



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

King George Close – Proposed ‘At Any Time’ waiting restrictions - comments to advertised proposals

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Policy Context:

Traffic & Parking Control

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Financial Summary:

The estimated cost of £900 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	[x]
People will be safe, in their homes and in the community	[x]
Residents will be proud to live in Havering	[x]

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce ‘At any time’ waiting restrictions in King George Close and recommends a further course of action.

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 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in King George Close, as shown on the drawing appended as Appendix A, be implemented as advertised.
 - b) the effect of the scheme be monitored.
2. Members note that the estimated cost for the proposals , as set out in this report is £900 , will be met from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following reports of obstructive parking taking place in King George Close, at its meeting in August 2015, this Committee agreed in principle to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in the area, to prevent obstructive parking and improve traffic flow.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 13th November 2015. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report as Appendix A. All those 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 4th December 2015, no responses were received.

2.0 Staff Comment

- 2.1 The proposals are designed to prevent parking on both sides of the road which obstructs traffic flow to larger vehicles. Officers recommend that the proposals should be implemented as advertised.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £900.

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 in regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs may be 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 and parking bays require public 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:

Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others. However, the Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. 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, young people and older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the act.

The proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation. All residents 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.

The recommendation is for the proposal to be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored on a regular basis to ensure any equality negative impacts are mitigated. Staff will monitor the effects of these proposals, especially relating to these groups, and if it is considered that further changes are necessary, the issues

will be reported back to this Committee so that a further course of action can be agreed.

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, which will assist the Council in meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

