

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:	TPC868 Park Lane / Cavendish Avenue – 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions
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Policy context:	Street Management
Financial Summary	The estimated cost is £1500 which will be funded from 2016/17 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

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

Elm Park Ward

This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Park Lane and at its junction with Cavendish Avenue and recommended 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 Regulatory Services and Community Safety;
 - (a) that the proposals introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Park Lane / Cavendish Avenue as shown on the drawing in Appendix B be implemented as advertised.
- 2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1500, which can be met from the 2016/17 Minor Parking Schemes Budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting in March 2016, the Committee agreed in principle to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions in Park Lane / Cavendish Avenue, due to increasing complaints about vehicles parking on the junctions and blocking accessing to Park Lane.
- 1.2 Ward Councillors agreed with the proposals and that residents of the area, should be formally consulted on them. On Friday 8 July 2016, 64 residents that were perceived to be affected by the restrictions were sent letters and a copy of the plan, with a return date of Friday 29 July 2016. The responses to the consultation are outlined in the table appended to this report as Appendix A.

2.0 Results of public consultation

2.1 From the 64 letters sent out to the area, 3 responses were received. Out of the 3 responses, 2 residents were not in favour of the proposals, and 1 resident outlined various issues, but did not clearly outline whether they were in favour of the proposals or not. Further to these responses, a petition was sent in with 22 resident's signatures and addresses, addressing their objection to the scheme. However, after a poor response rate and the majority of residents not wanting the restrictions. Ward Councillors were contacted to gauge their opinion on the scheme and are in favour of the scheme being implemented.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 From the responses received, it would seem that most of the residents are not in favour of the proposals.
- 3.2 The proposed restrictions are intended to stop vehicles parking on the junctions of the road, and allow free access for the dial a ride bus service. The proposed restrictions will be placed within the highway. Residents objecting to the scheme have raised questions over the ownership of the highway land and the Councils ability to implement restrictions. Ownership of the land is a distinct and separate issue to its classification as highway. Highway can be publicly or privately owned and can be maintained at public or private expense. Where land is

classified as highway the Council can implement restrictions. After clarifying this to the Elm Park Councillors, they are still in favour of the proposals to go 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 £1500, can be funded from the 2016/17 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

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 – as regards to actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are 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 informally consulted on and all residents who were perceived to be affected by the review were sent letters.

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

No	Resident / Address	Summary of Residents Comments	Staff Comments
1	Resident of Cavendish Avenue	The resident explains that there is a major parking problem within Cavendish Avenue / Park Lane. They very often see large vehicles parking outside the Hanover Trust building. The resident mentions that there is a parking problem with the school as well which is leading into Cavendish Avenue / Park Lane. The resident also explains that Cavendish Avenue is a private road in which the Havering Council cannot place any restrictions in this road.	Officers understand that there is a parking problem with this road, but the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions have been proposed to insure that the dial a ride buses do not have access issues getting through to the homes in Park Lane. The other information that the resident has given, has been passed on to the PSPO team.
2	Resident of Cavendish Avenue	The resident is not in favour of the proposals. The resident explains that this may solve the parking issues in Park Lane, but not in Cavendish Avenue. The resident believes that the vehicles that are parking there are from the school nearby.	The information given from the resident about the schools has been passed on to the PSPO team. Reports that dial a ride buses cannot access Park Lane in which Street Management have highway rights for the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions to ensure that emergency and council vehicles have got access to Park Lane.
3	Resident of Cavendish Avenue	The resident is not in favour of the proposals. The resident explains that the roads concerned, have bigger parking management problems as vehicles are causing serious problems to the residents.	By implementing the 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions, this will solve the parking issues of dangerous parking on junctions. Also, this ensures that emergency and council vehicles have got access to Park Lane.

Appendix B

