

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 6 September 2016

Subject Heading:	TPC888 Chandlers Way, Request to join up the 'At any time' waiting restrictions to the rear of the Missoula and Weatherspoons buildings to prevent vehicles blocking fire exits- comments to advertised proposals
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Policy context:	Traffic & Parking Control
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of £1800 for implementation will be met by 2016/17 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]



Romford Town Ward:

This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation to join up the 'At any time' waiting restrictions to the rear of the Missoula and Weatherspoons buildings to prevent vehicles blocking fire exit.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made, recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment, Regulatory Services and Community Safety that:
- a. The proposed extension of 'at any time' waiting restrictions in Chandlers Way, as shown on the plan at Appendix A, be implemented as advertised.
- 2. Members note that the estimated cost for the proposals in Chandlers Way as set out in this report is £1000, will be met from the 2016/17 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following persistent reports from local businesses of obstructive parking in Chandlers Way, to the rear of the Missoula and Weatherspoons buildings, a scheme has been designed to extend 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in the road allowing: fire exits to be kept free and clear of obstruction and provide businesses with a loading / unloading provision (loading /unload is permitted on a double yellow lines for up to 20 minutes).
- 1.2 The item was approved by the Highways Advisory Committee for public consultation at their meeting in April 2016.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised on 24th June 2016. 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 site notices with the attached plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted.

2.0 Responses received

2.1 At the close of public consultation on Friday 22nd July 2016, no responses were received to the consultation.

3.0 Staff Comment

3.1 Ward Councillors have confirmed their support for the scheme. As no responses were received to the public consultation, it is recommended that the proposals 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 £1600.

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 Environment 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 Environment 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

