



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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REPORT

Subject Heading:

**Chippenham Road
Parking Improvements**

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SUMMARY

This report sets out the results of the public consultation concerning the proposals for the provision of parking improvements in Chippenham Road, as part of the Harold Hill Ambitions programme.

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 follows and set out below and shown on Drawing QK063/02/05
 - a. that the green spaces adjacent to property numbers 84, 94, 145, 169 and the RSPCA Clinic Chippenham Road, are converted into parking bays.
 - b. that the kerb from East Dene Drive to no. 124 Chippenham Road to be lowered to approximately 50mm where possible, to provide improved access to footway parking bays.
 - c. Install 'at any time' waiting restrictions to improve traffic flow, prevent obstructive parking and improve road safety.
 - d. Relocation of lighting columns to accommodate the half on footway parking – in all cases this will involve the upgrading of lanterns which is in line with the Councils' energy efficiency programme.
2. That it be noted that the estimated cost of £264,000 will be met by funding from the Harold Hill Ambitions programme budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 As part of the Councils' on going design review of the Hilledene Shopping Centre area and how it can best operate, the section of Chippenham Road between East Dene Drive and the RSPCA Clinic has been identified as an area lacking in parking for residents, a problem which is further exacerbated by properties that have no road frontage.
- 1.2 Due to the areas high parking demand, it would be common to find double sided carriageway parking in this location despite the narrow road with, making visibility and manoeuvrability difficult whilst potentially causing problems for refuse and emergency vehicles to gain access.

- 1.3 It has been noted that much of the carriageway parking occurs because of the high kerbs making it difficult for drivers to “bump up” the kerb and use the available part on footway parking bays in some locations.
- 1.4 Throughout this section of Chippenham Road it is apparent that there is much unused green space and it is proposed to provide an increase in parking provision by utilising these areas where possible.
- 1.5 In taking forward the proposals, approximately 100 Letters were hand-delivered to those potentially affected by the proposals on 28th December 2012. The closing date for comments was 25th January 2013 and in addition notices were advertised in the local newspaper.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 By the close of consultation, 5 responses had been received and are outlined in appendix A of this report.
- 2.2 In summary, the main concerns were for the provision of new and extending existing vehicle crossovers as part of the proposed footway works and in many cases residents were keen for the proposals to be carried out before the Chippenham Gardens development commences.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 The utilisation of the available green space for parking on Chippenham Road will help to alleviate the existing capacity issues and the reduction of kerb heights will allow for footway parking so that carriageway widths and visibility can be maintained. Staff therefore recommend that the scheme proceeds as advertised.
- 3.2 It should be noted that works to vehicle crossovers will be undertaken at a discounted rate which is offered by Streetcare on all footway schemes. However, any applications now and in the future may result in a reduction of proposed half on footway spaces.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial Implications and Risks

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

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £250,500. This cost can be met from the Harold Hill Ambitions Programme Allocation for improvement works budget.

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 actual implementation and scheme detail. Therefore, final costs are subject to change

This is a joint project for StreetCare and Regeneration 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 Regeneration Capital Budget.

Legal implications and risks:

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

HR Implications and Risks

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

Equalities Implications and Risks:

A logically laid out highway will cater for not only the demand for parking, but be an opportunity to provide better pedestrian routes and enhancements of the public realm.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Drawing no QK063/02/05 – Chippenham Road Layout Overview

Project Scheme File Ref:
QJ063 Hildene Parking Scheme

APPENDIX A

Summary of Consultation Responses:

Respondent	Comments
No 145 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is of the impression that lowering the kerbs will not work as the footway is not wide enough and there are drives either side. ○ Is concerned that proposals on the adjacent grass verge will result in headlights shining into his property and believes the area needs to be residents' only to prevent shopper from Hilldene occupying the spaces. ○ Suggests the works need to be carried out before the Chippenham Gardens development
No 118 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Feels he being bullied into having his crossover extended ○ Believes the changes will not improve visibility but obscure the view of drivers exiting their properties
No 122 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Supports the proposals and hopes the scheme extends to resurfacing the carriageway
No 114 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wishes to have a new access installed
No 116 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wishes to have a new access installed
No 88 Chippenham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wishes to have crossover extended