



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

TPC478 Sunflower Way Review – proposals to formally advertise

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Policy context:

Street Management

Financial summary:

The estimated cost of implementation is £0.004m this 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

Communities making Havering	[x]
Places making Havering	[x]
Opportunities making Havering	[x]
Connections making Havering	[x]

SUMMARY

The Schemes section of Havering Council are committed to solving Parking issues within the Borough, and will maximise 'on-street' parking for Residents where possible, with the emphasis on safety and maintaining vehicular access.

This report outlines the responses received to the informal consultation undertaken with the residents of Aubrietia Close, Buttercup Close, Camelia Close, Columbine Way, Copperfield Way, Cornflower Way, Juniper Way; Sunflower Way 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, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, that the proposals to introduce a residents parking scheme, operational Monday – Friday, 10.30 – 11.30am inclusive, the Sunflower Way Review (as shown on the plan in **Appendix A**) be introduced.
- 2) Members note that all existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) within the Sunflower Way Review parking zone will be retained for junction protection.
- 3) Members note that the estimated cost of implementation is £0.004m this 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.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following concerns raised by residents over a lack of parking provisions during the operational hours of existing restrictions in the Sunflower Way area, the Council carried out an informal consultation in March 2017 on proposals to introduce Permit Parking in the immediate area. The resulting low response rate was put down to a lack of information accompanying the consultation documentation, Officers agreed to re-consult the area.
- 1.2 Officers spoke to local ward councillors and agreed to re-consult the area with more detailed information on the proposals, accompanying the consultation letter. It is proposed to change the existing 1 hour 'Waiting Restriction' to a 1 hour 'Resident Permit Parking Only' to allow residents a parking provision during the hour of restriction.

- 1.3 A Notice of Proposal was advertised in October 2018, and the results were distributed to Ward Councillors in December 2018. 5 responses were received. Out of the five responses, four were against the proposals and one resident was in favour.
- 1.4 Following detailed discussions with ward councillors, it was agreed to proceed with the advertised proposals.

2.0 Responses received

- 2.1 The responses received to the Statutory Consultation are contained in Appendix B.

3.0 Staff Comment

- 3.1 Following the advertisement of the Notice of Proposals and the objections received, the Schemes section would recommend that the Sunflower Way scheme, is implemented as per the recommendations.
- 3.2 Although four objections were made to the proposals, we do need to take into consideration residents who may not have off street parking and alternatively, move their vehicles between Monday–Friday 10.30 – 11.30am with existing restrictions. All respondents do have some form of off-street parking.
- 3.3 The aim of this proposal is to limit non-residential parking and make further parking provisions for the residents of the above roads and their visitors.
- 3.4 All three of the Harold Wood Ward Councillors agree with officer recommendations.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend that this scheme is progressed to be implemented following the Statutory Consultation, for the Sunflower Way Area, as laid out in Appendix A.

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals, including physical measures, advertising and making the Traffic Management Orders is £0.004m, which 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 costs shown are an estimate of the full costs to implement a scheme should it be ultimately implemented. It should be noted that further decisions are to be made following a full report to the Committee and with the Cabinet Member approval

process being completed where a scheme is recommended for implementation. Therefore, final cost 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 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:

Havering has a diverse community made up of many different groups and individuals. The council values diversity and believes it essential to understand and include the different contributions, perspectives and experience that people from different backgrounds bring.

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to:

(i) the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;

- (ii) the need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;
- (iii) foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are: age, sex, race, disability, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnerships, religion or belief, pregnancy and maternity and gender reassignment.

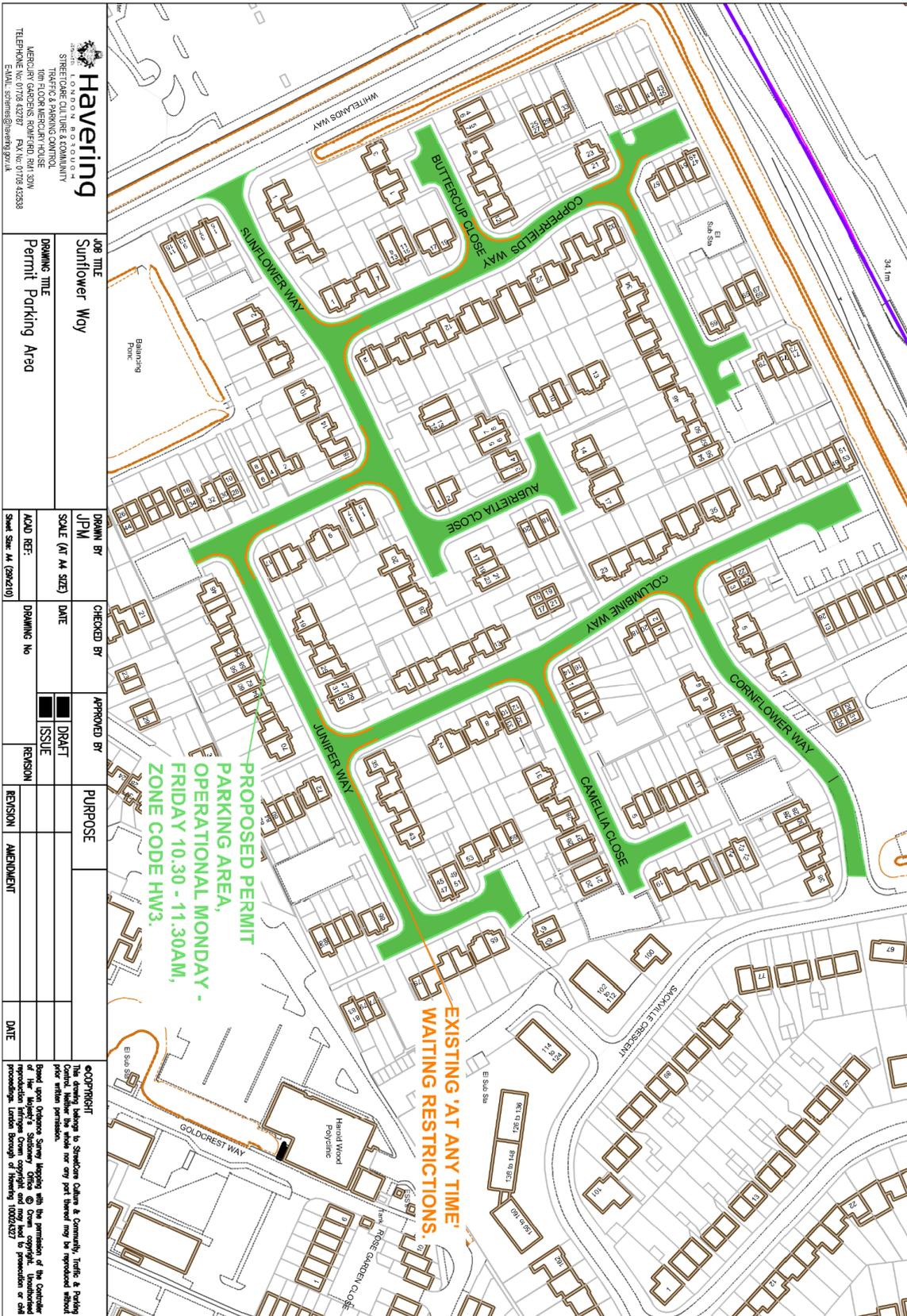
The council demonstrates its commitment to the Equality Act in its decision-making processes, the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and employment practices concerning its workforce. In addition, the council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing of all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

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.

The proposal to install a Residents Parking Scheme and 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions will be publicly advertised and are subject to formal consultation.

Consultation responses will be carefully considered prior to a further course of action being recommended. There will be some visual impact from further signing and lining works.



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<p>DRAWING TITLE Permit Parking Area</p>		<p>SCALE (AT A4 SIZE) JPM</p>	
<p>ACAD REF: Small Site: A4 (20x210)</p>		<p>CHECKED BY DATE</p>	
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Appendix B

Respondent of address	Summary of Comments
Resident of Camellia Close	<p><u>Objection:</u> It is wrong, in my opinion, to go ahead with this scheme. On the contrary, any restrictions should be completely lifted, and single yellow line should be removed.</p> <p>There was problem parking few years back, when the work was going on the Harold Wood hospital site, mainly students from the nursery college.</p> <p>Now there is no reason for parking restrictions.</p>
Resident of Cooperfields Way	<p><u>Support:</u> The resident is in favour of the proposals.</p>
Resident of Copperfields Way	<p><u>Objection:</u> The restrictions currently in place 10.30 – 11.30am stops commuters and people using the roads for work purposes, it works well, there is no valid or beneficial reason to implement this other than to open a new window of opportunity for the council to earn money. It will be a brand new form of income, annually, another yearly fee for residents, I find this quite insulting as council tax is already paid and the proposal doesn't seem to have any benefit to the community other than benefiting the councils income.</p> <p>I feel it's a targeted way of earning money from a small minority who already contribute profusely via council tax. Not only are you asking residents to pay for a permit you are only allowing that permit to be used for solely one car, if a second car needs a permit it's another fee, doubled. Leaving no thought or option for relatives or carers.</p>
Resident of Cornflower Way	<p><u>Objection:</u> Only one road on the estate (Cooperfields) really responded to the consultation in favour of the residents parking permits. The rest of the estate had very little response and were either very marginally in favour or more not in favour (Juniper Way). The whole estate does not need residents parking permits – just Cooperfields Way. The current_1 hour waiting restriction has successfully cured the commuter / university parking congestion. Introducing residents parking permits could be abused by a resident using one to park their car in the street, then letting out their drive or allowing friends or relatives to use their drives, could easily cause parking congestion again. Once a residents parking permit scheme is in place, it can all too easily be escalated in price and/ or time restrictions expanded, when cash-strapped councils need to raise funds.</p>
Resident of Juniper Way	<p><u>Objection:</u> I am against the proposals for a new parking scheme and changes to waiting restrictions. The scheme enables more vehicles to park in the area which will cause:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased traffic • Increased air pollution (contradicting Havering's corporate plan objective to reduce air pollution) • Increased danger to pedestrians as crossing places will

be reduced

- Multiple vehicles per household in an area which should be seeing a reduction in the volume of vehicles due to Crossrail

The scheme also does nothing to remedy the existing problems with traffic and parking in this area which occur mostly in the evenings and weekends outside of the existing and proposed restriction times. These issues are: poor driving standards, speeding, parking on the footway and parking too close to junctions. What plans does the council have to remedy these issues?

The consultation itself is also inadequate as it does not set out details of the permit scheme such as how many will be available per household, how much they will cost etc.