



**HIGHWAYS  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE**

14 April 2015

**REPORT**

**Subject Heading:**

TPC337 Western Avenue ,Proposed Free  
Parking Bay – 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 formal consultation to introduce a Free parking bay in Western Avenue, close to its junction with Upper Brentwood Road.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- A. further proposals be advertised to move the proposed free parking bay 5 metres westwards and to extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions, on the northern side of the road by 5 metres; or

OR

- B. The proposals to implement a free parking bay in Western Avenue, close to its junction to Upper Brentwood Road, as shown on the drawing in Appendix A, be implemented as advertised;

AND

- C. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1,000 and can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

## REPORT DETAIL

### **1.0 Background and outcome of consultation**

- 1.1 At its meeting held on the 11th November 2014, this Committee was presented with a report proposing the inclusion of Western Avenue into the existing Gidea Park Controlled Parking Zone. This scheme was agreed on the basis that a free parking bay would be installed to reflect those that had been installed in surrounding roads.
- 1.4 On the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015, those residents 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.
- 1.5 By the close of the consultation on the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2015, 19 responses were received to the proposals, 9 responses were in favour, 7 responses were against, with 3 responses being in favour of part of the proposals. Attached to this report as Appendix B, is a summary of the responses received to the consultation.

## **2.0 Staff Comments**

- 2.1 The majority of the respondents to the consultation were in favour of the principle of the proposed parking bay. There were however objections to the proposed location of the bay. A number of Residents felt that the location of the proposed bay would be too close to an existing junction making access and egress from the the road more difficult.
- 2.2 At its meeting held on the 11th November 2014 members agreed to the implementation of 10 meters 'At any time' waiting restrictions on all four arms of the junction of Western Avenue and Upper Brentwood Road. These restrictions together with a Single Yellow Line along the road have since been implemented.
- 2.3 Data from Crashmap and TFL indicate that a minor accident had been reported in 2011. A further accident had recently taken place in the vicinity of the newly implemented 'At any time' waiting restrictions.
- 2.4 Taking into consideration the comments of the residents who reside in this road, it is recommended that further proposals be advertised to extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions on the northern side of Western Avenue, at its junction with Upper Brentwood Road, and re-advertise the proposals for the Free parking bay to relocate the bay 5 metres westwards, to accommodate the extension of the double yellow line. These proposals would require further statutory advertisement and this Committee to agree a further course of action.
- 2.5 This Committee should be aware that the relocation of the proposed Free Parking bay would mean that the parking bays would be located approximately 2.7 metres away from the vehicular access of no. 537 Upper Brentwood Road, which is considered to be far enough away from the vehicle crossover to prevent obstruction.

## **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 £1,000 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:**

The proposal can be delivered within the standard resourcing within Streetcare, and has no specific impact on staffing/HR issues

**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 19 responses were received to the proposals, 9 responses were in favour, 7 responses were against, with 3 responses being in favour of part of the proposals. There were some objections raised regarding the location of the free parking bay being too close to the junction that could impact on accessibility and safety. However, officers have attempted to mitigate this by implementing 10 metre 'At any time' waiting restrictions.

After careful consideration officers have recommended that the Committee decide a further course of action and the effects be monitored on a regular basis to ensure any equality negative impact is mitigated.

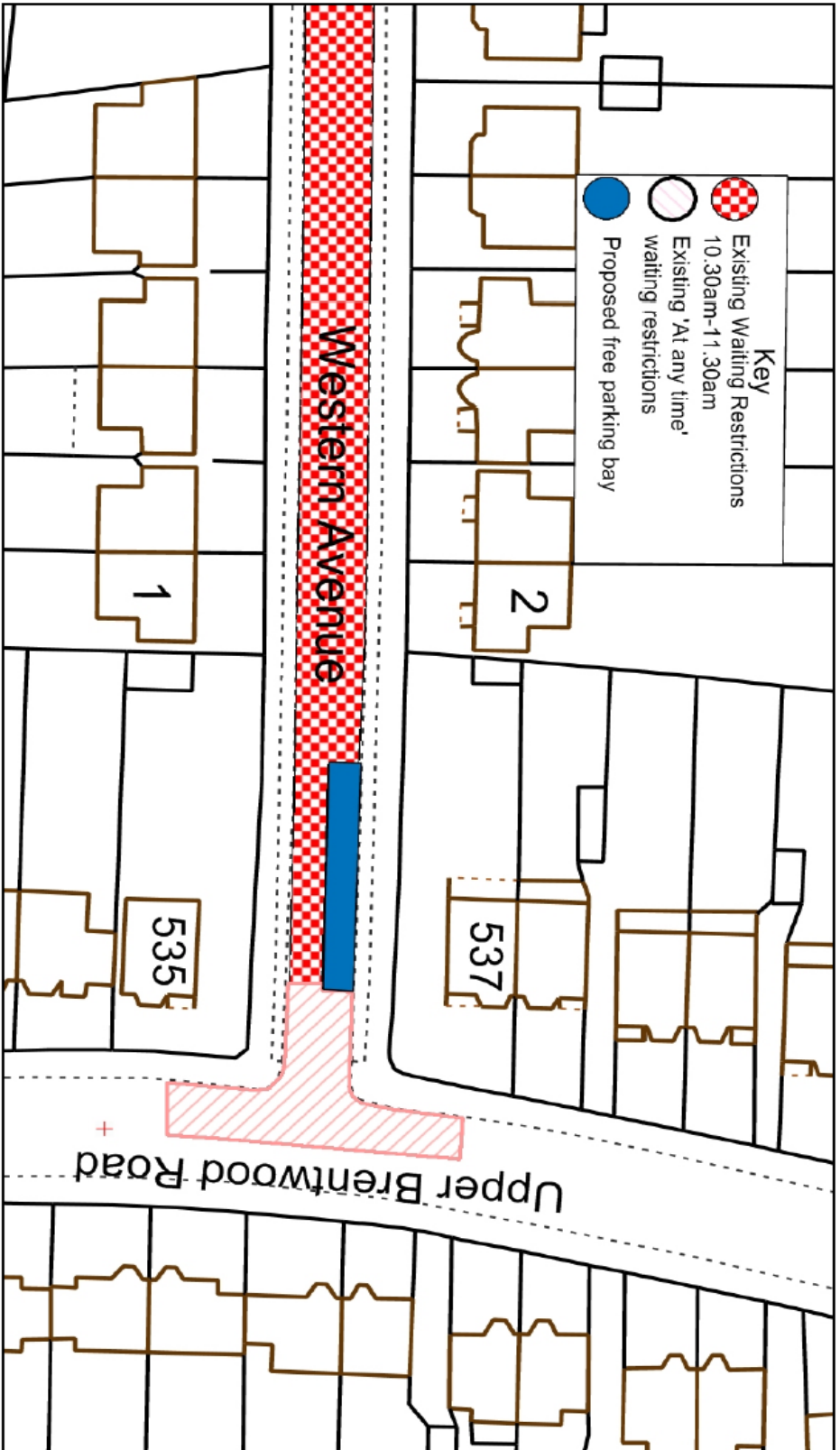
We recognise that parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may disadvantage some individuals and groups, particularly disabled and older people, residents living locally and local businesses. However, parking restrictions in residential are often installed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

**Appendix A and B**



**Key**

-  Existing Waiting Restrictions 10.30am-1.30am
-  Existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions
-  Proposed free parking bay

Western Avenue

Upper Brentwood Road

Western Avenue





535

537

1

2

N

Scale: 1:500  
 Date: 25 March 2015  
 Size: A4


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## Appendix B

	Comments	Staff Comments
	A resident of Western Avenue wants the bays, but feels it is too close to the junction, . making access and egress difficult.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident of Western Avenue is opposing to the location of the bay, as they feel it is too close to the junction and restricts the tuning in and out of Western Avenue	View staff comments in the report
	A resident objects to the proposals, on the grounds that the location is not a safe place and that the bays will be used by the residents of Upper Brentwood Road and not Western Avenue.	This bay is not being proposed solely for the use of the residents of Western Avenue, but is a provision that all motorist can use.
	A resident is in favour of the proposals	None
	A resident is in favour of the proposals	None
	A resident is objecting to the location of the bay, as it would worsen an already dangerous junction. They suggest moving the bay further up the road.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident is not in favour of the proposals, due to the location of the bay and the difficulty experienced at the junction.	View staff comments in the report
	A visitor to the area is objecting to the proposals, on the grounds that the location of the bay is too close to the junction of Upper Brentwood Road, where there is currently an issue with access and egress.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident is objecting to the proposals, as the bay would be located to close to the junction, where there are problems with access and egress.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the proposals, but feels the bay should be moved up the road, away from the junction.	View staff comments in the report
	Residents of the area are not in favour of the proposals, on the grounds that the bay is too close to a dangerous junction.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident of Western Avenue is not in favour of the bay, as it is too close to the junction. They request that the bay is shortened and the double yellow line extended.	View staff comments in the report
	Residents of the area are not in favour of the proposals, on the grounds that the bay is too close to a dangerous junction.	View staff comments in the report

	A resident of Western Avenue is not in favour of the bay, as it is too close to the junction. They request that the bay is shortened and the double yellow line extended.	View staff comments in the report
	A resident of Western Avenue is in favour of the free bay, but suggests that the 'At any time' waiting restrictions are extended and the bay moved back by 5/6 metres.	View staff comments in the report