



# HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

**Manor Avenue** – Proposed change of Disc Parking bay to time limited Free Parking bay.

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

Clean, safe and proud 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 existing Disc parking restriction, outside the Gidea Park Methodist Church, to a limited stay Free parking bay.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the following measures, as set out in the report and shown on the drawing at **Appendix A**, be implemented:
  - A. The proposals to change the existing Disc Parking restrictions outside the Methodist Church in Manor Avenue to a limited stay Free parking bay, operational 8.30am to 6.30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 3 hours, with no return to the parking place within 2 hours, be implemented as advertised;
  - B. The effect of the scheme be monitored;
  - C. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £750 and can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 The request was received from a Ward Councillor on behalf of their constituents to change the use of the existing Disc parking bays that serve the local shopping area around the Drill roundabout and the Methodist Church to Pay and Display parking bays.
- 1.2 The responses to these advertised proposals to change the disc parking bays to Pay and Display parking bays were advertised on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2013, and all comments received to the proposals were reported to this Committee, at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014.
- 1.3 At this meeting, Committee agreed not to implement the proposed changes to a Pay and Display parking provision in Manor Avenue, but agreed that a further proposal should be advertised to change the use of the Disc parking bay to a time limited bay, operational between 8:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, with a maximum stay period of 3 hours, with no return to the parking place within 2 hours.
- 1.4 The proposals were subsequently designed and publically advertised. Plans showing the proposals are appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.5 This report outlines the responses received arising from the public consultation and along with staff comments recommends a further courses of action.

## **2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation**

- 2.1 On 12<sup>th</sup> December 2014, residents and businesses 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 9th January 2015, two responses were received to the proposals.

## **3.0 Responses received**

- 3.1 The first response was from a resident who is in favour of the proposals, but they feel the maximum stay period should only be for 1 hour.
- 3.2 The second response was from a resident who is in favour of the scheme, but feels the maximum stay should be either 30 minutes or 1 hour to help the local shops.

## **Staff Comments**

- 4.0 Officers would support the scheme as advertised on the basis that it would provide a parking facility that would accommodate the longer stay parking periods needed for the church and hairdressers.

# **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 of implementing the proposals as described above is £750 including advertising costs. This cost can be met from the 2015/2016 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 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.

The proposal will cause a limited reduction in potential parking income, but it is also hoped to stimulate the local economy.

### **Legal Implications and Risks**

Legal resources will be required to give effect to the proposals.

### **HR 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 are subject to public consultation. All residents who were perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted formally by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location. The Council received two responses to the consultation.

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.

No equality implications were raised as part of the consultation.

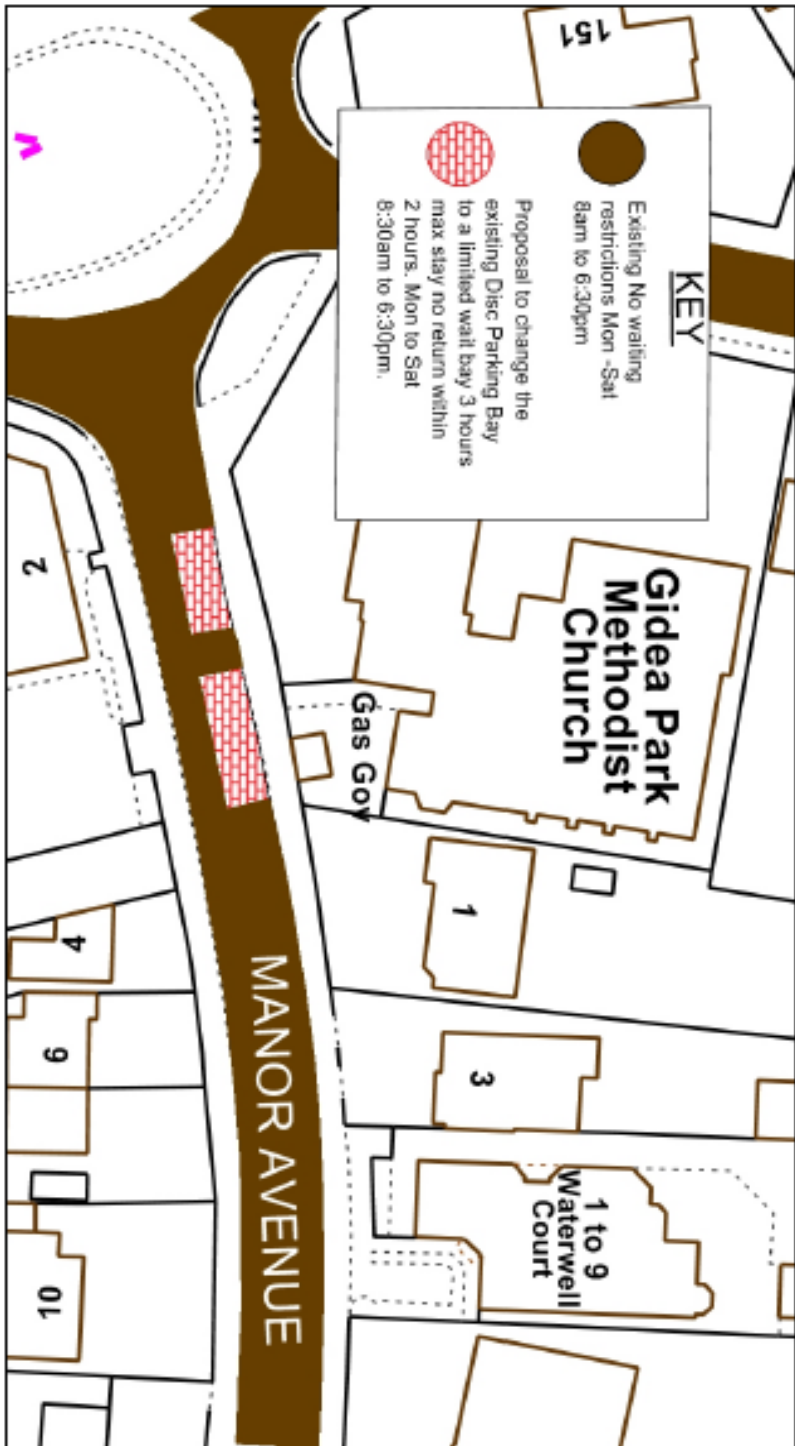
Staff will monitor the effects of these proposals and if it is considered that further changes are necessary, the issues will be reported back to this Committee and a further course of action can be agreed.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments will be made to improve access.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Appendix A**

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