



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

11 August 2015

Subject Heading:

Western Avenue – Proposed extension of ‘At Any Time’ waiting restrictions - comments to advertised proposals

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Policy context:

Traffic & Parking Control

Financial summary:

The estimated cost of £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 report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Western Avenue and relocate the adjacent Free parking bay and recommends a further course of action.

The scheme is within Squirrels Heath Ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made, recommends to the **Cabinet Member for Environment** that:
 - a. The proposed extension of the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Western Avenue and the relocation of the Free parking on the northern side of Western Avenue, as shown on the drawing (appended as Appendix A), be implemented as advertised;
 - b. The effect of any agreed proposals be monitored.
 - c. Members note that the estimated cost for the current proposals in Brentwood Road, as set out in this report is £500, will be met from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 11th November 2014, when considering a report on the introduction of parking restrictions in Western Avenue, this Committee agreed to implement the proposals as advertised. However, in view of the responses received to the proposals this Committee also agreed for further proposals to be advertised to extend the 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Western Avenue by 5 metres on both sides of the road and to relocate the agreed Free parking bay on the northern side of the road by 5 metres westwards, to accommodate the extension of the 'At any time' waiting restrictions.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 1st May 2015. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as Appendix A. All those perceived to be affected by the proposals were advised of them by a letter and copy of the plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.
- 1.3 At the close of the consultation on Friday 22nd May 2015, 3 responses were received, all in favour of the proposals.

2.0 Staff Comment

2.1 There has only been a positive response to the proposals.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to Lead Member the implementation of the above scheme as advertised.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals, including physical measures and advertising costs, as described above and shown on the attached plan is £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:

Waiting restrictions 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 extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions in Western Avenue, at its junction with Brentwood Road and relocate the Free parking bay on the northern side of Western Avenue 5 metres westwards.

The Council undertook a consultation with residents in the local area, as well as 18 statutory bodies. Site notices were also placed in the location. The Council received 3 responses to the consultation, which were all in favour of the proposals. No equalities concerns were raised against this scheme.

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

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