

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 2022

Subject Heading:	Stanley Close, Romford - (Permit Parking Measures) – Request to implement
CMT Lead:	Councillor Osman Dervish
Report Author and contact details:	Diane Bourne Schemes Manager – Traffic & Parking Schemes@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	Havering Local Implementation Plan 2018/19 Delivery Plan
Financial Summary:	The estimated cost of implementation is £0.002m this will be met from the A26910 Scheme Budget

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

Romford Town Ward:

Following on from concerns raised in relation to erroneous parking from non-residents in Stanley Close it was agreed to undertake consultations on parking proposals, with the formal consultation being undertaken in May 2021 and this report seeks approval to the officer recommendations outlined below.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Highways Advisory Committee having considered this report and the representations made during the course of consultation, recommends to the Cabinet Member for Environment in consultation with the Leader of the Council to:
 - a) agree that the proposals to introduce a residents permit parking area 'Permit Parking Past this point' (operational Monday to Friday 8am to 10am inclusive) in Stanley Close (as shown on the plan in Appendix A) proceeds to full implementation.
2. That the Highways Advisory Committee notes that the estimated cost of implementation of the proposals is £0.002m this will be met by the A26910 Scheme Budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following approval by the Highways Advisory Committee with the support of Ward Councillors, the third and final phase of the Gidea Park parking review was undertaken between 24th November 2017 and 8th December 2018. The review area included the eastern part of Carlton Road, the eastern part of Stanley Avenue, Stanley Close and Woodfield Drive.
- 1.2 The results of this consultation showed a clear desire that the residents of Stanley Close wanted the introduction of parking proposals but raised concerns on the time period proposed as they felt these to be too restrictive.
- 1.3 Officers consulted Ward Councillors on a further consultation for the residents of Stanley Close. It was proposed to introduce a new residents permit parking area 'permit parking past this point' to maximise the available parking for residents. Officers consulted with Ward Councillors on the operational times of the residents permit parking area and in July 2018 consulted on the following (alternative) times of operation :- a) Monday to Friday 8am -10am, b) Monday to Friday 8.30am -6.30pm and c) Monday to Saturday 8.30am - 6.30pm.
- 1.4 The informal consultation in Stanley Close, Romford started on the 15th June 2018 and concluded on the 6th July 2018. At the close of consultation officers received 12 representations in favour of a) Monday to Friday 8 – 10am restriction; 2 representations in favour of a Monday to Friday 8.30am – 6.30pm restriction; and 3 representations in favour of a Monday to Saturday 8.30am – 6.30pm.
- 1.5 Officers analysed the results of the informal consultation and it appeared that the majority of residents of Stanley Close were in favour of a Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm Permit Parking Area (PPA) restriction.

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- 1.6 In December 2019 the Highways Advisory Committee gave approval to formally consult on a Permit Parking Area in Stanley Close Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm.
- 1.7 On the 28th May 2021 to 18th June 2021 a formal consultation took place, consulting on a Permit Parking Area in Stanley Close Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm inclusive.

Outcome of the Formal Consultation

- 1.8 46 addresses were sent consultation letters seeking their comments on the proposals. A plan showing the proposals was enclosed with each letter.
- 1.9 6 responses were received representing 13% of all those consulted. These were all objecting to the proposals to implement controls from Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm inclusive but suggested alternative times with a lesser restriction.
- 1.10 One respondent suggested no waiting between 8.30am to 10.30am Monday to Friday as they felt the proposed times would not be overly restrictive on visitor parking. Another respondent from the same household suggested there should be no parking restrictions.
- 1.11 One respondent from Stanley Avenue objected as they have multiple cars and want to have the opportunity to park in Stanley Close as it's not busy.
- 1.12 One respondent from Stanley Close feels it is unnecessary and the parking in the road is mostly down to family and friends visiting.
- 1.13 A respondent of Stanley Close objects to the scheme Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6.30pm and requests 8am to 10am Monday to Friday
- 1.14 A resident of Stanley Avenue objected unless they are able to have a permit for the Stanley Close permit parking area.
- 1.15 Officers have considered the formal responses and in line with the concerns originally raised about non-residential parking problems, recommend that HAC approves full implementation of the reduced restriction times of Monday to Friday 8.00am to 10.00am inclusive, for a Permit Parking Area in Stanley Close for residents of Stanley Close only, based on feedback from ward members below.

2 Officer Comments

- 2.1 All three of the Romford Town Ward Councillors have been made aware of the outcome of the formal proposals as set out in the recommendation and two Ward Councillors have confirmed their support for the scheme to be reduced to 8am to 10am Monday to Friday inclusive but with a view to review this in the future as people change their practice of going back to commuting.
- 2.2 The level of responses to the consultation (13%) which is about the expected rate of response for this type of proposal. Whilst the comments made by the respondents have been given due consideration, the response to the consultation suggests the majority of residents consulted have no concerns or issues with the proposed parking measures.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

This report is asking HAC to recommend to the Cabinet Member the implementation and accept the recommendations made by officers of the above scheme

Should the proposals be implemented, Members should note that the estimated cost of implementation is £0.002m, which will be met by the A26910 Scheme Budget

It should be noted that subject to the recommendations of the committee, a final decision would then 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 Public Realm 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 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 recommendations made in this report do not give rise to any identifiable HR risks or implications that would affect either the Council or its workforce.

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.

There will be some physical and visual impact from the required signing and lining works.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix A- Plan



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JOB TITLE
STANLEY-CLOSE

DRAWING TITLE
PROPOSED-PPA

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- Proposed Permit Parking Area
- Existing Waiting restrictions

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

Proposal NOT agreed because

Details of decision maker

Signed

Name: Councillor Osman Dervish

Cabinet Portfolio held: Cabinet Member for the Environment

CMT Member title:

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date:

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.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____