

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT

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Subject Heading: Corbets Tey Road – TPC456

Proposed waiting restrictions – comments to advertised proposals

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

Clean, safe and proud borough Excellence in education and learning	[X]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[x]
Value and enhance the life of every individual High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	[X]
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SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Corbets Tey Road (Upminster Ward) to prevent long term commuter parking along the road, improve site lines for residents when egressing from their driveways and improve traffic flow.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Committee having considered this report and the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that the following measures be implemented as advertised:
 - (a) the waiting restrictions shown on the drawing in Appendix 1 of this report be implemented as advertised;
 - (b) that the effect of the scheme be monitored.
- Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1000 and can be funded from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following reports of all day commuter parking, at its meeting in July 2014, this Committee agreed in principle to the proposals to implement waiting restrictions Monday Friday 8am to 9.30am on the unrestricted section of Corbets Tey Road between No. 126 and No. 144 on the even side and between No. 181 and No. 205 on the odd side.
- 1.2 On 10th October 2014, residents in the area, 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 of the proposed restrictions.

2.0 Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

At the close of public consultation on the 31st October 2014, 13 responses' were received to the proposals, with 10 respondents in favour of the proposals, 2 respondents against the proposals and 1 respondent providing neutral comments.

3.0 Staff Comments

The proposals are designed to introduce waiting restrictions in Corbets Tey Road (Upminster Ward) to prevent long term commuter parking within the road, improve site lines for residents when egressing their driveways and improve traffic flow, therefore 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 £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 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 informally and formally by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

At the close of public consultation 13 responses were received, with 10 respondents in favour of the proposals, 2 respondents against and 1 neutral vote. The respondents opposing the proposals did not raise any equality related concerns.

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 areas 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

Appendix 1

