



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC462 PROPOSED School Keep Clear Markings and conversion of existing operational hours – Heron Flight Avenue

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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 convert the existing waiting restrictions in Heron Flight Avenue, in the entrance road to St Albans School, to School Keep Clear markings and convert the operational hours to 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- a) convert the existing 8.15 - 9.15am & 3.00 - 4.15pm Monday to Friday waiting restrictions within Heron Flight Avenue, in the entrance road to St Albans School, to school keep clear markings enforceable 8am-5pm Monday to Friday be implemented as advertised.
- b) The introduction of 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Heron Flight Avenue.
- c) The effects of the scheme be monitored once implemented for a period of six months.
- d) Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1000 and can be funded from the 2014/15 Minor Parking Schemes budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting held on the 8th July 2014 this Committee agreed to consult on proposals to convert the existing waiting restrictions in Heron Flight Avenue located in the entrance road to St Albans School, operational from 8:15 - 9:15am & 3:00 - 4:15pm to a School Keep Clear marking operational 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday
- 1.2 These proposals were subsequently designed with the addition of 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Heron Flight Avenue. The proposals were then publicly advertised on the 8th August 2014. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is contained in this report, titled **Appendix A**.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 On the 8th August 2014, St Albans School and residents that were perceived to be affected by the proposals were advised by letter enclosing a copy of plan reference TPC462, which details the proposals. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed in Heron Flight Avenue
- 2.2 At the close of the public consultation on 29th August 2014, 3 responses including a letter from St Albans School was received not in favour of the proposals. On the

2nd September after the statutory consultation period had ended, a petition signed by 21 residents was received not in favour of the proposals. 2 of the responses received also appeared on the signed petition. A summary of the responses can be found in Appendix B attached this report.

- 2.3 On the 30th October an updated petition was received with an additional 14 signatures. This amended petition was not accepted as it was received a number of weeks outside of the statutory consultation period.
- 2.4 The main reason for the objections against the proposals was the reduction in parking spaces for residents and that the school keep clear markings should only be enforceable during the schools opening/closing times not all day.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 The introduction of the School Keep Clear restrictions is considered to be very important to the operation of the school site and for the safety of pedestrians and visitors, in particular children. The effect of the prohibition of stopping outside schools would be to impose School Keep Clear, no stopping restrictions operative between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Mondays to Fridays in the entrance road to St Albans School, Heron Flight Avenue. Outside of these hours parking would be permitted therefore allowing local residents to utilise this kerb space.

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 £1000 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:

It is anticipated that the enforcement activities required for these proposals can be met from within current staff resources.

Equalities implications and risks:

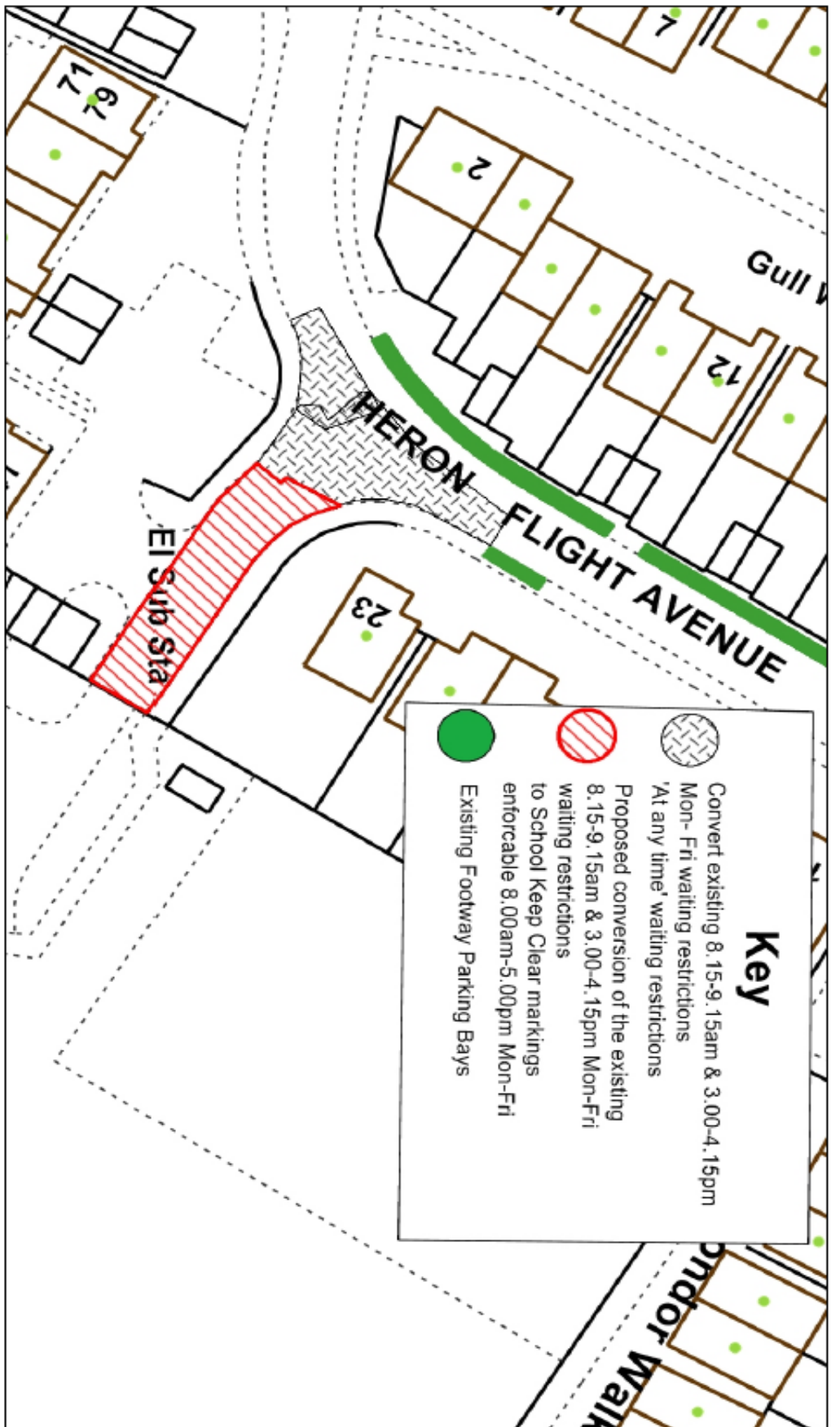
All proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and consultation public consultation has taken place. All residents who were perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted by letter and eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted. Site notices were placed at the location.

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

No potential equality concerns were raised through the consultation, 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 to ensure any negative impact on equality is mitigated.

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.

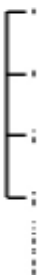
BACKGROUND PAPER



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Responses received to the formal consultation

- 1) A resident wrote in objecting to the proposals for 'At any time' waiting restrictions and the School Keep Clear. They felt that the restrictions should only be enforceable during school periods only.
- 2) A resident wrote in objecting to the proposals as they are a waste of time and money. Enforcement should visit the area more often during school times.
- 3) A letter from St Albans school was received stating they were not in favour of the proposals to implement school keep clear markings within the access road that leads to the school.
- 4) The signed petition received from 21 residents of the area was objecting to the proposals as it was felt that nothing is currently taking place to stop vehicles parking blocking access and egress for residents. The details of the petition stated that the current restrictions need to be enforced. The implementation of 'At any time' waiting restrictions will mean that delivers, tradesman visits can't take place at the corner properties. The final objection was for the implementation of the School Keep Clear markings as it was felt that the current restrictions needed to be enforced and there is no requirement to have an 8am-5pm no waiting restriction when it should only be enforced during school opening and closing.