

## **HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

### **16 November 2021**

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| <b>Subject Heading:</b>                   | <b>Lowlands Gardens SCH795 – Request to informally consult on a possible resident parking scheme.</b>            |
| <b>CMT Lead:</b>                          | <b>Councillor Osman Dervish</b>  |
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| <b>Policy context:</b>                    | <b>Minor Parking schemes</b>   |
| <b>Financial Summary:</b>                 | <b>The estimated cost of implementation is £0.0020m this will be met by the Schemes, code A26910.</b>            |

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

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

### **SUMMARY**

#### **Brooklands Ward:**

Lowlands Gardens is located close to the All8 London Road, Romford and is a small cul-de sac where parking pressure is extremely high. This report is therefore requesting agreement from the Highways Advisory Committee (HAC) to informally consult residents of the properties in and that have access to Lowlands Gardens, following requests from Ward Councillors and residents for the introduction of a residents parking scheme.

## 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 residents of those properties in and with access to Lowlands Gardens, as shown on the plan in **Appendix B**, be informally consulted by way of the questionnaire in **Appendix A**, on the possible introduction of a residents parking scheme operational in Lowlands Gardens;
  - b) the responses received to the informal consultation be reported back to the Highways Advisory Committee, so that a further course of action can be agreed.
- 1.1 Members note that the estimated cost of implementation is £0.0020m, which will be met from the scheme budget A26910.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 2 Background

- 2.1 Requests have been received from a Ward Councillor, Residents and an Officer, to implement controlled parking in Lowlands Gardens, to deter commuter parking.
- 2.2 This item was advanced onto Calendar Brief in October 2019, to implement controlled parking in the road, to deter commuter parking.
- 2.3 The proposals are to informally consult the residents of Lowlands Gardens and the residents of London Road, that were part of the same development, and that have access from Lowlands Gardens, with an informal questionnaire, to gauge the residential following for a possible residents parking scheme. A copy of the proposed questionnaire is appended to this report as **Appendix A**, and a plan of the proposed consultation addresses is appended to this report as **Appendix B**.
- 2.4 The results of the informal questionnaire will have to be reported back to the Highways Advisory Committee, so a further course of action can be agreed.
- 2.5 This report is recommending to the Highways Advisory Committee, that they recommend to the Lead Member for Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council that residents of the properties in and that have access to Lowlands Gardens, be informally consulted on the possible introduction of a residents parking scheme and that any responses received to the consultation be reported back to this committee, so a further course of action can be agreed.

## IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

### Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to the Cabinet Member to accept the recommendations made by officers and to proceed with the implementation process for the above scheme.

Should all proposals be implemented, Members note that the estimated cost of implementation is £0.0020m this will be met by from the Scheme budget A26910. .

It should be noted that subject to the recommendations of the committee a final decision then would be made by the Lead Member – as regards actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change.

This is a standard project for Highways, Traffic and Parking (HTP) 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 Public Realm budget.

### **Legal implications and risks:**

The Council's powers to make an order creating a controlled parking zone or for charging for parking on the highway is set out in Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("RTRA 1984")

The Council's power to make an order regulating or controlling vehicular traffic on roads is set out in section 6 of Part 1 RTRA"1984. Schedule 1 of the RTRA 1984 lists those matters as to which Orders can be made under section 6. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 govern road traffic signs and road markings.

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.

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

### **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.

**BACKGROUND PAPER**

**NONE**

**APPENDICES**

## Appendix A - proposed questionnaire



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

Email: [schemes@havering.gov.uk](mailto:schemes@havering.gov.uk)

### **PARKING REVIEW QUESTIONNAIRE** **Lowlands Gardens**

**Name:**

**Address:**

All responses received will provide the council with the appropriate information to determine whether we take a parking scheme forward to the design and formal consultation stage.

Only one signed and dated questionnaire per address will be considered. Please return to us by **XX November 2021**

1. In your view, is there currently a parking problem in **your** road to justify action being taken by the Council
- Yes  
 No

If your answer is YES to the above question above, please proceed to the questions below:

2. Are you in favour of your road having a parking restriction placed upon it to limit long term non-residential parking?
- Yes  
 No
3. If Yes - over what days of the week would you like any restrictions to operate?
- Mon-Fri  
 Mon-Sat  
 7 Days a week
4. If Yes - over what hours of the day would you like any restrictions to operate?
- 8am to 6.30pm  
 8am to 8pm
5. If yes - what type of restriction would you prefer?
- Yellow Lines  
 Residents Parking

**For your information:**

**Yellow lines** would prevent residents from parking on the lines in the same way as they would non-residents.

**Residents Parking scheme** will permit residents and their visitor to park in the allocated areas, during the hours of restriction, with a valid permit for the zone.

**Please turn over**

**Comments Section** (please limit to 100 words)

**DECLARATION**

Should the Council on making inquiries reasonably consider that a response has been fabricated the questionnaire will be disregarded and the Council reserves the right to pursue appropriate legal action.

We therefore request upon receipt of this questionnaire, by post, that you complete your full name and address along with this declaration and return the form to the postal or email address found overleaf.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

Appendix B – consultation area



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| <p>Lowlands Gardens consultation area</p>   | <p>N<br/>↑</p>  |
| <p>nlpg<br/>The National Land &amp; Property Gateway</p> <p>NSG<br/>NATIONAL STREET GAZETTEER</p> <p>o/s Ordnance Survey<br/>Licensed Partner</p> | <p>Scale: 1:500<br/>Date: 08 June 2021</p> <p>0 5 10 15 metres</p>              |
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