



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

**Proposed Waiting Restrictions –
comments to advertised proposals
TPC595– Berther Road**

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Policy context:

Traffic & Parking Control

Financial summary:

**The estimated cost of £1,500 for
implementation will be met by 2015/16
revenue budget for Minor Traffic and
Parking.**

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

Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce various waiting restrictions within Berther Road, which were agreed in principal by this Committee at its meeting in January 2015 and recommends a further course of action.

The scheme is within Romford Town Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered this report and the representations made and recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment that;
 - (a) the proposed waiting restrictions in Berther Road, as shown on the drawing (Ref: Berther Road) appended to this report as Appendix B, be implemented as advertised.
 - (b) a further review of the wider area around Emerson Park Station be undertaken with residents and businesses of the area being given the option of having a permit parking scheme
 - (c) that the effect of any agreed proposals be monitored.
2. That Members note that the estimated cost of installation the proposed waiting restrictions in Berther Road, as set out in this report is £1,500, which can be funded from the 2015/16 revenue budget for Minor Traffic and Parking

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background & Outcome of Public consultation

- 1.1 Following a request from Ward Councillors and a petition being received from residents of Berther Road, to deal with the increasing level of parking and its duration, Officers presented this item to the Highways Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 13th January 2015. At this meeting this Committee agreed in principle for officers to undertake an informal consultation in the area, to gauge residents feeling about the parking situation.
- 1.2 Based on the responses received to the informal consultation and in consultation with Ward Councillors, a scheme was designed consisting of 'At any time' waiting restrictions on the northern side of the road, that extends to the southern side of the road to cover residential accesses as shown, while the remainder of the southern side of the road will remain restricted by the existing Monday to Friday 8:00am to 9:30am waiting restrictions. The proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions also extend into Nelmes Road, on its western side, for 10 metres either side of the junction.
- 1.3 These proposals were subsequently publicly advertised on 29th May 2015 and residents and businesses who were perceived to be affected by them, were advised of them by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location. A plan of the proposals is appended to this report as **Appendix B**.

2.0 Responses received

By the close of the consultation on the 19th June 2015, from the 40 letters sent to residents and businesses, there were 8 responses received to the advertised proposals, of which 6 were from residents who outlined their support for the scheme, 1 is concerned about displaced parking and a petition signed by 38 residents of Berther Road requesting a residents parking scheme operational twice a day. All of the responses are summarised and appended to this report as Appendix A.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 The proposed 'At any time' waiting are designed to deal with the increasing levels of parking taking place in the road that is related to local restaurants, pub and bar, which takes place late into the evening. The 'At any time' waiting restrictions on the northern side of the road will ensure traffic flow, while on the southern side it will ensure that residents driveways are not blocked. The remaining Monday to Friday 8:00am to 9:30am waiting restrictions on the southern side of the road will continue to limit all day commuter parking, while providing valuable parking for the local residents and businesses and in turn, will have a limited traffic calming effect.
- 3.2 The proposals that have been publicly advertised can be implemented as soon as possible after this Committee has made a recommendation to the Cabinet Member for Environment and he has agreed the decision. Any agreed restrictions would be implemented as soon as possible, which would very quickly improve the current parking situation in Berther Road.
- 3.3 In respect of enforcing parking restrictions that apply outside normal working hours, the Council have considered the issues raised and have decided to extend the hours of enforcement operations, where our enforcement officers will undertake specific late evening patrols.

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 £1,500 including advertising costs. This cost can be met from the 2015/16 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:

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 8 responses to the consultation including a petition signed by 38 residents of Berther Road, which are outlined in Appendix B. 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.

There will be some 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 duty under the Equality Act 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A
Appendix B
Appendix C

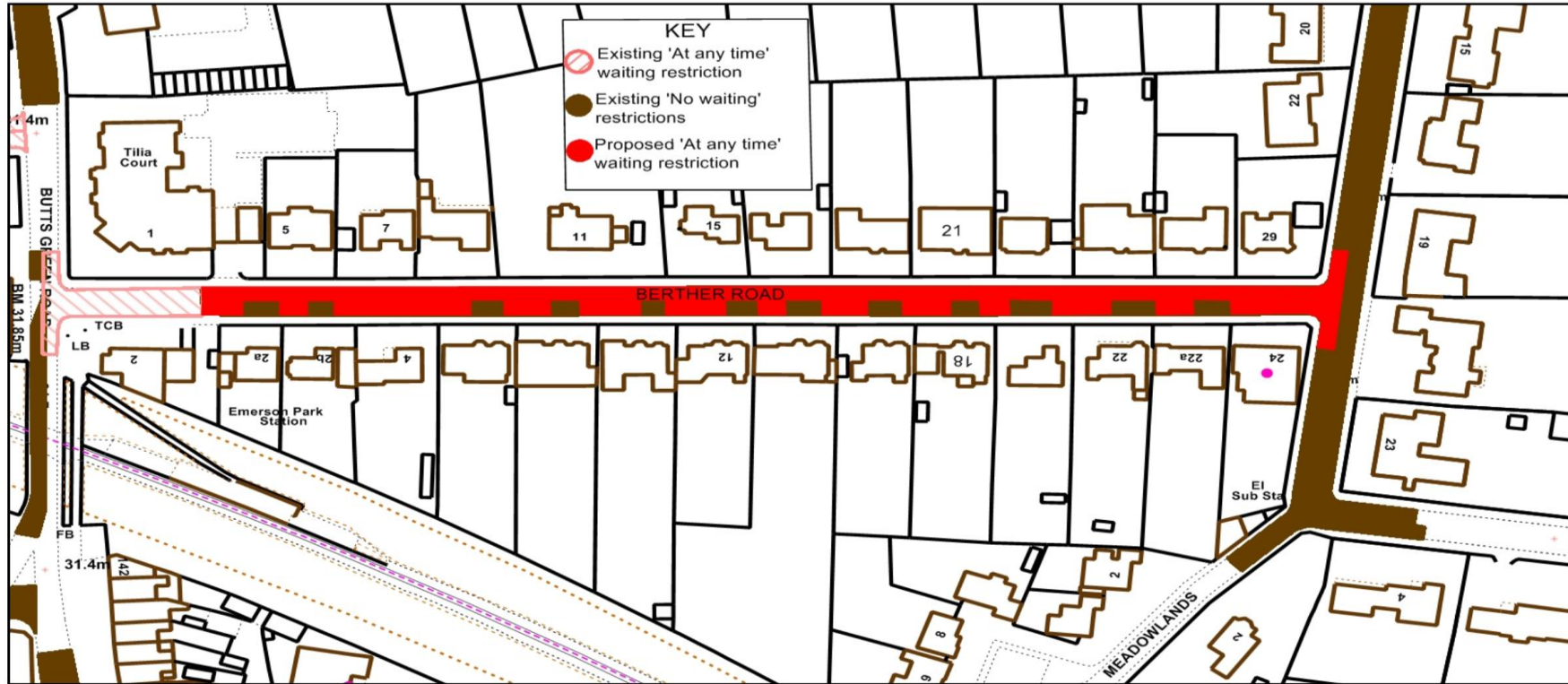
Appendix A

Respondent	Comments	Response
A resident of Berther Road	<p>Requests double yellow line on the northern side of the road</p> <p>Requests 12 parking bays on the southern side of the road that will be restricted 8:30am to 9:30am Monday to Friday</p> <p>Double yellow lines over drives</p>	<p>The proposed scheme incorporated this element.</p> <p>The proposed scheme incorporated this element</p> <p>The proposed scheme incorporated this element</p>
A resident of Berther Road	<p>In favour of the proposals</p> <p>Feels parking in the road is out of hand</p> <p>It's impossible to cross the road without their view being blocked</p>	The proposals as advertised should deal with the issues the resident has outlined.
A resident of Berther Road	<p>They are very much in favour with the proposals.</p> <p>If they go ahead they hope that active and positive steps will be taken to enforce the restrictions</p>	Enforcement action will be targeted that this location
A resident of Berther Road	<p>They are in favour of the proposed restrictions as exiting Tilia Court and negotiating the rest of Berther Road is not easy.</p> <p>This is due to the indiscriminate parking by drivers particularly in the evenings and lunchtime and at weekends. Hopefully these restrictions will solve the problem.</p>	The proposals as advertised should deal with the issues the resident has outlined.
A resident of Berther Road	They are in favour of the proposals	No Comment
A resident of Berther Road	They are in favour of the proposals	No Comment
A resident of Nelmes Road	They understand that the proposals will be welcomed, but are concerned that there will be displaced parking in	The proposals for Berther Road, if implemented may displace parking into other road in the area



	<p>their road and therefore request that the proposals be extended to cover Nelmes Road</p>	
<p>A petition from 38 residents of Berther Road in the form of a standard letter with a covering letter</p>	<p>The covering letter states that from the 46 properties in the road, 38 responses, 83% were in favour of a dual time residents parking scheme over the advertised proposals</p> <p>The respondents are not in favour of the proposals as advertised and request that they are rejected.</p> <p>The respondents would like a Residents parking scheme, operational, operational seven days of the week and between 11am and 2 pm and 6pm and 10pm</p> <p>Comment on the commuter parking and the extension of the extended train operating times</p> <p>Refer to the Traffic Regulation Act (1984) outlining that there is undisputable evidence that “the parking by non-residents is causing serious inconvenience to residents” such that “the character of Berther Road” has been damaged.</p> <p>Residents remind the council that it has a duty of care to ensure that no economic damage is suffered from any negligent behaviour.</p>	<p>The proposals that have been advertised will, if implemented have an immediate positive effect on the road while limiting displaced parking</p> <p>A residents parking scheme would require further design and would have a greater impact on the area, by displacing the medium to long term parking into adjoining roads.</p>



Appendix B



Berther Road N

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