

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

20 March 2012

REPORT

Subject Heading:

**FRONT LANE / MOOR LANE
PROPOSED PAY & DISPLAY AND
WAITING RESTRICTIONS - comments
to advertised proposals**

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to introduce further waiting restrictions and Pay & Display parking bays in Front Lane and Moor Lane, which were agreed in principle by this Committee, and recommends a further course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Highways Advisory Committee recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment the proposals as set out in this report be implemented as advertised and the effects of implementation be monitored.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 19th October 2010 this Committee considered proposals to introduce further waiting restrictions and Pay & Display parking bays in Front Lane and Moor Lane, which were agreed in principle.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed and publicly advertised in The Romford Recorder and London Gazette. There were also 187 letters with attached plans sent to residents and businesses that were perceived to be affected by the proposals and 17 letters were sent to statutory consultees including the emergency services.
- 1.3 This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation of the proposals together with staff comments the report recommends possible further courses of action. The responses received to the consultation are outlined in this report and are summarised and appended as Appendix A

2.0 Proposed Restrictions

2.1 Front Lane - Plan No. QK022-OF-102.2

Cranham Ward

The proposals are to introduce Pay & Display parking bays in the lay-by fronting Nos. 87, 89, 91 and 93 Front Lane and to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions to cover the splays of the lay-by and the entrance to the Cranham Social Hall car park.

These proposals are designed to prevent longer term parking in the lay-by area, which acts to reduce parking spaces for customers of neighbouring shops and trade related vehicles. The associated waiting restrictions are designed to make the parking provisions easy to use, while ensuring access to the car park for the Cranham Social Hall.

2.2 Moor Lane- Plan No. QK022-OF-102.1

Cranham Ward

The proposals are to introduce a small extension of the existing waiting restrictions on the northern side of Moor Lane and to introduce 6 new Pay & Display parking bays. On the southern side of Moor Lane it is proposed to extend the existing 'At any time' waiting restrictions to the existing footway parking bay, situated outside No.18.

These proposals are designed to prevent longer term parking outside the shops on the northern side of Moor Lane, while restricting the southern side of the road, to ensure the bus route is not obstructed and that two way traffic flow can be maintained.

3.0 **Responses received**

- 3.1 At the close of public consultation there were 242 responses received to the proposals. The majority of the respondents objected to all or elements of the proposals. The responses are summarised and appended to this report as appendix A.
- 3.2 There were 4 respondents that outlined their support for the proposals as advertised. Requests were also received to amend the scheme, these included the introduction of a mini roundabout at the junction of Moor Lane and Front Lane and the introduction of a residents parking scheme in Chipperfield Close.
- 3.3 61 respondents objected to the advertised proposals with the majority of respondents requesting the introduction of some form of Free time limited parking; making the car park free and encouraging drivers to use it; parking one side of Moor Lane and to extend the footway parking in Moor Lane
- 3.4 There were 150 responses, many of which were signed copies of one of three standard letters, which all requested that the same type of parking restrictions be implemented as are currently in operation in Avon Road. The restrictions that apply in Avon Road are free time limited parking bays.
- 3.5 25 respondents objected to the Pay & Display element of the proposals. These respondents did outline their agreement for the proposed waiting restrictions. Typical comments from this group of respondents included: requests for the implementation of a scheme like Avon Road; introduction of yellow lines; free time limited parking; removal of parking charges; introduction of yellow line at the Moor Lane / Front Lane junction; installation of a roundabout at the Moor Lane/ Front Lane junction; and installation of restrictions on one side of Moor Lane and the creation of more parking bays.
- 3.6 2 respondents stated that they were unsure about the proposals; the first stated that it would be difficult commenting without knowing the reasons for the proposals; and the second stated that something needed to be done, but asked whether this the only solution.

4.0 Staff comments

- 4.1 The proposals, as they stand, are not popular with the majority of those responding to the public consultation. However, the majority of respondents do consider that some form of action is required to deal with the particular problems in the area.
- 4.2 The proposals for Moor Lane are designed to ensure that traffic flow would not be obstructed by vehicles parking both sides of the road. As is the case, Staff consider that action needs to be taken at this location to ensure parking can be achieved in the safest and most appropriate manner.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost for the proposals as set out in this report is £9,000. The Scheme is MTFS approved and can be funded by a current Invest to Save bid.

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement the proposed schemes. It should be noted that the Cabinet Member approval process will be completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation.

Overall costs will need to be contained within the overall revenue budget.

Legal implications and risks:

Waiting restrictions and parking bays require consultation and the advertisement of proposals before a decision can be taken on their introduction.

Human Resources implications and risks:

The collection of cash from pay and display machines is a labour intensive task. Currently, there are sufficient employees to undertake cash collection from existing P&D machines. However, whilst there may be a marginal level of additional capacity brought about by a reduction in cash collection schedules and frequency there will be an inevitable increase of risk from cash theft if money is left in situ for longer. That said, a physical limit for cash collections will soon be reached and so consideration will need to be given to additional employees to undertake increased levels of cash collection at a later stage.

However, for this scheme it is anticipated that collections 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.

Disabled 'Blue' Badge holders are able to park with an unlimited time in resident permit bays and in Pay & Display parking bays and for up to three hours on restricted areas (unless a loading ban is in force).

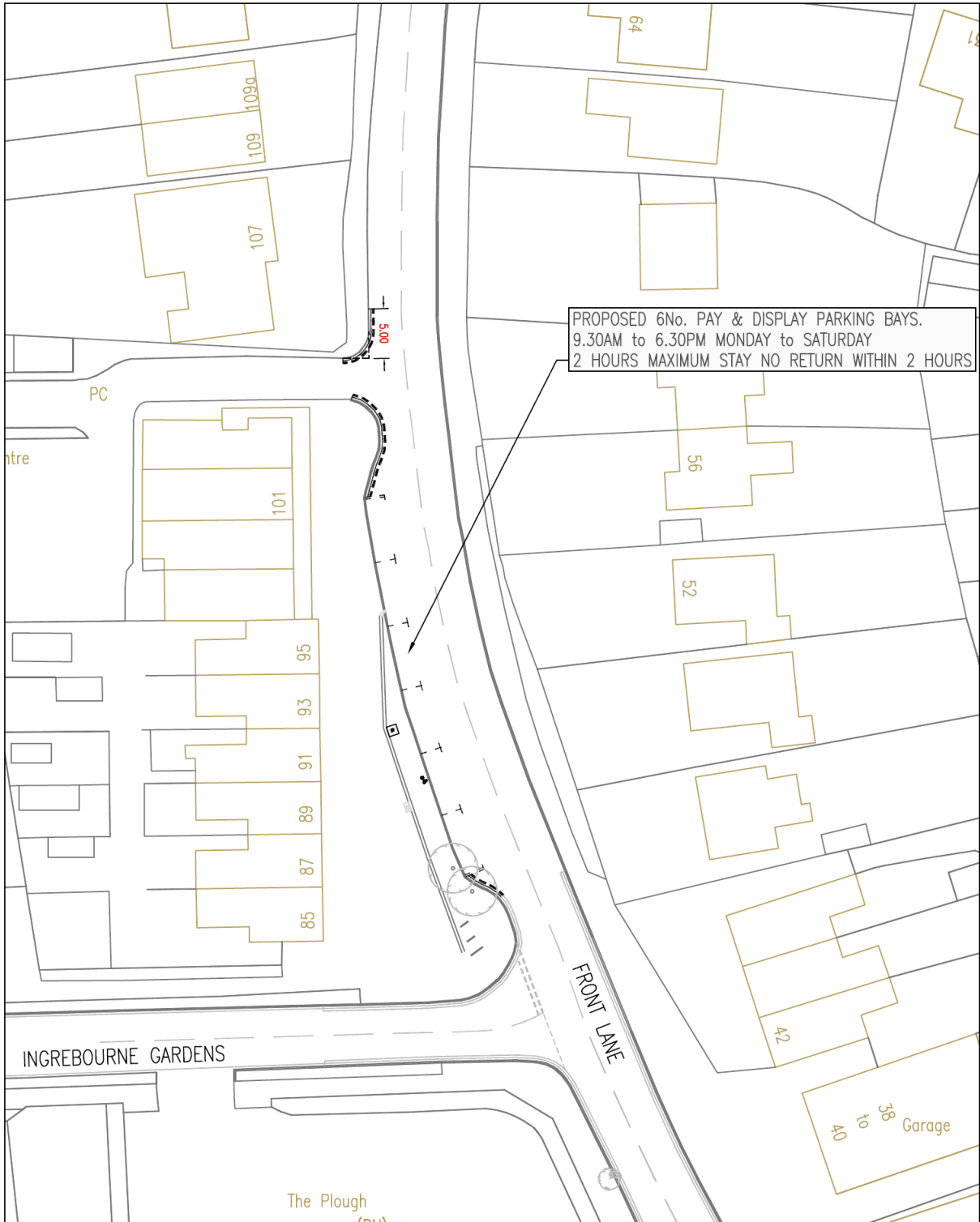
BACKGROUND PAPERS

Drawings:

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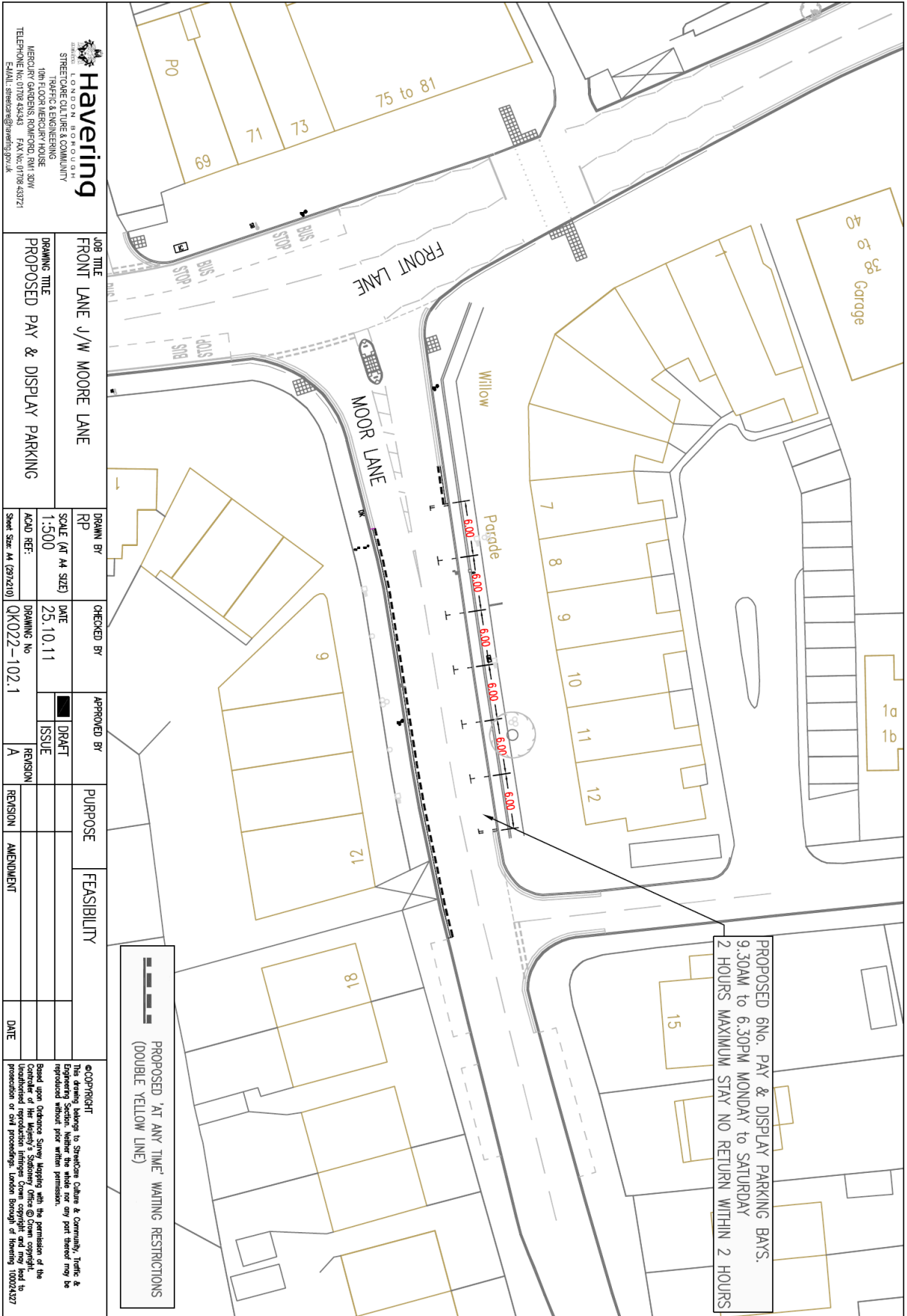
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Highways Advisory Committee, 20 March 2012



PROPOSED 6No. PAY & DISPLAY PARKING BAYS.
 9.30AM to 6.30PM MONDAY to SATURDAY
 2 HOURS MAXIMUM STAY NO RETURN WITHIN 2 HOURS

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FRONT LANE/MOOR LANE CONSULTATION RESPONSES SUMMARY- MARCH 2012		
	Number of responses	Suggestions included in some of the responses
P&D and YL YES (as advertised)	4	Mini roundabout at the junction of Moor Lane & Front Lane Residents parking scheme in Chipperfield Close to deter displaced parking
P&D and YL NO (as advertised)	61	Free parking in car park Limited waiting time Use 2 metres of footpath as parking layby with 30 - 60 mins limit Parking with time limit Free 90 minute parking scheme in car park and on both sides Moor Lane. Also 2 wheel pavement parking Free 20 mins parking Free, limited parking one side Extend pavement parking as in Moor Lane Free parking in car park for 1 hour No parking one side Moor Lane Long term parking on pavement - short term parking on pavements in adjacent roads 30 minute free parking with no return within 2 hours and pavement parking Additional free parking bays in Moor Lane Display ticket for free parking (30 - 60 mins) and only pay if you go over time Encourage more people to use P&D car park
No to P&D	150	129 would like scheme like Avon Road (restrictions & free parking)
P&D NO and YL YES	25	4 would like Avon Road scheme Try yellow lines to see if they improve traffic flow and then evaluate the situation Allow free parking for 20 or 30 minutes suggested Remove car park charges Add yellow lines at end of Kings Gardens where it meets Moor Lane Mini roundabout Moor Lane/Front Lane junction Restrictions one side at bottom of Moor Lane Create parking bays
Don't know	1	Without knowing reason for proposal difficult to pass opinion
	1	Something needs to be done but is this the only solution
Total responses received	242	