

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE 4 October 2016

Subject Heading:	TPC830 Gabriel Close, proposed waiting restrictions - comments to advertised proposals
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Policy context:	Traffic & Parking Control
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of £2000 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]



Havering Park Ward:

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce double yellow lines around the turning head and mark the Homes and Housing parking area into individual parking bays.

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 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions with the individually marked advisory residents parking bays and the placement of signs in the car park at Gabriel Close, as shown on the plan appended to this report at Appendix A, be implemented as advertised.
- 2. Members note that the estimated cost for the proposals in Gabriel Close as set out in this report is £2000, which will be met from the 2016/17 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Due to persistent reports from residents in Gabriel Close that vehicles from other roads and commuters were parking in a Council owned car park (Home in Housing) in Gabriel Close officers considered measures to deal with the issue.
- 1.2 The item was approved by the Highways Advisory Committee at its meeting in March 2016.
- 1.3 The proposals were designed and a questionnaire was sent out on Friday 29th April 2016. A copy of the plan outlining the proposals is appended to this report at Appendix A.
- 1.4 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 attached plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted.

2.0 Responses received

2.1 An informal consultation was undertaken on Friday 29th April 2016. 11 residents were consulted. Out of the 11 consulted, 9 responses were received to the informal consultation which gave a response rate of 82%. 8

residents were in favour of the proposals and one resident was not in favour. The resident explained that it was unfair that the yellow lines go outside some properties and not others. The resident wanted the restrictions extended into the car park and across into the first bay opposite the entrance of the car park.

2.2 At the close of public consultation on Friday 15th July 2016, one response was received to the consultation, which was in favour of the proposals.

3.0 Staff Comment

- 3.1 A questionnaire was sent out to residents on Friday 29th April 2016. A design (which is attached to this report at Appendix A) was sent to residents within the informal consultation. Eight out of eleven residents were in favour of the proposals and one resident was not in favour. The resident that objected to the proposals wanted the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions extended into the housings car park and to take out one of parking bays proposed. Officers decided to proceed with the formal consultation and to attach the same design. The extension of the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions would reduce one parking bay proposed, which will impact how many vehicles can park in Gabriel Close.
- 3.2 The formal consultation was sent out on Friday 15th July 2016 and closed on Friday 15th July 2016. One response was received from the consultation which was in favour of the proposals. Despite the lack of responses within the formal consultation, the Havering Park Ward Councillors were contacted by officers to ascertain their opinions on the proposal. Councillors are in full support of the scheme. Therefore, it is recommended that the scheme goes ahead 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 £2000.

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

Appendix A

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