

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday 30 March 2021

Subject Heading:	SCH805 Heath Drive – request to formally advertise amendments to existing ‘pay & display/cashless’ parking bay
Lead Member:	Councillor Osman Dervish
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Policy context:	LIP
Financial Summary:	The estimated cost of implementation is £0.0013m and will be met by the 21/22 engineering budget A26910

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

Pettits Ward:

This report is for comment from the Highways Advisory Committee (HAC) to formally advertise the amendment of an existing ‘pay & display/cashless parking bay’ on Heath Drive following sight line concerns raised by residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council that:
 - (a) the proposals to alter the existing pay & display/cashless parking bay on Heath Drive by:
 - a. reduction of bay by approximately 11 meters from its northern end and introduction of 'at any time' waiting restrictions over the relevant 11 meter length of highway; and
 - b. extension of bay by approximately 6 meters from its southern end and removal of existing 'at any time' waiting restrictions from relevant 6 meter length of highway (as shown on the drawing in Appendix A) proceed to formal consultation; and
 - (b) if at the close of consultation no objections are received to the proposals at 1(a) above, the scheme proceeds to full implementation.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 In January 2020 a local MP's office wrote to Havering Council advising of concerns raised to them by a resident in regards to sight lines of drivers exiting Heath Close on to Heath Drive. The issues are believed to be caused by vehicles parking in the 'pay and display/cashless parking bay' located opposite numbers 5 to 9 Heath Drive.
- 1.2 In October 2020 Ward Councillors were sent a copy of the design. All 3 Councillors responded and were in favour of the proposals.

2.0 Staff Comments

- 2.1 Due to the slight bend in Heath Road and the location of the existing pay & display/cashless parking bay in question, it is apparent that sight lines for vehicles exiting Heath Close on to Heath Drive are not ideal and can be improved.
- 2.2 Officers favour a reduction of the aforementioned 'pay & display/cashless parking bay' at its northern end as per appendix A. This reduction will give drivers exiting Heath Close a further 11m of clear sight lines of vehicles travelling north bound on Heath Drive.
- 2.3 This reduction would see the loss of 2 parking spaces, to compensate for the loss of parking provision, officers favour a slight increase to the 'pay & display/cashless parking bay' at its southern end by approximately 6m. This increase will reduce the loss of parking provisions whilst still maintaining a safe distance from the junction of Heath Drive and Main Road.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

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

The estimated cost of implementation is £0.0013m and will be met by the **21/22 engineering budget A26910**

The costs shown are an estimate of the full costs of the scheme, should it be implemented. A final decision would be made by the Lead Member – as regards to 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 budget

Breakdown of estimated costs:

Advertising/consultation	£500
Lining	£200
Road Safety Audit	£600
TOTAL	£1,300

Legal Implications and risks:

The Council's power to make an order for charging for parking on highways 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:

The implementation and enforcement of the scheme can be undertaken within the current staffing levels. Given the Coronavirus outbreak, the paramount consideration of the Council is the health and wellbeing of Members and officers. Council employees directly affected by the proposals contained in this report will be managed in accordance with the Council's HR and specific Covid-19 related policies and guidance.

Equalities implications and risks:

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 is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

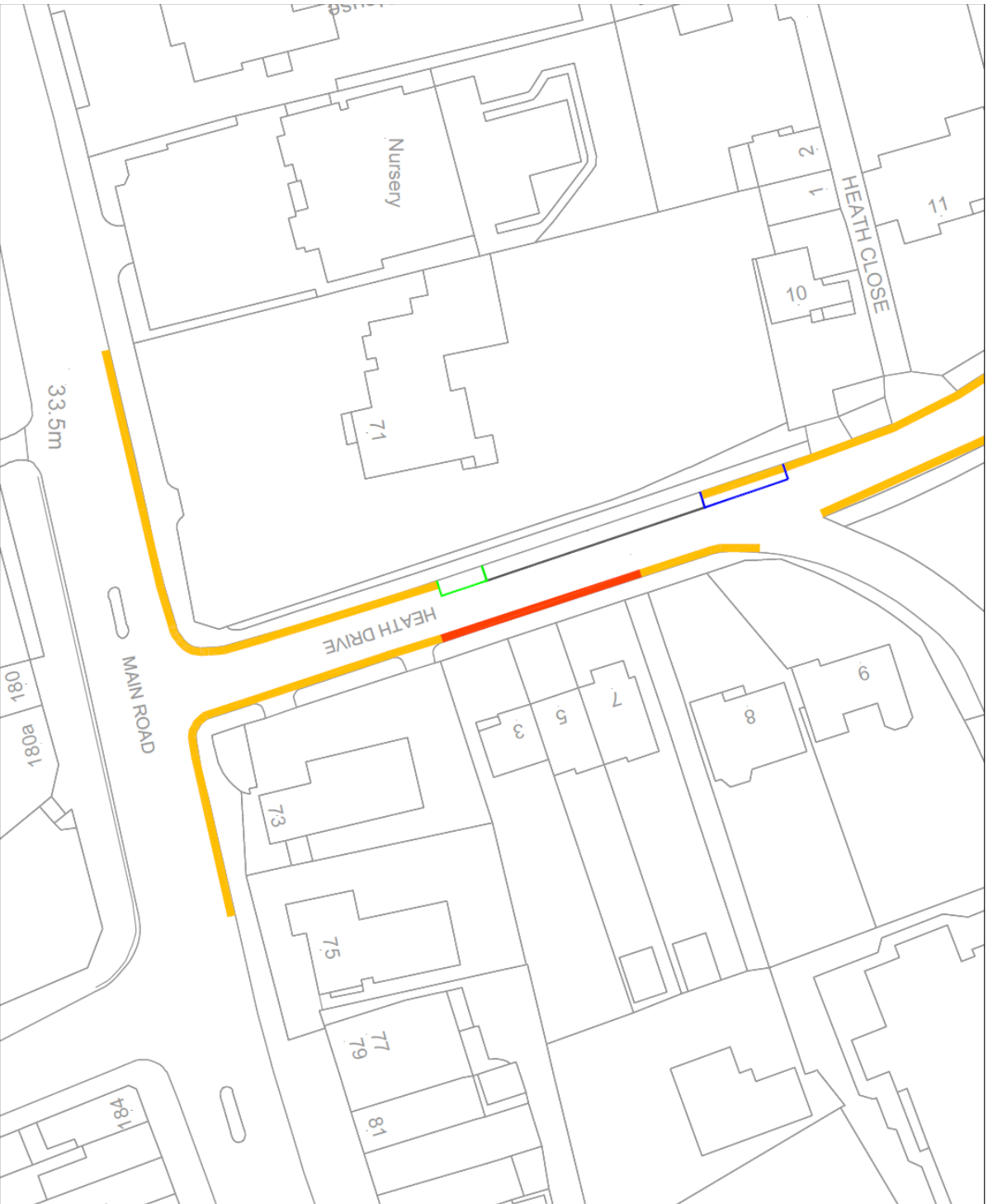
The proposals provide measures to improve safety and accessibility for all road users.

The proposals included in the report have been informally consulted on and all residents who were perceived to be affected by the review were sent letters and questionnaires.

There will be some physical and visual impact from the required signing and lining works. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access for disabled, which will assist the Council in meeting its duties under the Equality Act 2010.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A - Proposed 'Pay & Display/Cashless' parking bay amendment



Existing 'At Any Time' Waiting Restrictions

Existing 'Mon-Sat, 8am-6:30pm' Waiting Restrictions

Existing 'Pay & Display' bays

Existing 'Pay & Display' bays to be replaced with 'At Any Time' Waiting Restrictions

Existing 'At Any Time' Waiting Restrictions to be replaced by 'Pay & Display' Bay

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