



# HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

19 February 2013

# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

Parking in the Hilldene Shopping Area,  
Harold Hill

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**Policy context:**

**Financial summary:**

There are no financial implications arising  
from this report.

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

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| Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Championing education and learning for all   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Providing economic, social and cultural activity<br>in thriving towns and villages | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Valuing and enhancing the lives of our residents                                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Delivering high customer satisfaction and a stable council tax                     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

## SUMMARY

At the Council meeting on 30 January 2013, a motion (and amendment) concerning parking in the Hilldene Shopping Area were referred to this Committee for consideration.

## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Committee considers the following motion and amendment referred from the Council:**

### **Motion on behalf of the Labour Group**

This Council agrees to withdraw the Administration's proposal to introduce Pay & Display Parking and Resident Parking Permits at the Hilldene Shopping Area in Harold Hill

### **D1: Amendment on behalf of the Administration**

**Amend** to read:

Hilldene shopping area's future relies on local communities continuing to use it. Therefore this Council believes that it should work towards ensuring that future demand for car parking is protected for local residents and that commuter parking is deterred.

## REPORT DETAIL

At the meeting of the Council on 30 January, the motion and amendment set out above were referred to this Committee for consideration.

Officers comment as follows on the motion:

At its meeting on 20th September 2011, the Highways Advisory Committee while considering a report on Minor Traffic and Parking Scheme Applications, item no TPC116 Hilldene, Farnham Road, East Dene Drive, West Dene Drive, Chippenham Road (in part), agreed in principal that a review of the parking in the area be undertaken.

The Highways Advisory Committee receives all on-street minor traffic and parking scheme requests. The Committee advises whether a scheme should progress or not before resources are expended on detailed design and consultation.

The Highways Advisory Committee requested that the Head of StreetCare proceed with a scheme design and consultation to gauge views on parking in the area and that the results of the consultation be reported back to this Committee so a further course of action be agreed.

Approximately 230 letters with the attached plans of the proposal were hand delivered to those perceived to be affected by them on Friday 14th December 2012. As the consultation occurred over the festive period, it was extended beyond the statutory period of 21 days, to 35 days, ending on Friday 18th January 2013.

Further to the hand delivered letter, plans were on display for the duration of the consultation at Harold Hill Library, and within the entrance of the Homes and Housing office in Chippenham Road.

To assist with those that had questions regarding the proposals staff also held six drop in sessions, at the Harold Hill Library.

The design that we have consulted on seeks to prevent commuters from taking up available car parking spaces, which could be used by local businesses and residents, it proposes that parking areas shown on Appendix 1 are allocated for pay and display parking areas; resident and business permit parking and disabled parking bays. Furthermore it is proposed to introduce waiting restrictions to help improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.

We have also consulted on the introduction of a one-way system in East and West Dene Drives' to assist with traffic movement, especially to larger vehicles delivering to the back of the Farnham Road and Hilldene Avenue shops. To further assist with deliveries, install additional loading facilities to the rear of the shops in Hilldene Avenue, West Dene Drive and Chippenham Road.

We have sought to increase the number of parking spaces for residents and businesses of the area by proposing the demolition of garages to the rear of the shops on East and West Dene Drive to create additional parking. Extra spaces will also be created by converting a grass verge area in East Dene Drive.

### **Background Papers List**

Appendix 1 - Proposed Layout.