

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

6 March 2018

Subject Heading:	Ewan Area Parking review – comments to advertised proposals
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Policy context:	Traffic & Parking Control
Financial summary:	The estimated cost of implementation is £0.008m for implementation will be met by the S106 Contribution for P0702.08 reference A2678 – 1.0 Former Harold Wood Hospital Controlled Parking Zone S106 Contribution granted planning consent on 14-11-2011.

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

Harold Wood Ward

This report outlines the results of the formal consultation to introduce a residents parking scheme in the Ewan Road Area and recommends 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 that:
 - (a) the proposals to introduce a residents parking scheme, operational between 10am and 2pm Monday to Friday inclusive and the related 'At any time' waiting restrictions, as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, be implemented as advertised;
 - (b) the effects of any implemented proposals be monitored.
2. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £0.008m for implementation these costs will be met by the S106 Contribution for P0702.08 reference A2678 – 1.0 Former Harold Wood Hospital Controlled Parking Zone S106 Contribution granted planning consent on 14-11-2011, planning reference numbers P0004.11 & P0702.11.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting in 10th January 2017, in the item under Urgent Business, this Committee agreed in principle to review the parking restrictions in the Ewan Road area, due to the results of the parking review in the adjoining Lister Avenue area being reported to the February meeting and Ward Councillors being concerned about parking being displaced.
- 1.2 Ward Councillors were also concerned about the creasing complaints about the level of parking in the roads in the area, due to the South Bank University, the construction works on the bridge on the A127 and Tesco in Whitelands Way implementing a 3 hour maximum stay in their car park.
- 1.3 At the meeting on 7th February 2017, this Committee considered the responses received to the informal consultation exercise and agreed that residents of the area should be formally consulted on a designed residents parking scheme.
- 1.4 On 6 October 2017, residents and businesses that were perceived to be affected by the review were sent letters and questionnaires, (appended at Appendix C) with a return date of 27 October 2017. The responses to the questionnaire are outlined in the table appended to this report at Appendix D. Comments received on the questionnaire have not been included in this report, but will be kept on file.

- 1.5 From the 248 letters sent out to the area, 57 responses were received, a 23% return. Out of the 57 responses 45 answered YES to question 1, that they felt there was a problem in the road, 44 answered YES to question 2, that they were in favour of restrictions. In respect of the options of which days of the week should be restricted, 28 responses favoured Monday to Friday, while 17 responses favoured Monday to Saturday. In respect of the options of which hours of the day that were favoured, 22 responses favoured 10am to 2pm, while 22 responses favoured 8am to 6.30pm. In respect of what form of restriction was favoured, 35 responses favoured the Residents Parking Scheme option, while 10 responses favoured yellow line waiting restrictions. Given these results, it would seem the most supported option would be a Residents Parking Scheme, operational from Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm this is in line with the operational hours of the nearby Lister scheme.
- 1.6 From the responses that were received, it was seem clear that the majority of responses outlined that there was a parking problem in the area and that some form of action needed to be taken. The most popular option would be a Residents Parking Scheme, operational Monday to Friday 10am to 2pm inclusive. The proposed scheme for the area is appended as Appendix B.
- 1.7 The proposed residents parking provision will limit the longer term parking in the Ewan Road area and will give residents and their visitors somewhere to park within the restricted period. However, being so close to the Harold Wood railway station and the Bryant Avenue industrial area, there is always a chance that after the restricted period and on the unrestricted days that the roads could still experience some longer term non-residential parking.
- 1.8 The scheme was presented to the Highways Advisory Committee on the 7th November 2017, where it was resolved to publicly advertise the scheme. The scheme was advertised on the 26th January 2018

2.0 Staff Comments

- 2.1 Given the very low level comment from the residents and the continuing reports of parking problems on the estate, which the Ward Councillors are receiving, it is recommended that the residents parking scheme be implemented as advertised and that the adjoining unrestricted roads in the area be monitored to gauge the level of any displaced parking.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to the Cabinet Member the implementation of the above scheme.

The estimated cost of £0.008m for implementation will be met by the S106 Contribution for P0702.08 reference A2678 – 1.0 Former Harold Wood Hospital Controlled Parking Zone

S106 Contribution granted planning consent on 14-11-2011, planning reference numbers P0004.11 & P0702.11..

The funding will need to be spent by 11th January 2024, to ensure full access to the funding. The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should all proposals be implemented. It should be noted that subject to the recommendations of the committee a final decision then would be made by the Lead Member – as regards 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 overall Environment Capital budget.

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 officer's 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 in residential areas are often installed to improve road safety and accessibility for residents who may be affected by long-term non-residential parking.

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.

Residents of the estate have been consulted twice within this process and it is considered that no group with any protected characteristics will be affected by these proposals. In fact, it is considered that disabled drivers find parking easier, as the proposals will significantly reduce the amount of long term non-residential parking.

The proposal will be publicly advertised and were subject to formal consultation. Consultation responses will be carefully considered to inform the final proposals.

There will be some visual impact from further signing and lining works.

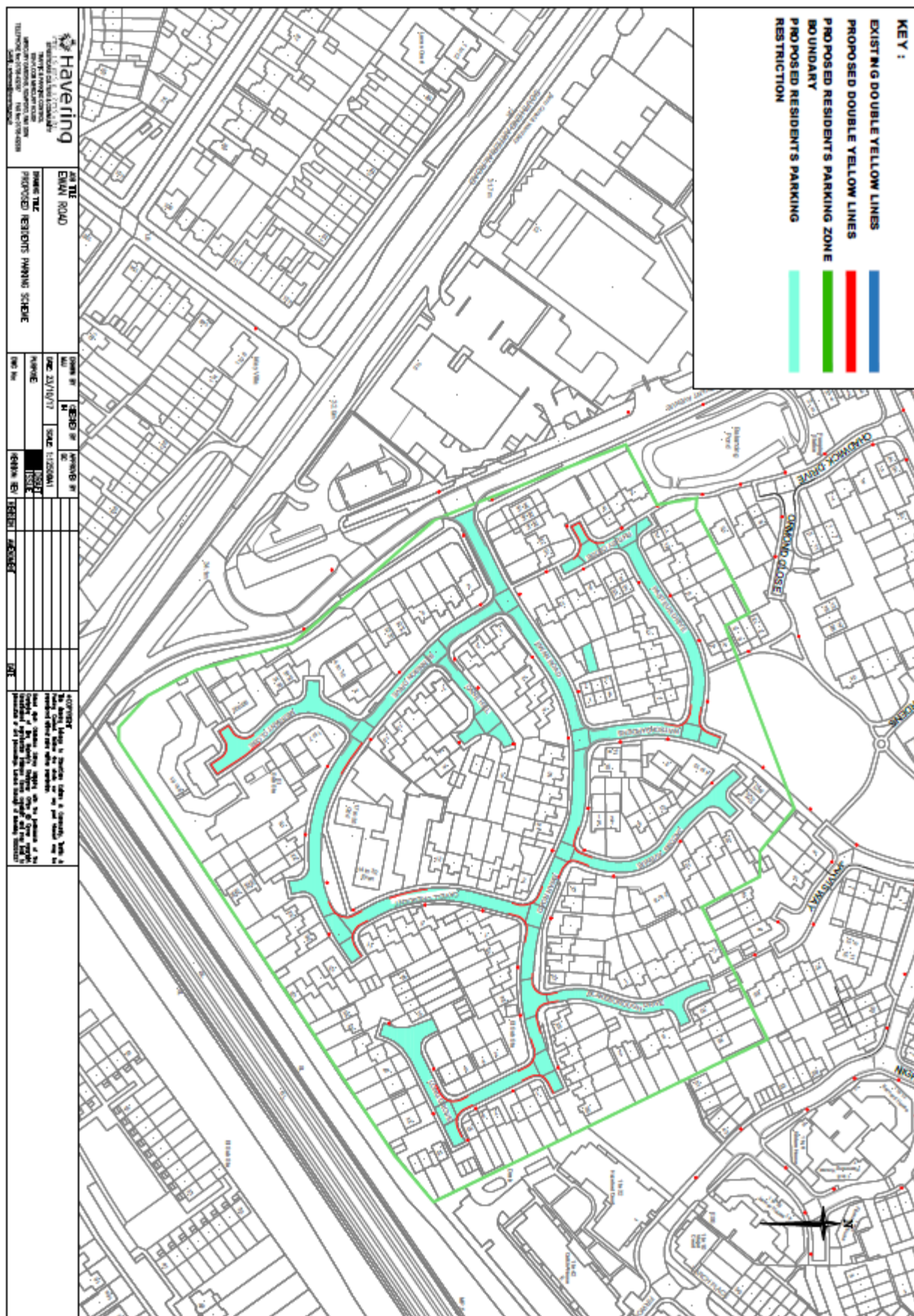
BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A.

Respondent	Summary of resident's comments	Staff Comments
Resident of Long Grove	<p>I am writing to you with regarding the above mentioned parking scheme. I am afraid you have really missed the point the main concern of residents is Bryant Avenue and when turning right into Bryant Avenue from Ewan Road you are coming out blind because of cars parked there you are unable to see traffic coming the other way and also the speeding in Bryant Avenue is not acceptable.</p> <p>The yellow lines in Bryant Avenue need to be extended also people parking in Ewan Road is still a major concern some days you would not be able to get an ambulance or a dust cart through this road and I don't think permits will change this.</p> <p>I think speed humps in Bryant Avenue might be the answer or yellow lines the whole length of it so no cars are parked there.</p> <p>There is also another point that I have raised before with your office and that is the Car Delivery Lorries & Tesco Delivery Lorries why they are not given parking tickets and please don't say they are because I check with them and are not what I want to know the reason that there is a rule of thumb and a rule motorists.</p>	<p>This area has been consulted and the introduction of a Parking Scheme with associated waiting restrictions will alleviate all of these issues, while creating a natural traffic calming measure and ensuring smooth unencumbered flow of traffic. A scheme is being investigated for Bryant Avenue.</p>
Resident of Bennison Drive	<p>Further to your letter giving information regarding the new parking scheme on my estate. I have a couple of points I would like to ask.</p> <p>Looking at the map you sent I would like to be assured that the parking space allocated to my property is not included in an area where I would need to purchase a permit. It is not clear from your drawing. My parking space is on the perimeter of my property and the drawing looks like it should be shaded blue.</p> <p>Secondly I would like to be assured that the kerbed area just behind my parking space is not included in any parking permit area. We sometimes park one car behind the other and this would sometimes mean the back end of our car would be on the road rather than my allocated parking space. It would be an inconvenience to have to purchase a permit just in case I need to park like this at some point in the future.</p> <p>Many thanks for your consideration of my points.</p>	<p>The area in question by the resident is not part of the adopted highway and would not be enforced. The area behind the parking space is also unadopted and would not be enforced.</p>

<p>Resident of Blakeborough Drive</p>	<p>Thank you for your communication of 5th January 2018 referring to a Proposed Residents Parking Scheme.</p> <p>I am opposed to this proposal on the grounds that I can see no benefit to the residents. There does, however, appear to be a financial benefit for the council from charging residents to park vehicles outside their homes.</p> <p>Currently in Blakeborough Drive the majority of the road is covered by dropped kerbs, which drivers would commit an offence of over, if a vehicle was on the drive. However, if the vehicle doing this was visiting the homeowner, permission would automatically be granted. This would apply to family, friends, tradesmen and services.</p> <p>Having lived in this road since its construction, some 26 years ago, I find no justification in now expecting me to pay for visitors and tradesmen's vehicles parking outside my house. There is, generally, no problem with vehicles parked in the road, since it is cul-de-sac, and there is sufficient space to permit both Fire Engines and Refuse Lorries access to all properties.</p> <p>I am aware that this is not the situation all over the estate, and it is only Blakeborough Drive that I am writing about.</p> <p>On the matters of double yellow lines on all the corners, I am in agreement with the proposals. I am a former police officer and do understand the dynamics of residential parking and its difficulties, but I would ask you to reconsider Blakeborough Drive (and other cul-de-sacs on the estate) as I do not consider this proposed restriction to parking is necessary or desirable. I would like to think that is not just a way of increasing council revenue.</p>	<p>We have taken your views into consideration, and this area has been consulted and the introduction of a Parking Scheme with associated waiting restrictions will alleviate all of these issues, while creating a natural traffic calming measure and ensuring smooth unencumbered flow of traffic.</p>
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Appendix B – Ewan Area Plan





The Resident/Occupier

Dear Sir/ Madam

Ewan Road Area Parking Review

I am writing to advise you that the Council are proposing a review of the parking situation in the Ewan Road area.

Currently, there are some junctions in the Ewan Road area that are covered by double yellow lines, but the majority of the roads in the area are unrestricted.

The aim of this review will be to look at parking and access issues in the Ewan Road area, while giving the opportunity to residents of having a residents parking scheme being put in to operation.

I have attached a questionnaire that you are requested to complete and return to us by **Friday 27th October 2017.**

Please note we are unable to answer individual points raised at this stage. However, your comments will be noted and will be taken into consideration when presenting the final report to the Council Highways Advisory Committee, who will decide if a further course of action is required and any issues will be addressed at that time. All comments received are open to public inspection.

Yours faithfully

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All responses received will provide the council with the appropriate information to determine whether we take a parking scheme forward to the design and formal consultation stage.

Only one signed and dated questionnaire per address will be considered. Please return to us by 27th October 2017.

1. In your view, is there currently a parking problem in **your** road to justify action being taken by the Council

☐ Yes

☐ No

If your answer is YES to the above question above, please proceed to the questions below:

2. Are you in favour of your road having a parking restriction placed upon it to limit long term non-residential parking?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. If Yes - over what days of the week would you like any restrictions to operate?

☐ Mon- Fri

☐ Mon - Sat

4. If yes - over what hours of the day would you like any restrictions to operate? These hours are in keeping with the existing restrictions in the area.

☐ 10:00am to 2:00pm

☐ 8:00am to 6:30pm

5. If yes - what type of restriction would you prefer?

☐ Yellow Lines

☐ Residents Parking

For your information:

Yellow lines would prevent residents from parking on the lines in the same way as they would non-residents.

Residents Parking scheme will permit residents and their visitor to park in the allocated areas, during the hours of restriction, with a valid permit for the zone.

Please turn over

Comments Section (please limit to 100 words)

DECLARATION

Should the Council on making inquiries reasonably consider that a response has been fabricated the questionnaire will be disregarded and the Council reserves the right to pursue appropriate legal action.

We therefore request upon receipt of this questionnaire, by post, that you complete your full name and address along with this declaration and return the form to the postal or email address found overleaf.

Name:.....
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Address:.....
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Signature:.....
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Date:.....

Appendix D – Tabled Responses

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