

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:	Lowshoe Lane Controlled Parking Zone TPC744 – Formal consultation objection report
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Policy context:	Traffic & Parking Control
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of implementation is £3000 and will be met by the 2016/17 Capital 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 objections received to the statutory consultation of the proposed permit parking area in the Lowshoe Lane Area and recommends a further course of action.

Ward

Mawneys Ward

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 permit parking area and waiting restrictions shown on the plan in Appendix A be implemented as advertised.
- b) That the effects of any implemented proposals be monitored
- 2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of this scheme is £3000 which will be funded from the 2016/17 Capital budget for Minor Traffic and Parking.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In August 2015 this Committee agreed in principle to the proposals to introduce a controlled parking zone or waiting restrictions in Lowshoe Lane and the surrounding roads, following a petition from local residents and requests from Councillors regarding inconsiderate or obstructive parking in the area.
- 1.2 An informal consultation was undertaken in February 2016 and the results were reported to this Committee at its meeting in April 2016.
- 1.3 It was agreed at this meeting that a parking scheme should be designed and be consulted. The informal stage 2 consultation was undertaken between in July 2016 and the results were reported to this Committee on 8th November 2016.
- 1.4 This Committee on 8th November 2016 approved the undertaking of statutory consultation on the proposed Lowshoe Lane controlled parking zone.
- 1.5 The proposals were advertised in a public notice on the 9th December 2016 and as part of this advertisement the residents and businesses who were perceived to be affected by the proposals, were advised of them by letter and plan. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed at the location.

2.0 Results of public consultation

- 2.1 One objection to the proposal was received.
- 2.2 The objection is summarised in Appendix B, along with officer comments.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 It is clear from the responses to the consultations that were undertaken that there are parking problems in the area. A major part is being caused by vehicles from the car dealership on Collier Row Lane reducing the amount of available parking spaces for residents in the area.
- 3.2 The proposed residents parking provision will limit the longer term parking and will give residents and their visitors somewhere to park within the restricted period.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals, including physical measures, advertising and making the Traffic Management Orders costs is £3,000. These costs will be funded from the 2016/17 Capital budget for Minor Traffic and Parking.

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 typical project for Street management 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 Street management overall Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

Related costs to the Permit Parking areas

Resident & Business permits charges		
Residents permit per year	1st permit £25.00, 2nd permit £50.00, 3rd permit and any thereafter £75.00	
Visitors permits £1.25 per permit for up to 6 hours (sold in £12.50 books of 10 permits)		

Legal implications and risks:

The Council's power to make an order creating a controlled parking zone is set out in Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA 1984").

Before an Order is made, the Council should ensure that the statutory procedures set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England & Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) are complied with. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic signs and road markings.

Section 122 RTRA 1984 imposes a general duty on local authorities when exercising functions under the RTRA. It provides, insofar as is material, to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. This statutory duty must be balanced with any concerns received over the implementation of the proposals.

In considering any responses received during consultation, the Council must ensure that full consideration of all representations is given including those which do not accord with the officers recommendation. The Council must be satisfied that any objections to the proposals were taken into account.

In considering any consultation responses, the Council must balance the concerns of any objectors with the statutory duty under section 122 RTRA 1984.

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.

There will be some physical and visual impact from the required signing and lining works.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A - Proposed CPZ area **Appendix B -** Objections to Proposals

Appendix A

Proposed CPZ area



Appendix B

Objections to Proposals

	Respondent	Road	Summary of Comments	Staff Comments
1	Resident	Hood Walk	The residents outlines that they would like double yellow lines on Hood Walk outside the entrance to the church. The resident expresses that they have difficulty parking on their drive.	As the resident hasn't objected to the installation of the proposed parking restrictions, this objection should not affect the implementation of the proposal. The council will look at implementing waiting restrictions in Hood Walk in a future scheme.