



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

**MyPlace Youth Centre
Dagnam Park Drive lay-by proposals**

Outcome of public consultation

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

Clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value and enhance the life of every individual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	<input type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report sets out the results of the public consultation concerning the proposals for the provision of parking restrictions in the lay-by on Dagnam Park Drive, which was constructed as part of the MyPlace Youth Centre project.

This scheme is within the **Gooshays** ward.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Committee having considered the responses and information set out in this report recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that the various elements be implemented as set out in the following report and shown on Drawing QJ047/01/05
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £500 will be met from the 2012/13 revenue allocation for Borough Roads Minor Improvements.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A planning condition (P1487.09) of the recently constructed “My Place” youth centre was for the agreement of highway alterations required to facilitate the scheme. The physical layout was agreed at the time of development to include a lay-by to contain a drop off parking bay and two accessible parking bays (for blue badge holders).
- 1.3 Since the Centre opening in early 2012 it has been reported to the Council that on occasions the lay-by is being misused and vehicles unrelated to the Centre are parking for long periods. Consequently, this results in users relating to the Centre pulling up and alighting in other less safe areas of Dagnam Park Drive.
- 1.4 It was therefore apparent that there was a need to formalise the lay-by area to provide a drop-off facility and accessible parking bays. In considering the potential user groups of the Centre, staff has looked to provide a combination of parking which is limited to a short stay of 10 minutes to allow someone to assist a passenger into or out of the Centre and disabled parking bays with a max stay of 3 hours, no return within 1 hour.
- 1.5 The drop off bay arrangement is similar to that recently provided near the Gooshays Drive Heath Centre (sometimes known as a “kiss and ride bay” or “limited stopping bay”). This arrangement limits stopping for all drivers, including blue badge holders. The proposals are shown on Drawings QJ047-01-05.
- 1.6 In taking forward the proposals, approximately 30 Letters were hand-delivered to those potentially affected by the proposals (including the Youth Centre) on 24th October 2012. The closing date for comments was 9th November 2012 and in addition notices were advertised and displayed on site.

2 Outcome of Public Consultation

2.1 By the close of consultation, no responses had been received.

3.0 Staff Comments

3.1 The formalisation of the use of the lay-by adjacent to the My Place Youth Centre was proposed to enable the provision of a drop off and pick up point and accessible parking places. In the absence of any adverse comments, Staff recommend that the scheme proceeds as advertised.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

The estimated cost of £500 will be met from the allocation for Borough Roads Minor Improvements.

Any overspend, which is considered unlikely will need to be met from that budget

Legal implications and risks:

Parking restrictions require advertisement and consultation before a decision can be made on their implementation.

“Kiss & Ride” parking bays require special authorisation by the Department for Transport on a scheme by scheme basis and for this project, the application is being approved by the DfT.

Human Resources implications and risks:

None.

Equalities Implications and Risks:

The Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all, but especially where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded. Disabled parking provision will improve access and assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

For this particular scheme, the specially authorised “kiss & ride” parking bay is open for use by all motorists for a period of up to 10 minutes. Whilst this includes blue badge holders, Staff believe that the number of disabled bays provided adjacently is a fair proportion of the spaces available to the general public and the

potential users of the Centre. The proposal would therefore provide the potential for optimal turnover to serve the general public and particularly visitors to the Youth Centre.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Project Scheme File Ref:
QJ047 My Place Youth Centre