



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: 14 April 2015

REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC503 –Tadworth and Station Parade,
Proposed change of Disc parking to
shared use Residents Parking and Pay
and Display – comments to advertised
proposals

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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 change the use of the existing Disc Parking Bays located in Tadworth and Station Parade, to shared use Resident and Pay & Display parking bays with associated waiting restrictions and loading facilities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made recommends to the **Cabinet Member for the Environment** that the following measures be implemented as advertised and shown on the drawings in Appendix A and B of this report:
 - a. A change to the existing Disc parking facilities in Tadworth and Station Parade to Paid for parking and Residents Parking;
 - b. The introduction of loading facilities within Tadworth and Station Parade;
 - c. The introduction of waiting restrictions within Tadworth and Station Parade and 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junctions in both parades;
 - d. the effect of any agreed proposals be monitored.
2. Members note that the estimated cost of installing this scheme in Station Parade and Tadworth Parade as set out in this report is £14,000, which can be funded from the Streetcare capital budget. Other costs of £2,500 will be met from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Currently, there are Disc Parking bays located in Tadworth and Station Parade that are operation from 8am-10am Monday to Friday. These parking facilities serve the local residents and shopping areas.
- 1.2 Throughout the borough there is a general trend for the Council to receive requests from shopkeepers and residents to change the existing Disc parking bays to Pay and Display parking bays, which are now considered to be more convenient and user friendly for visitors and shoppers.
- 1.3 The requests to implement a parking view of the area, with a possible Pay and Display scheme was received by Council Officers on behalf of shop keepers.
- 1.4 This request was first presented to this Committee at its meeting in August 2013, when Members rejected the proposals.

- 1.5 A further request was presented to this Committee on the 12th August 2014, when Members agreed to defer the matter until September's meeting.
- 1.6 At the meeting of this Committee on the 16th September 2014, Members agreed in principle that proposals be designed and publically advertised to review parking in both parades and to convert the existing Disc parking bays to Pay & Display parking bays, with a residents parking provision.
- 1.7 Subsequently, proposals were designed to change the use of the existing Disc Parking facilities to a shared use Pay & Display and Residents Parking facility, operational from 8:30am to 6:30pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, while in both parades, Loading facilities and waiting and loading restrictions are also proposed.
- 1.8 On 23rd January 2015, 95 residents and businesses 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.
- 1.9 By the close of the consultation on the 13th February 2015, there were 11 responses received to the proposal, 6 against, 2 for and 3 were in favour of parts of the proposed scheme. The responses received to the proposals along with Staff comments are outlined in the table appended to this report as Appendix C.

2.0 Staff Comment

- 2.1 The introduction of Pay and Display parking in popular local shopping areas has proven beneficial in promoting vitality in the local area and managing long term non-residential parking. A number of Pay and Display schemes are operating very successfully in other areas in the borough, including in The Broadway, Elm Park, serving both businesses and the local community. Staff believe that these proposals will fit in well with the exist parking provision that operate at the same times and will be equally as successful as the other Pay & Display parking provisions that operate within the Elm Park Area.
- 2.2 Having consideration for those residents that have properties above the shops in both parades, it was felt that the proposals would be more user friendly if a residents parking scheme was introduced. This in turn would allow businesses to purchase two permits per business and visitors permits.
- 2.3 Each parade is located within different borough Wards therefore, it was felt that each location should have their own Sector, Station Parade EP1 and Tadworth Parade EP2, which will also make dealing with issues related to each parade and the adjoining areas easier. Each parade is in a different Ward.
- 2.4 During the consultation we received from Elm Park & Hacton Safer Neighbourhood Team objections to the propsals due to shift patterns and concerns of personal safety. Officers from Traffic and Parking Control have met with the police at the office and discussed their parking options and will

continue to work our partners to hopefully resolve any outstanding issues that the Safer Neighbourhood Team may have.

- 2.5 In respect of parking provisions for visitors to the shops to park for shorter terms it has recently been approved by Council that a 20 min free parking provisions will apply to all on-street and off-street Pay and Display Parking Facilities.
- 2.6 The costs of implementing any agreed proposals will be met from a specific addition to the StreetCare capital budget; this budget is aimed at improving accessibility to retail areas, deterring long term commuter parking and progressing one of the key elements of the 2007 Parking Management Strategy - to phase out the Disc Permit Scheme.

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 to install the proposed Pay & Display machine as set out in this report is £14,000 which will be financed from the Streetcare capital budget.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals, including physical and advertising costs, as described above and shown on the attached plans is £2,500. These costs can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement a scheme should it be ultimately implemented. It should be noted that further decisions are to be made following a full report to the Committee and with the Cabinet Member approval process being completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation.

Total costs will need to be contained within the specified budgets.

Legal implications and risks:

The proposals of Pay & Display bay requires consultation, the advertisement of proposals and consideration of the responses 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 are to change the existing Disc Parking bays in to dual use Pay & Display and Residents parking bays. These proposals were put forward to unify the parking facilities in the area, which were creating problems for the local businesses and their customers in the area. These proposals will enable Blue Badge Holders to park in the dual use bays without charge or time limitation.

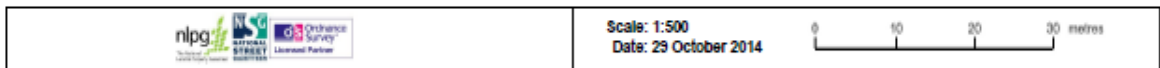
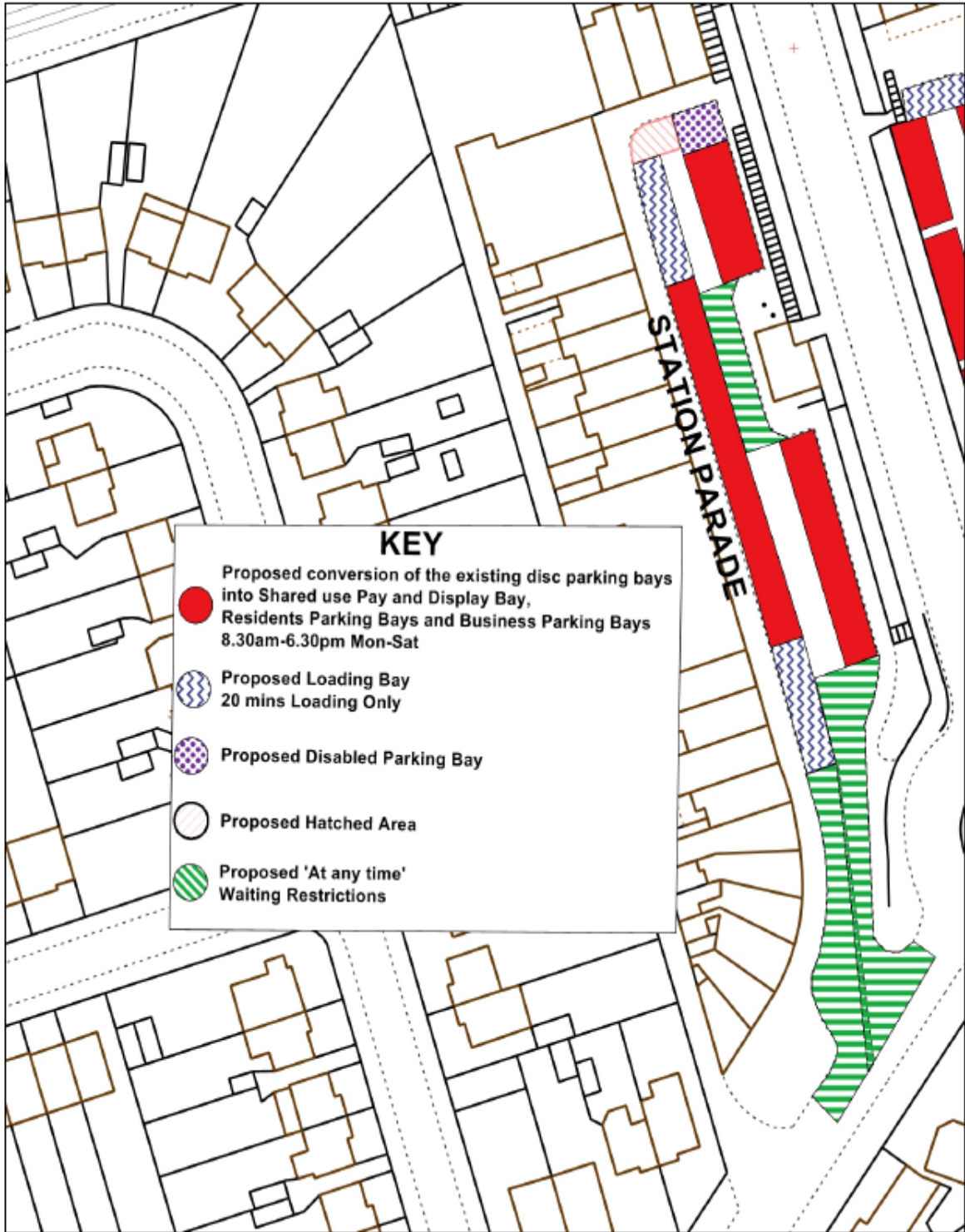
The Council undertook a consultation with residents and businesses in the local area, as well as 18 statutory bodies. Site notices were also placed in the location. The Council received 11 responses to the consultation, which are outlined in Appendix C However, no negative issues relating to protected characteristics were raised in the objections.

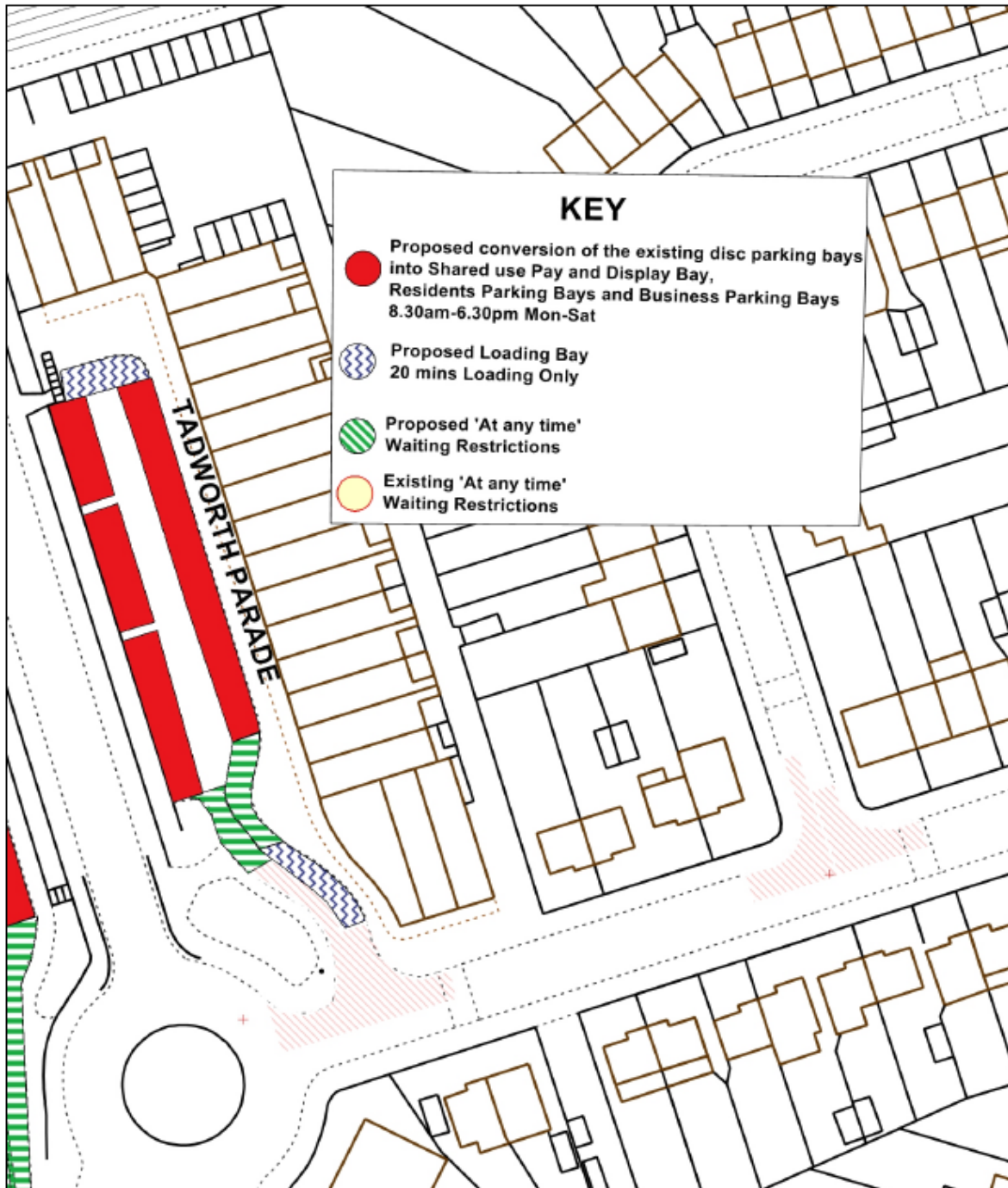
Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others, including older people, children, young people, disabled people and carers. The Council will be monitoring the effects of the scheme to mitigate any negative impact.

Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, Children and young people, older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Equality Act 2010.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works.

BACKGROUND PAPERS





KEY

- Proposed conversion of the existing disc parking bays into Shared use Pay and Display Bay, Residents Parking Bays and Business Parking Bays 8.30am-6.30pm Mon-Sat
- Proposed Loading Bay 20 mins Loading Only
- Proposed 'At any time' Waiting Restrictions
- Existing 'At any time' Waiting Restrictions

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Appendix C

	Respondent	Road	Summary of Comments	Staff Comments
1	Resident of Station Parade	Station Parade	The resident is for the proposals as they would like to park close to where they reside	None
2	Business in Tadworth Parade	Tadworth Parade	The business is in favour of part of the proposals but feels that their customers who travel in from afar will now need to pay	<p>This is one few remaining areas where disc parking is operation and the general trend is for Pay and Display provisions to be implemented as they are considered to be more user friendly.</p> <p>From 6th April 2015 the Council will be giving a 20 minute free parking period.</p>
3	A resident within the area	Station Parade	The resident of the area uses these parades for the local facilities after work to collect items or to drop off/pick up dry cleaning. The resident feels that these provisions will cause businesses to close	<p>This is one few remaining areas where disc parking is operation and the general trend is for Pay and Display provisions to be implemented as they are considered to be more user friendly.</p> <p>From 6th April 2015 the Council will be giving a 20 minute free parking period.</p>
4	Elm Park and Hacton SNT	Tadworth Parade	The Safer neighbourhood team object to the proposals.	None
5	Domino's Pizza	Tadworth Parade	They object to the proposals as there are various members of staff that need to park including delivery vehicles	<p>Only 2 business permits can be issued per business. For the remainder of staff visitors permits and the pay and display facility can be used.</p> <p>From 6th April 2015 the Council will be giving a 20 minute free parking period.</p> <p>Motorcycles if used to make deliveries can park free of charge.</p>
6	A resident from the area	Tadworth and Station Parade	They are in favour of the proposals but feel that they should be Monday- Friday with Saturday parking free.	The proposals include Saturday as this is where commuter parking is more likely to take place. With unrestricted parking within the parades commuters can park for free after 10am and use the station.
7	A business from Station Parade	Station Parade	They are not in favour of the residents, loading bay and disabled bay proposals as they feel that it is not appropriate to	The loading bay that has been proposed serves all businesses at the end of

			<p>have a loading bay at the far end of the parade as well as a disabled bay that leads to the stairs.</p> <p>They are also concerned on permit abuse that commuters will be sold permits.</p>	<p>the parade allowing a secure space where are large articulated vehicles can park without causing unnecessary congestion for other motorists.</p> <p>The disabled bay has been located in this location as there is access to the pavements to visit the shops and also the ramp that leads to the Broadway (Station).</p> <p>Having a shared use residents/business/pay and display accommodates all those affected within the area. To just include a Pay and Display scheme would isolate residents who have no other location to park.</p>
8	A business from Tadworth Parade	Tadworth Parade	<p>Objecting to the scheme as it is unfair. These proposals will prevent people coming to Elm Park to use the shops.</p> <p>They also state that it is unfair that they have to buy 2 permits and visitors books, why can't the scheme be like on the Broadway.</p>	<p>Staff would like to highlight that no one has to purchase business/residents/ visitor permits, as with the Broadway anyone can purchase a Pay and Display Ticket.</p> <p>From 6th April 2015 the Council will be giving a 20 minute free parking period.</p>
9	A business of the parades	Station Parade	They are not in favour of the proposals	None
10	A business of Station Parade	Station Parade	<p>They are not in favour of the proposals as the Elm Park Regeneration group advised the businesses that the business permits would cost the same as the current disc permits.</p> <p>That the business permits are issued 2 per unit.</p> <p>The business owner is also objecting because of the loading bay that will be outside of their shop.</p>	<p>The costs of business permits are agreed by cabinet and are clearly advertised on our website. Traffic and Parking Control have not advised anyone that the cost of a business permit would be the same as a disc permit or that 2 permits would be issued per unit not per business. I cannot confirm who provided this business owner this information. We can only assume that this information has been distorted by 3rd parties.</p>
11	Business within Tadworth	Tadworth Parade	The business owner is not happy with the proposals to implement a scheme in this area as they have a large amount of	This is one few remaining areas where disc parking is operation and the general

	Parade		staff that need to park or bring their vehicles to make urgent deliveries either by car or van. Implementing this proposed scheme will result in the closure of the company.	trend is for Pay and Display provisions to be implemented as they are considered to be more user friendly. From 6th April 2015 the Council will be giving a 20 minute free parking period.
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