in meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS



Appendix B

The table below lists the responses received to the consultation for Western Avenue, Gidea Park.

For	Against	Other
9	6	2

Responses received to the formal consultation

- 1) Resident of Western Avenue are in favour of the proposals
- 2) Resident of Western Avenue in favour of the proposals as they believe it will ensure a safer road for all who use it
- 3) Resident of Western Road is in favour of the proposals
- 4) Resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals
- 5) Resident of Western Avenue is objecting to the proposals as they feel the restriction times are too long, they wish to have a noon till 1pm waiting restriction.
- 6) Resident of Upper Brentwood Road is not in favour of the proposals as they do not see a problem with commuter parking on the area.
- 7) Resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals
- 8) Resident of Western Avenue is objecting to the proposals as they have resided in the road for a number of years and they are not aware of any parking problems.
- 9) Resident of Western Avenue in favour of the proposals
- 10) Resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals as they will help prevent potential accidents taking place and cut down daily commuter parking
- 11) Resident of Western Avenue is objecting to the proposals as there is not a problem with commuter parking and the proposals will make it more difficult for the residents.
- 12) Resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals as the restrictions work well within the surrounding area and the junction of Western Avenue and Upper Brentwood Road is frequently blocked with large delivery vehicles.

- 13) Resident of Western Avenue is not in favour of the proposals as the removal of the vehicles in the road will encourage speeding from vehicles that currently use Western Road as a 'Rat run'
- 14) Resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals and wish for them to be implemented as soon as possible.
- 15) Resident is in favour of part of the proposals, they wish to have only the junction projections installed and not included within the controlled parking zone.
- 16) Resident of Western Avenue responded to the consultation with the suggestion of implementing free parking bays within the road. They did not state if they were for or against the proposals.
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