



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14 April 2015

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Woodcote Avenue – TPC526
Proposed extension to waiting
restrictions – comments to advertised
proposals

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

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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 extend the existing waiting restriction in Woodcote Avenue, to the side of St Nicholas Church, to prevent obstructive parking.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that:
 - That the proposals to extend the existing 8:30 to 6:30 Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions in Woodcote Avenue, be implemented as advertised;
 - That the effect of the scheme be monitored.
2. That Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £500 and can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 **Background**

- 1.1 Following reports of long term obstructive parking taking place on the northern side of Woodcote Avenue, in the unrestricted area between the end of the existing 8:30 to 6:30 Monday to Saturday waiting restrictions and the vehicle crossover to St Nicholas church, at its meeting in October 2014, this Committee agreed in principle to the proposals to extend the existing restrictions to cover this small area. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 The proposals was subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 6th February 2015. This report outlines the responses received arising from the public consultation and recommends a further course of action.

2.0 **Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received**

- 2.1 On 6th February 2015, residents 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 the 27th February 2015, 3 responses were received to the proposals, all in favour.

3.0 **Staff Comments**

- 3.1 The proposals are designed to prevent long term parking at this small unrestricted area, which with a line of parking on the opposite side of the road, obstructs traffic flow to larger vehicles. Officers recommend that the proposals should be implemented as advertised.

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 £500 including advertising costs.

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 with 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:

The proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation. All residents who were perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted formally and informally by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

At the close of public consultation 3 responses was received, all in favour of the proposals. There were no equalities issues raised in the consultation.

After careful consideration officers have recommended that the proposal be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored on a regular basis to ensure any equality negative impact is mitigated.

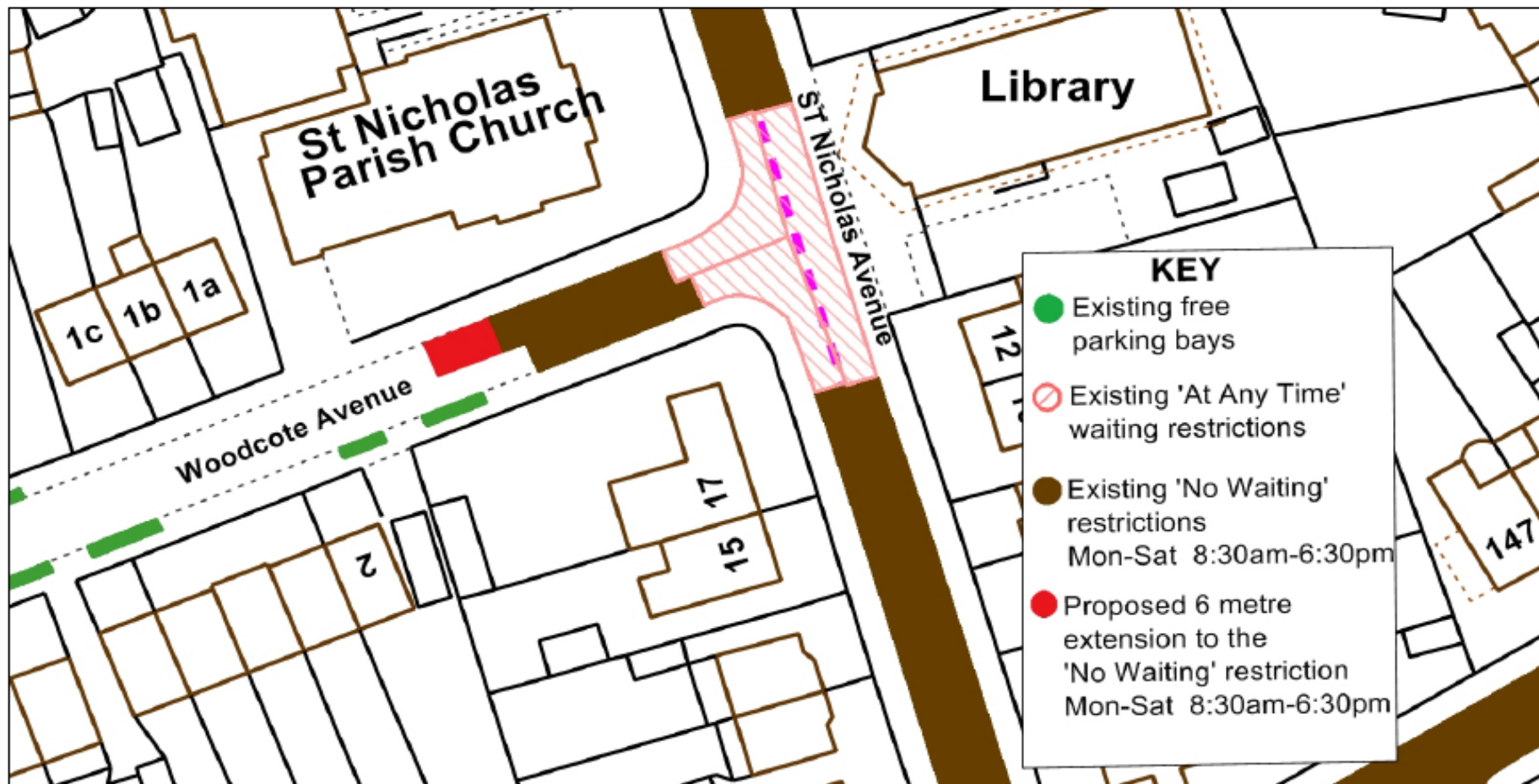
We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, particularly disabled and older people, residents living locally and local businesses. However, parking restrictions in

residential are often installed to improve road safety and prevent short-term non-residential parking, which will contribute to the safety and well-being of local residents.

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.

Staff will monitor the effects of these proposals and if it is considered that further changes are necessary, the issues will be reported back to this Committee and a further course of action can be agreed.

BACKGROUND PAPER



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