

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT

19 June 2012

Subject Heading:	PROPOSED LOADING BAY BRIDGE CLOSE - comments to advertised proposals.
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Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	[]
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High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	

SUMMARY

This report looks at the responses received to the public consultation for a proposed loading facility in the unnamed road leading off of Bridge Close and recommends a further course of action.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report and the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:
 - a. the minor parking scheme set out in this report and shown on the attached drawing reference number QJ077-OF-05 be implemented.
 - b. the effect of the scheme be monitored; and that
 - c. that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £600 and can be funded from the 2012/13 Minor Parking Schemes budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

At its meeting on 24thJanuary 2012, this Committee considered a report on the responses received to the public advertisement of proposed waiting and loading restrictions in the unnamed road leading off of Bridge Close. As a result of a representation received to these proposals, this Committee agreed in principle to the introduction of a loading bay, in the turning head at the northern end of the road.

1.1 This report outlines the one response received to the proposals and recommends a further course of action.

2.0 Proposed Scheme

2.1 Bridge Close Loading Bay – Drawing No. QJ077-OF-05

The scheme is within the <u>Romford Town Ward</u> and was recommended for consultation by Committee on 24thJanuary 2012.

The scheme proposes to introduce a loading bay, operational 6am to 9pm throughout the week, situated on the south-eastern kerbline of the northwesternmost south-west to north-east arm of the unnamed road leading off of Bridge Close.

Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

The proposals were advertised in the Romford Recorder and London Gazette. In addition, 18 statutory bodies and 20 residents and businesses were also consulted on the proposals.

At the close of public consultation on 16th April 2012, one response had been received to the proposals. This was from the company who the loading bay was intended to assist. This response outlined the company's agreement to the proposals.

Staff comments

This proposal was created as a result of the previous proposals to introduce waiting and loading restrictions in this section of the road and was designed to overcome the loading issue related to this business.

Recommended Action

That the proposals be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £600 and can be funded from the 2012/13 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

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:

None

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.

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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:

QJ077-OF-05

