



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 1 March 2016

Subject Heading:

TPC743 Eastern Road, proposed
Waiting Restrictions- comments to
advertised proposals
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Policy context:

Traffic & Parking Control

Financial summary:

The estimated cost of £700 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 formal consultation to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Eastern Road, which are designed to improving road safety and traffic flow and prevent obstructive parking.

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 amended proposals to extend the existing double yellow lines in Eastern Road, from its junction with Chandlers Way to the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Mercury Gardens, excluding the loading and Disabled parking bays in this area as shown on the plan appended to this report as Appendix B, be implemented as advertised; and
 - b. the effect of any agreed proposals be monitored.
2. Members note that the estimated cost for the proposals in Eastern Road as set out in this report is £700, will be met from the 2015/16 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following reports of traffic flow problems caused by obstructive parking in Eastern Road, these proposals have been designed with the intention to prevent obstructive parking and therefore stop any further traffic flow and obstructive parking issues.
- 1.2 The item was approved in principle by the Highways Advisory Committee at its meeting in August 2015.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 16th October 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 letter with the attached plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted. Site notices were also placed at the location.
- 1.4 The proposals are to extend the existing double yellow lines in Eastern Road, from its junction with Chandlers Way to the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junction of Mercury Gardens, excluding the loading and Disabled parking bays in this area. The proposals will replace the existing Monday to Saturday, 8:30am to 6:30pm waiting restrictions.

2.0 Responses received

At the close of public consultation on Friday 6th November 2015, 24 responses were received, 1 response in favour of the proposals and 23 responses were against. Out of the 23 responses against the proposals 22 responses were in relation to the Romford Synagogue. The 23 responses against the proposals are summarised in the table of response appended to this report as Appendix C.

3.0 Staff Comment

- 3.1 The proposals were designed to stop obstructive parking and improve traffic flow.
- 3.2 Having received many responses in relation to the Romford Synagogue, all expressing concerns of the potential impact the proposed scheme may have on the synagogue, a meeting was held where representatives from both the Council and the Synagogue. It was decided that the proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions should be reduced at the western boundary of 23 Eastern Road, rather than the full extent of the originally proposals. This revised scheme is shown on the drawing in Appendix B. It was agreed that the remainder of the north-western side of the road should be considered for Pay and Display parking provision to help visitors of the Synagogue and that this provision should be dealt with as a separate item.
- 3.3 Following the meeting with representatives of the Synagogue, at its meeting in February 2016, this Committee approved proposals in principal to introduce Pay and Display parking facilities at the north-eastern of Eastern Road. Proposals for this scheme will be designed consulted on in the coming weeks.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £700.

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.

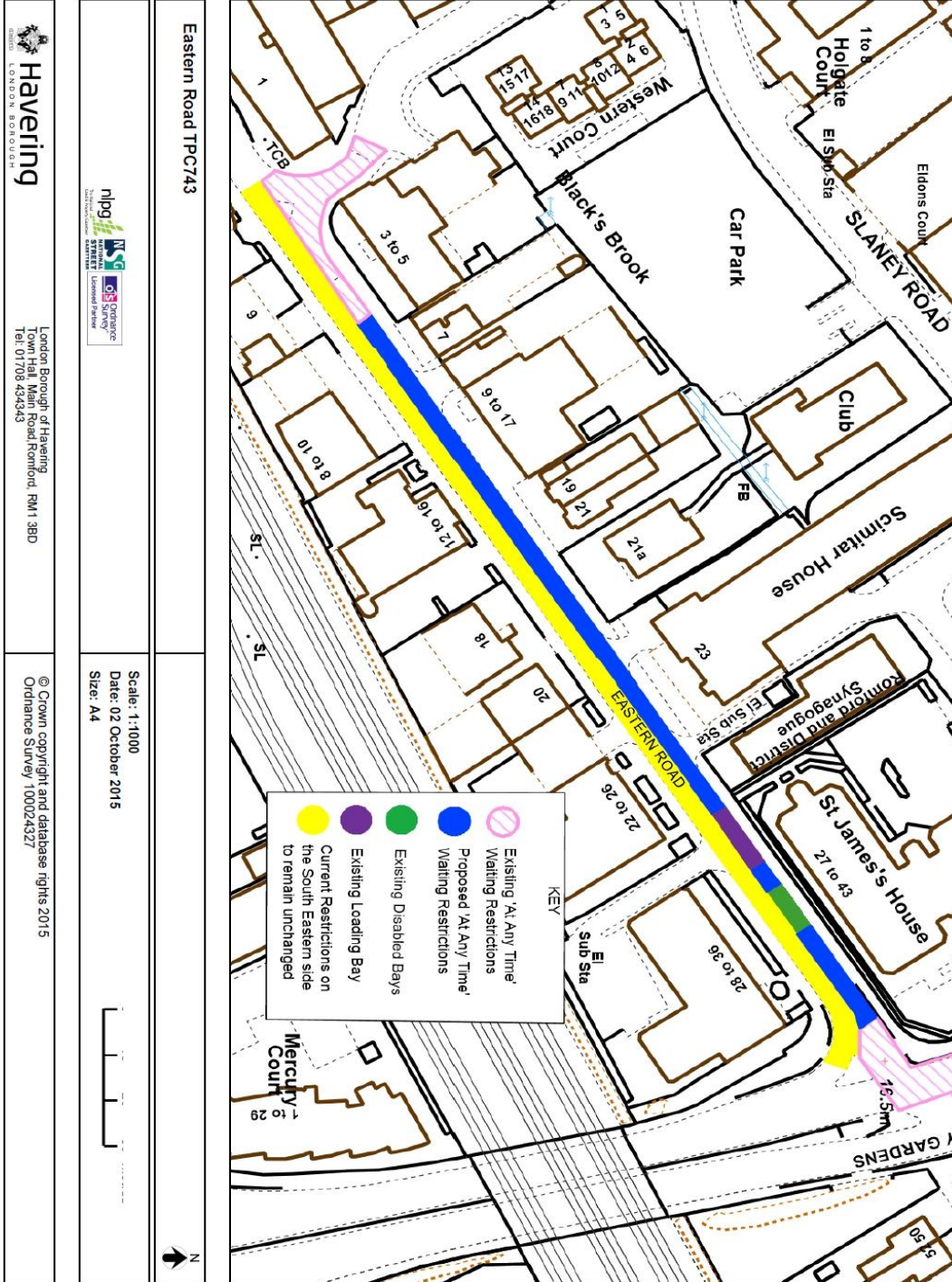
The proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to public consultation. All residents perceived to be affected by the proposals have been consulted informally and formally by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

The recommendation is for the proposal to be implemented as per the revised design below 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

Original Proposal



Eastern Road TPC743



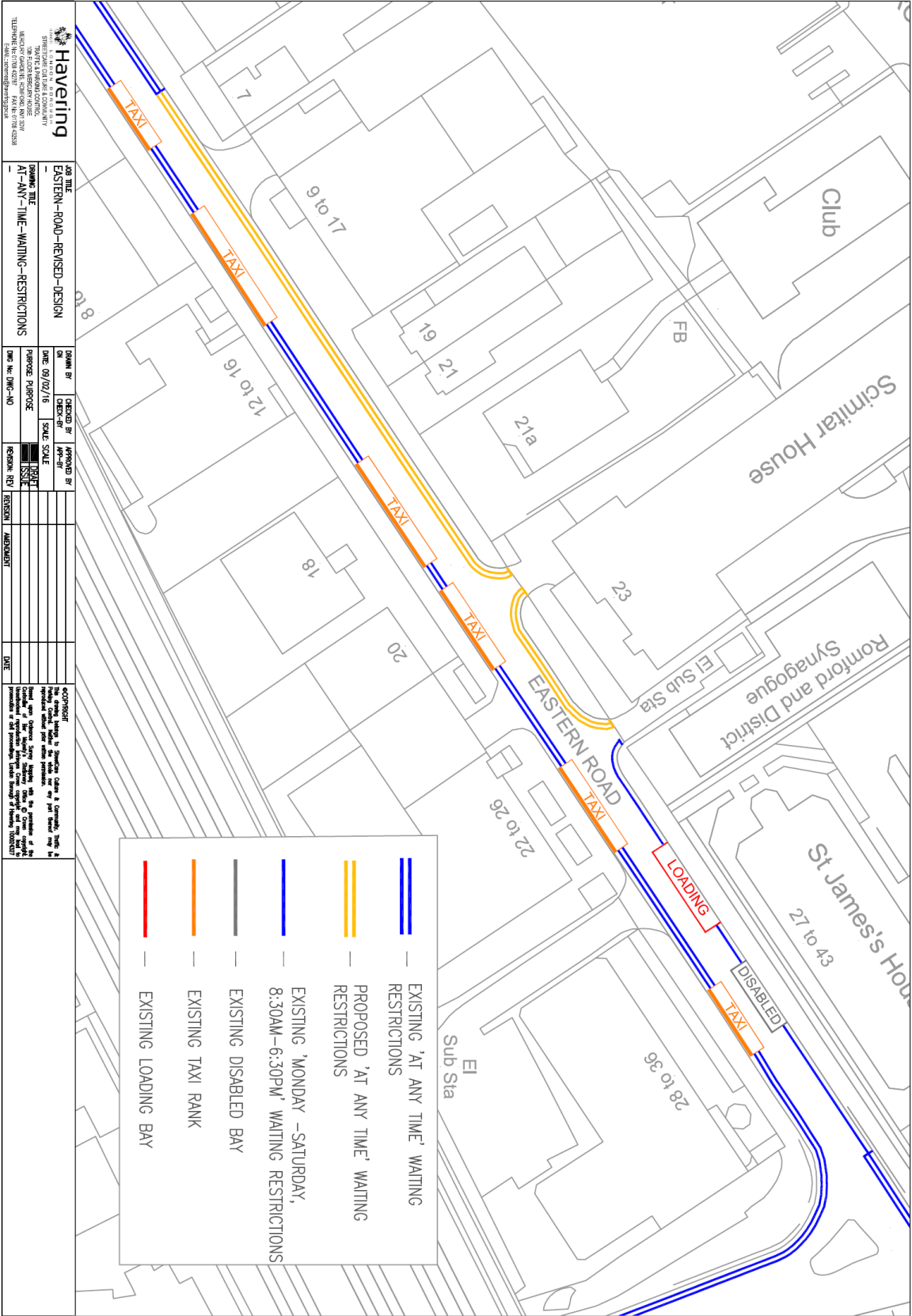
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PROJECT TYPE AT-ANY-TIME-WAITING-RESTRICTIONS	SCALE A1:1
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FORW. NO. [Number]	REVISION [List]
DATE [Date]	DATE [Date]

Appendix C

	Respondent	Summary of Contents	Staff Comments
1	A business in Eastern Road	<p>Not in favour. We have 30 companies based within our building which have several deliveries throughout the day, many of which arrive at around the same time and contain heavy parcels that need to be brought here by the delivery staff. If these actions were put into place this would cause inconvenience for many companies as only one delivery company would be able to park at any one time and they would have to walk around 200 yards to deliver heavy loads which could cause major disruptions.</p>	<p>The proposals are not to introduce loading restrictions. The rules regarding loading/unloading for 'At any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) are the same for the single yellow lines during its hours of operation. Loading/unloading is permitted on single yellow lines and double yellow lines.</p>
2 (22)	Romford Synagogue	<p>22 responses were received against/concerned regarding the proposals were received in relation to Romford synagogue. There were concerns regarding where members, particularly elderly and disabled ones would park. Where loading/unloading would take place and where boarding and alighting would take place.</p>	<p>A meeting was held where representatives from both the authority and the synagogue were present. It was decided that proposed 'at any time' waiting restrictions would stop at approximately the western boundary of 23 Eastern Road as appose to the whole road as originally proposed. It was agreed that the remainder of the road would be considered for pay and display parking. This appeared to please and appease the concerns of the synagogue.</p>