

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Westland Avenue / Allenby Drive – Objection Report (Minor Parking Schemes)
Cabinet Member:	Cllr Osman Dervish
SLT Lead:	Barry Francis Director of Neighbourhoods
Report Author and contact details:	Gurch Durhailay Business Unit Manager Gurch.durhailay@havering.gov.uk 01708 431723
Policy context:	Havering Local Development Framework (2008)
Financial summary:	Estimated cost of £0.001m to be funded from cost centre A26910, Parking – Minor Safety Improvements budget
Relevant OSC:	Environment
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	No

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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]

Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

This Executive Decision approves the implementation of the following minor parking scheme which following the close of statutory consultation received objection:

- (a) Scheme SCH684 – Westland Avenue / Allenby Drive – installation of ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions on and opposite the road junction (as shown on drawing reference SCH684)

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

Council's Constitution

Part 3

3.8.3. Assistant Director of Environment Delegated Powers

(s) To authorise minor alterations to traffic management orders to enable implementation of approved proposals or continuation of traffic management schemes.

(u) To authorise the creation, amendment and removal of disabled persons' parking bays and footway parking bays and at any time waiting restrictions at bends and road junctions

STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The proposed minor parking scheme (detailed further in the following parts to this report) has been designed to improve road safety, traffic flow and rationalise parking, whilst maintaining access for emergency and Council vehicles. The proposal has been reviewed for ‘road safety’ implications as well as implications for general accessibility and impact on existing parking provision.

An Executive Decision dated 19th November 2019 authorised commencement of statutory consultation of the minor parking scheme. At the close of consultation on 13th December 2019 two representations in objections to the scheme or elements of the scheme were received by the Council. The following parts of this report detail the objection received and the officer response to the objection resulting in a recommendation to progress with the scheme as originally proposed.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

The option to not progress the scheme was considered but rejected. Officers consider the need to ensure road safety, traffic flow and access around this junction outweigh the loss of the general parking provision.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

The proposals have been publically consulted as per the Council's legal obligations to publicise changes to the traffic orders for a period no less than 21 days commencing 22nd November 2019. This report considers the results of the consultation.

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NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Gurch Durhailay

Designation: Business Unit Manager

Signature:



Date: 17/08/2020

Title Of Proposal: Westland Avenue / Allenby Drive

SCH Number: SCH684

Ward: St Andrews

Description:

At any time waiting restrictions proposed on and opposite the junction of Westland Avenue and Allenby Drive, were publicly advertised on the 22nd November 2019. The consultation period ended on the 13th December 2019.

To note, the local authority have followed all statutory measures when formally advertising the proposals, such as the notice published in the ordered papers, notices placed on street furniture at site, and letters sent to those residents deemed affected by the proposals.

Following the consultation, the Council received two responses to the consultation, in objection to the proposals set out in the table below:

<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Summary of comments</u>
Resident of Westland Avenue	The resident is against the proposals and says that they will cause much inconvenience and disputes between neighbours fighting for parking spaces. The residents goes onto say if the yellow lines are implemented then residents will have to park further away from their home.
Resident of Allandale Road	The owner of the flats objects to the proposals and says that the installation of the double yellow lines will impact the residents of the flats who find it very difficult to park at the moment due to them not having off street parking

Officer Comments:

The current problems that exist at this location are that vehicles park on the junction of Westland Avenue and Allenby Drive obscuring sight lines and preventing full access especially for larger vehicles such as Council refuse collection and emergency vehicles. Problems are also caused to sight lines of vehicles accessing and egressing the drive ways of Nos. 133 and 135 Westland Avenue by vehicles parking either side of the dropped kerb.

The Council proposed for at any time waiting restrictions to be installed on and opposite the junction to alleviate the problems currently being experienced at the location. The installation of the at any time waiting restrictions would majorly improve and ultimately maintain full access for both emergency vehicles and also the access and egress of the driveway. This would also increase the sight lines around the junction thus leading to better safety at the location.

Council officers have considered if a safety audit is required for this scheme, however, after determining that the proposals will alleviate the problems being experienced at this present time and improve the access and sight line issues, no safety audit is required.

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Having analysed the objections to the consultation and liaised with the local Ward Councillors, two of whom responded stating that they are in favour of the restrictions being installed and the remaining Ward Councillor suggested the restrictions should be abandoned, no amendment to the original proposed design was needed.

Regarding the objector's comments that these restrictions would cause residents inconvenience as they would have to park further away from their home and cause neighbours to fight for parking spaces, according to the Highway Code, motorists should not park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction except in an authorised parking space, therefore these restrictions are reiterating and supporting the Highway Code.

It is recommend to proceed with the proposals as advertised following guidance from the Highway Code, these restrictions will improve road safety, traffic flow, sight lines and maintain access for emergency and Council vehicles.

Member Support:

The St Andrews Ward Councillors have been made aware of the responses, with two Ward Councillors responding saying they are in full support of the proposals. The remaining Ward Councillor was in favour of the scheme being abandoned.

Financial Implications:

The estimated cost of this scheme is £500.00

Recommendation:

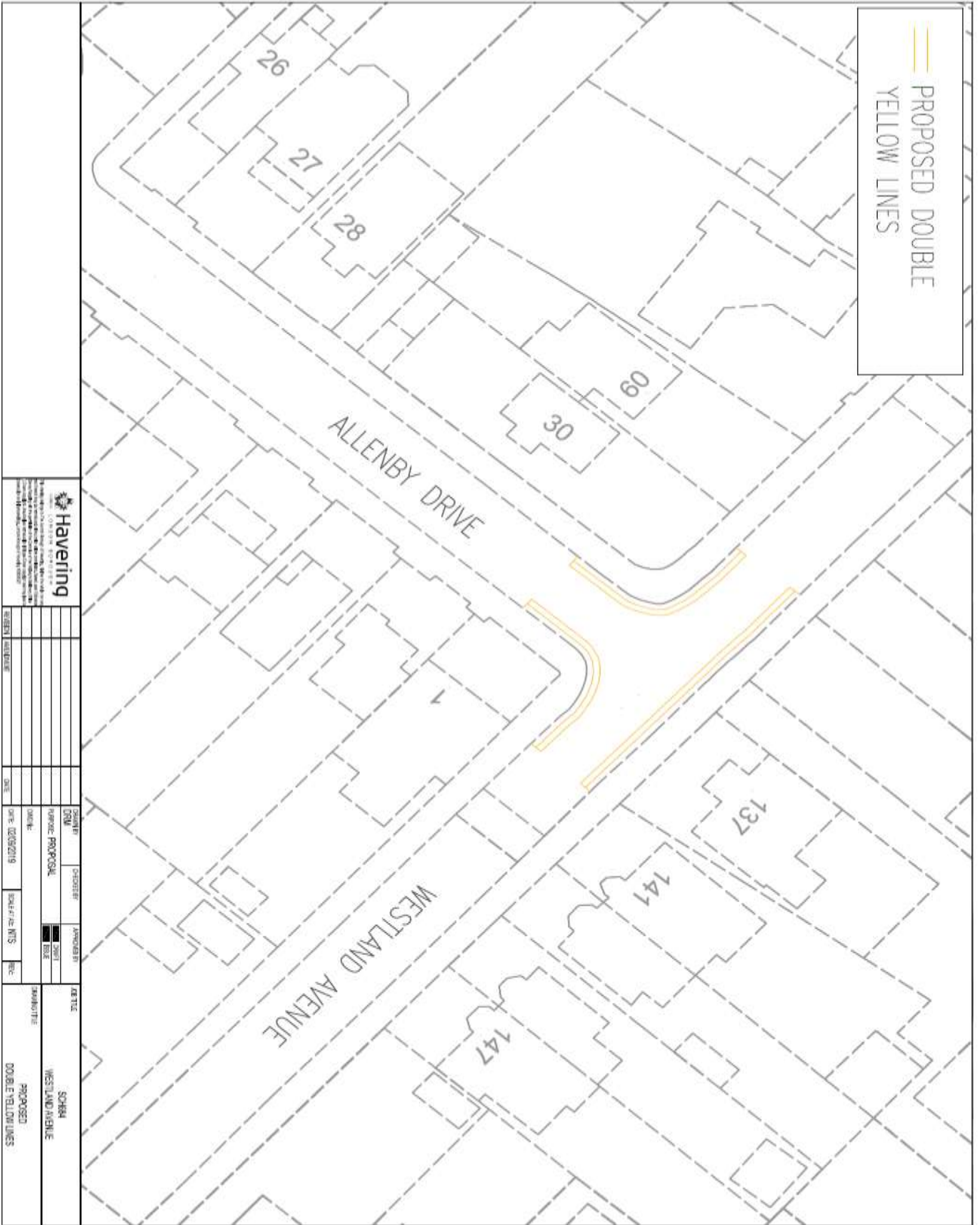
To agree the implementation of the 'at any time' waiting restrictions shown on drawing reference SCH684.

Street Management seeks the approval of the Assistant Director of Environment, to proceed with the making of Traffic Management Orders for the installation of at any time waiting restrictions on and opposite the junction of Westland Avenue with Allenby Drive.

Signed Originating Officer –



Signed Manager -



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SHEET NUMBER
DATE

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TITLE WESTLAND AVENUE PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES

Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Here Officers seek approval for the implementation of the 'at any time' waiting restriction parking scheme that pursuant to the Council's Constitution requires an executive decision by the Assistant Director of Environment.

The Council's power to make an order regulating or controlling vehicular traffic on roads is set out in Part I of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA 1984") with the power to designate parking places set out under part IV of the 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 & General Directions 2016 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The estimated costs of £0.001m which include advertising costs and implementing the proposal as described above and shown on the attached plan will be met from the 2020/21 A26910, Minor Parking Schemes budget which at the time of this report has sufficient available budget.

This is a standard project for Environment and there is no expectation that the works cannot be contained within the cost estimate. In the unlikely event of an overspend, the balance would need to be contained within the overall Environment budget..

At any time waiting restrictions	Estimated Cost £
Westland Avenue / Allenby Drive	£ 500.00

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

The proposal can be delivered within the standard resourcing within Street Management, and has no specific impact on staffing/HR issues.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION 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.

Blue badge holders can park on the at any time waiting restrictions for up to 3 hours in Westland Avenue and Allenby Drive.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Executive Decision Form asking for permission to publicly advertise the proposals. Link Below:

<https://democracy.havering.gov.uk/ieDecisionDetails.aspx?ID=5433>

2. Consultation Letter



IMPORTANT PARKING CONSULTATION
ENCLOSED

The Resident/Occupier

**Street Management
Schemes**
London Borough of Havering
Town Hall,
Main Road
Romford RM1 3BB

Please call: Schemes
Telephone: 01708 432373 or
433464

Email: schemes@havering.gov.uk

Date: **Friday 22nd November 2019**

Dear Sir/ Madam

Proposed 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions – Westland Avenue & Allenby Drive

I am writing to advise you that the Council are proposing to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on the junction of Westland Avenue and Allenby Drive. It is also proposed to introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions opposite the junction outside Nos 129 to 137.

These proposals have been designed to improve road safety, sight lines and also improve access which will assist in reducing disruption to Council and emergency services.

Full details of the proposals, including relevant orders, are available for inspection for a period of 21 days at www.haveringtraffweb.co.uk or by prior appointment in the Public Advice and Service Centre, Liberty Shopping Centre, Romford, between 9am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. Further information may also be obtained via schemes@havering.gov.uk.

All comments to the proposals should be sent in writing to the Highways, Traffic and Parking Group Manager, Havering Town Hall, Main Road, Romford RM1 3BB to be received by **Friday 13th December 2019**. All objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

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 Assistant Director of Environment and any issues will be addressed at that time. All comments received are open to public inspection.

Yours faithfully

Dean R Martin

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dean R Martin", written over a horizontal line.

**Technical Support Assistant
Schemes**

Cleaner, Safer, Prouder Together

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Part C - Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

1. 'Any time waiting' restrictions in :-
 - a) Westland Avenue / Allenby Drive

Details of decision maker



Signed

Name: Sue Harper

Officer: Interim Assistant Director of Environment

Date: 18/08/2020

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to the proper officer, Debra Marlow, Principal Democratic Services Officer in Democratic Services, in the Town Hall.

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For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____