



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

14 April 2015

REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC465 - Branfil Primary School
Proposed 'At any time' 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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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 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Cedar Avenue outside Branfil Primary School.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the report and representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that:
 - a) The proposals be implemented as advertised and shown on the drawing appended to this report as **Appendix A** or
 - b) The proposed at any time waiting restrictions on the western side of Cedar Road be reduced in time to only apply 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, which is the same period that the School Keep Clear markings operate.
 - c) The effects of any agreed proposals the scheme be monitored once implemented for a period of six months.
 - d) That Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1000, which can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In September 2013, work at Branfil Primary School was completed to expand the number of pupils from 420 to 630 and the number of staff rose from 61 to 92.
- 1.2 Since the school expansion and the installation of the 20mph Zone and traffic calming scheme in Cedar Avenue, it has been reported that vehicles were being parked on both sides of the carriageway at school pick up and drop off times.
- 1.3 At its meeting held on the 8th July 2014, this Committee agreed to consult on proposals to extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Cedar Avenue on the school side of the road, as shown on the drawing appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.4 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on the 13th of February 2015, when 42 consultation letters were delivered to residents of the road, including Branfil Primary School and the Upminster ward Councillors, with a closing date of Friday 6th March 2015. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as **Appendix A**.
- 1.5 The results of the formal consultation are set out in the table appended to this report as **Appendix B**.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 On the 13th of February 2015, Branfil Primary School and residents that were perceived to be affected by the proposals were advised of them by letter and plan reference TPC465, which details the proposals. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed in Cedar Avenue.
- 2.2 Responses received to the formal consultation along with staff comments are set out in the table appended to this report as **Appendix B**.
- 2.3 Within the formal consultation 42 letters were sent to residents Cedar Avenue and 10 responses were received, a 28.5% return.
- 2.4 At the close of the public consultation on 6th March 2015, 4 responses were received in favour of the proposals. 6 of the responses received were not in favour. In the case of 2 responses it was difficult to ascertain if the comments were in support or against the proposals. A summary of the responses can be found in **Appendix B** attached this report.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.2 Due to the recent expansion of Branfil Primary School, the extension of the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions are considered to be very important to the operation of the school site. This will vastly improve the safety of road users and visitors, in particular school children. It will also aid in improving access to the school site, as the Council has received a number of reports regarding obstructive parking.
- 3.3 Having considered the proposals, officers have identified and assessed the potential negative impact that the parking scheme proposes on the residents, and recommends to the Committee that they decide whether to implement the proposals as advertised or to reduce the waiting restrictions to Monday to Friday 8:00am to 5:00pm. **However, Committee should consider that the carriageway width is 6.2 meters wide and with vehicles parked on both sides of the road it would only leave a single carriageway in the centre of the road, wide enough for a car or small van. Larger vehicles such as fire engines, builders Lorries and skip deliveries would simply not be able to get through the road.**
- 3.4 Branfil Primary School is included in the parking enforcement rota 2-3 times a week. However, it is not possible for a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) to be available at all times and a small minority of parents/guardians will always be willing to take the risk of parking on restrictions to be as close to the school entrance as possible

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 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 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.

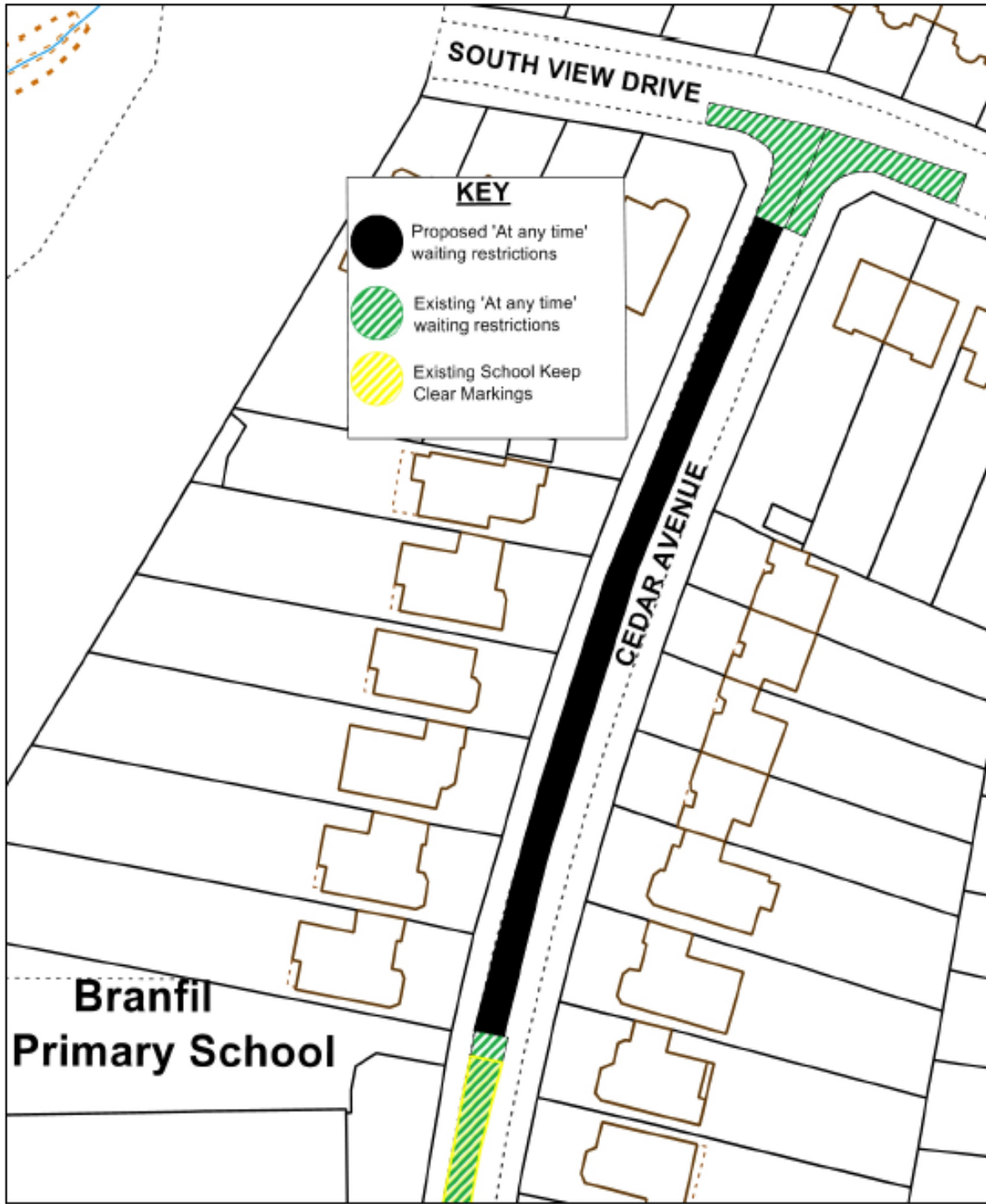
The only equality related concern raised in the consultation related to the impact on the after-school club. However, the scheme will not have an impact on the club. Officers recommend that the proposed changes be implemented as set out in option A of this report and the effects be monitored on a regular 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

Appendix A and B

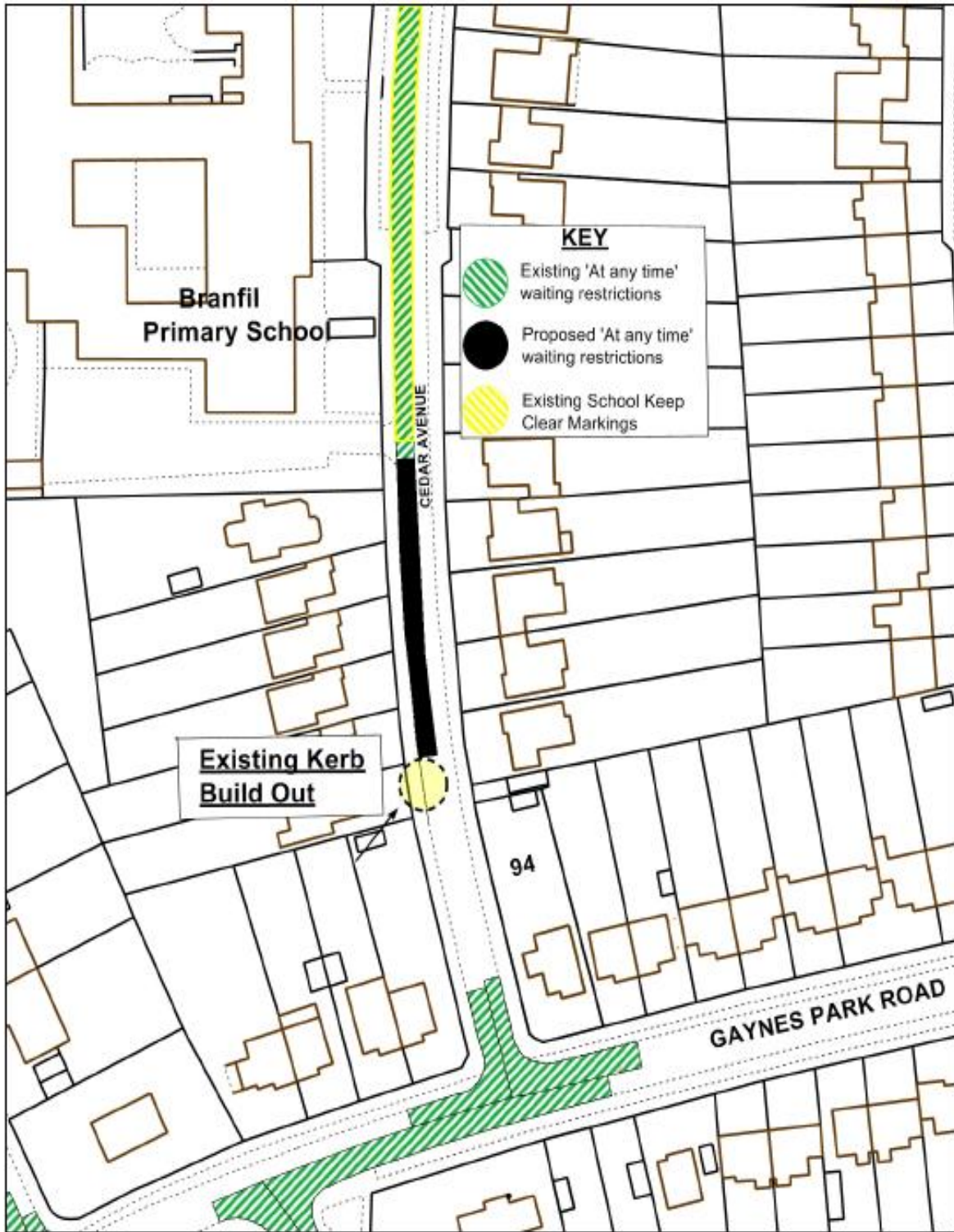
Appendix A






Branfil Primary School - TPC486 N
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Date: 08 February 2015

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KEY

-  Existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions
-  Proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions
-  Existing School Keep Clear Markings

Existing Kerb Build Out

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Appendix B

Responses received to the formal consultation.

	Respondent	Summary of Comments	Staff Comments
1	A resident	<p>This resident is in favour of the proposals but has two major concerns.</p> <p>1) How will the restrictions be enforced as a parking attendant only visits the road once in a blue moon?</p> <p>2) What happens when people park across our driveways instead?</p>	<p>Branfil Primary school is included in the parking enforcement rota 2-3 times a week. However, it is not possible for a civil enforcement officer (CEO) to be available at all times.</p> <p>Should any vehicle block a residents driveway then they can contact Parking Enforcement to request that a Civil Enforcement Officer attend (subject to resources) to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to the vehicle if appropriate.</p>
2	A resident	<p>The resident is not in favour of the proposals and suggests the restriction times should be the same times as the School Keep Clear markings.</p>	<p>This could be considered by Members, but will not deal with any obstructive parking outside any lesser restricted period.</p>
3	Head Teacher of Branfil Primary School	<p>The Head Teacher is in favour of the proposals.</p>	<p>No comments</p>
4	A resident	<p>The resident would be in favour of the scheme if the restriction were Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm. They feel the restrictions should be extended to 94 Gaynes Park Road / Garden opposite the kerb build out, in order to prevent double parking.</p>	<p>A recommendation has been made to the Committee to consider reducing the time of the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions to operate 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday, which is the same period that the school keep clear markings operate.</p>
5	A resident	<p>This resident is very much in favour of the proposals but feels they should go further. They do not think the proposals will deter residents from parking both sides of the road. They also say the restriction times should be the same as the existing School Keep clear markings.</p>	<p>A recommendation has been made to the committee to consider reducing the time of the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions to operate 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday which is the same period that the school keep clear</p>

			markings operate.
6	A resident	The resident is not in favour of the proposals, as the restrictions do not go down Gaynes Park Road end. They say the problems the council are trying to prevent will occur in this area. They also mention that any restriction should only be effective during school hours Monday to Friday.	<p>We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, practically residents living locally.</p> <p>A recommendation has been made to the committee to consider reducing the time of the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions to operate 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday which is the same period that the school keep clear markings operate.</p>
7	A resident	The resident is not in favour of the proposals and says the restrictions on the west side of Cedar Avenue would exacerbate the parking problems in Cedar Avenue by forcing residents and/or their visitors on the east side, even during non-school times and school holidays. They feel the only solution to this problem is to provide a dedicated car-park at the back of the school.	It is acknowledged that each property has off street parking and therefore demands for on street parking are reduced. This proposal will relieve congestion and ensure that emergency vehicles can access Cedar Avenue at all times.
8	A resident	This resident is un sure if the proposals will work for the residents that live in Cedar Avenue. They would prefer a single yellow line restricted between school hours only, however the after school clubs should be taken into consideration.	<p>A recommendation has been made to the Committee to consider reducing the time of the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions to operate 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday which is the same period that the school keep clear markings operate.</p> <p>Branfil primary school run an after school club</p>

			which finishes at 4:30pm. There is also an independent pre-school in the school grounds that are open during school hours.
9	A resident	<p>The resident is in favour of the proposals but feels that it will push the problem to Gaynes Park Road. They have noted a few suggestions.</p> <p>1) To provide parking for at least 20 cars on the Ingrebourne Green.</p> <p>2) Parking alternative days on one side of the road.</p> <p>3) Take away a piece of land in front of the school; drive in and out drop off point for the junior school.</p>	We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, practically residents living locally.
10	A resident	<p>The resident is not in favour of the proposals for the following reasons:</p> <p>1) The proposals will not prevent illegal parking of dropping off or collecting children which is the cause of the hazard that the proposal is intended to address</p> <p>2) Deliveries, visitors or others attending the properties will not be permitted to park outside those properties.</p>	<p>Motorists are able to load and unload on the proposed restrictions in a continuous motion for a period of 20 minutes.</p> <p>Theses proposal have been designed to improve road safety for children and parents/carers attending the school site as well as deterring motorists from parking on both sides of the road which obstructs access and traffic flow.</p>
11	A resident	<p>The resident is not in favour of the proposals; they feel the current restrictions have been ignored for many years. They also say the proposals do nothing to solve the problems of parking across residential Driveways.</p>	<p>This scheme has not been proposed with the aim of protecting drives.</p> <p>Should any vehicle block a residents driveway then they can contact parking enforcement to request that a Civil Enforcement Officer attend (subject to resources) to issue a Penalty Charge Notice to the vehicle if appropriate.</p>

12	A resident of Southview Drive	The resident is not in favour of the proposals and says the problems have been caused by the recent expansion. They feel the restrictions will not solve the overall parking problems but reducing the pupil intake might.	Although these comments are noted, the operation of the school and its size is beyond the matters concerning this report.
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