

HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

REPORT

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	PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS, KISS AND RIDE BAY and PROPOSED LIMITED WAITING FREE BAYS-REPTON and TUDORS-comments to advertised proposals.
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

Clean, safe and green borough	[X]
Excellence in education and learning	[]
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	Ī
Value and enhance the life of every individual	[X]
High customer satisfaction and a stable council tax	ΠĪ

SUMMARY

This report recommends the implementation of waiting restrictions in Repton Avenue, a kiss and ride bay in Tudor Avenue, limited wait free bays in Stanley Avenue, Woodfield Drive and Repton Avenue, following the completion of public consultation.

All of the proposals within this report are situated within the Romford Town Ward

RECOMMENDATIONS

- That the Committee having considered the information set out in this report and the representations made to the statutory advertisement of the proposals, recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:
 - a. the minor parking schemes set out in this report in appendix A and shown on all the attached drawings, be implemented as advertised.
 - i) Drawing 1- Tudor Drive, Repton Ave, Tudor Ave and St Ivians
 - ii) Drawing 4- Stanley Ave & Woodfield Drive at the junction with Balgores Lane
 - iii) Drawing 5-Tudor Avenue, Balgores Lane
 - iv) Drawing 7- Repton Avenue and Balgores
 - b. the effect of the scheme be monitored;
 - c. members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £1700 and can be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes budget

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 At a meeting of this Committee on 18th September 2012, a request was put forward to implement a number of proposals within the Reptons and Tudors area. These proposals were to install 'At any time' waiting restrictions on bends and junctions, part time waiting restriction at the north-western end of Repton Avenue, the introduction of a kiss and ride parking bay, in Tudor Avenue, fronting Gidea Park College and implement a four hour limited waiting time in the existing free bays in Repton Avenue, Stanley Avenue and Woodfield Drive, at their junctions with Balgores Lane. The Committee agreed the proposals in principle, so they could be taken forward to formal public consultation.
- 1.2 The proposals were subsequently designed by staff and were publicly advertised on 14th September 2012.
- 1.3 All the proposals for the 'At any time' waiting restrictions on junctions and apexes of bend within the Reptons and Tudors area, are being progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

1.4 This report outlines the responses received arising from the public consultation of the parking bay elements of the proposals and the proposed Noon to 1:00pm waiting restrictions in Repton Avenue, which are considered to be contentious. Plans and descriptions of the proposals, along with the responses received, staff comments and further courses of action for each location are outlined and appended to this report as Appendix A.

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 £1700 including advertising costs. This cost can be met from the 2013/2014 Minor Parking Schemes revenue 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 standard project for StreetCare 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 Streetcare Capital Budget Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

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:

Parking restrictions in residential areas are often installed to improve road safety and accessibility for residents who may be affected by long-term non-residential parking.

Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others. However, the Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable adjustments should be made to improve access. In considering the impacts and making improvements for people with protected

characteristics (mainly, but not limited to disabled people, children and young people, older people), this will assist the Council in meeting its duty under the Act.

The proposals included in the report for Tudor Avenue, outside Gidea Park College and the limited stay parking bays in Repton Avenue, Stanley Avenue and Woodfield Drive, are all located within the Gidea Park Conservation Area.

All proposals included in the report have been publicly advertised and subject to formal consultation. Consultation responses have been considered to inform the final proposals. It is noted that some of the consultation responses (see Appendix A), particularly regarding the parking bay elements of the proposals and the proposed Noon to 1:00pm waiting restrictions in Repton Avenue, are against the proposed changes. After careful consideration of each of the responses and any potential/likely equalities issues and concerns arising from the proposals, officers have recommended that the proposed changes be implemented as advertised and the effects be monitored on a regular basis.

Aside from the proposals for Tudor Avenue being situated outside a private primary school, it is understood that a play group meets on a daily basis in the Church Hall in Balgores Crescent. This is to be noted and considered by the Committee.

There will be some visual impact from the required signing and lining works but it is anticipated that this work will improve road safety and access for disabled people, older people and parents with prams.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

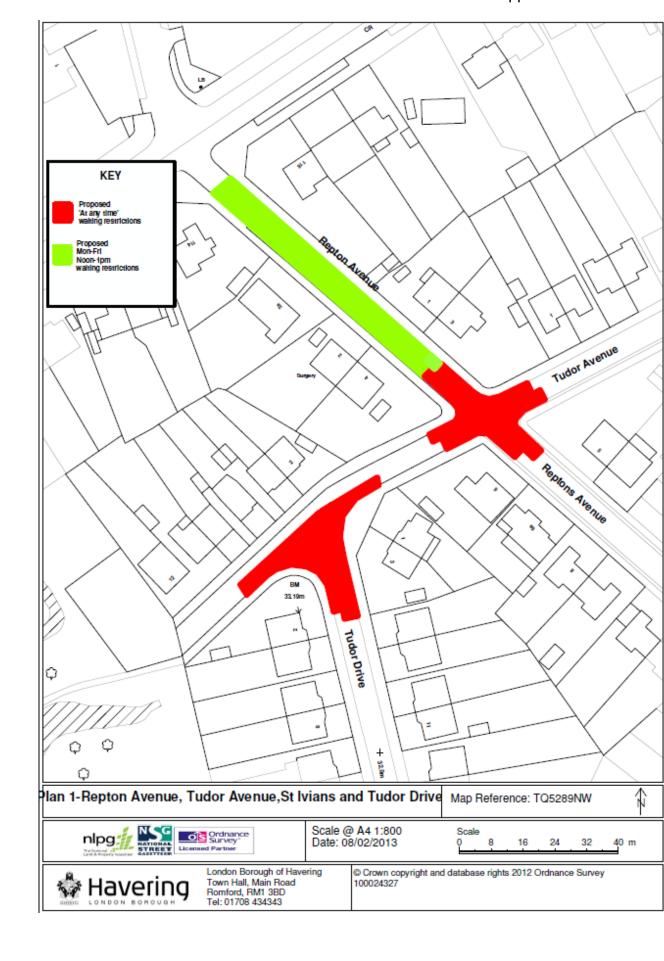
Drawings Refs: Drawing 1- Tudor Drive, Repton Ave, Tudor Ave and St Ivians

Drawing 4- Stanley Ave & Woodfield Drive at the junction with Balgores

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Drawing 5-Tudor Avenue, Balgores Lane Drawing 7- Repton Avenue and Balgores

Appendix A



1. Repton Avenue – Drawing Ref: Tudor Drive, Repton Ave, Tudor Ave and St Ivians (drawing 1)

The proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions shown at the junctions on this drawing are being progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

The proposal that is to be considered by this Committee is the introduction of a Noon-1pm Monday to Friday waiting restriction in Repton Avenue, north-west of its junction with Tudor Avenue, closure at the Gallows Gate at the Main Road end.

Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

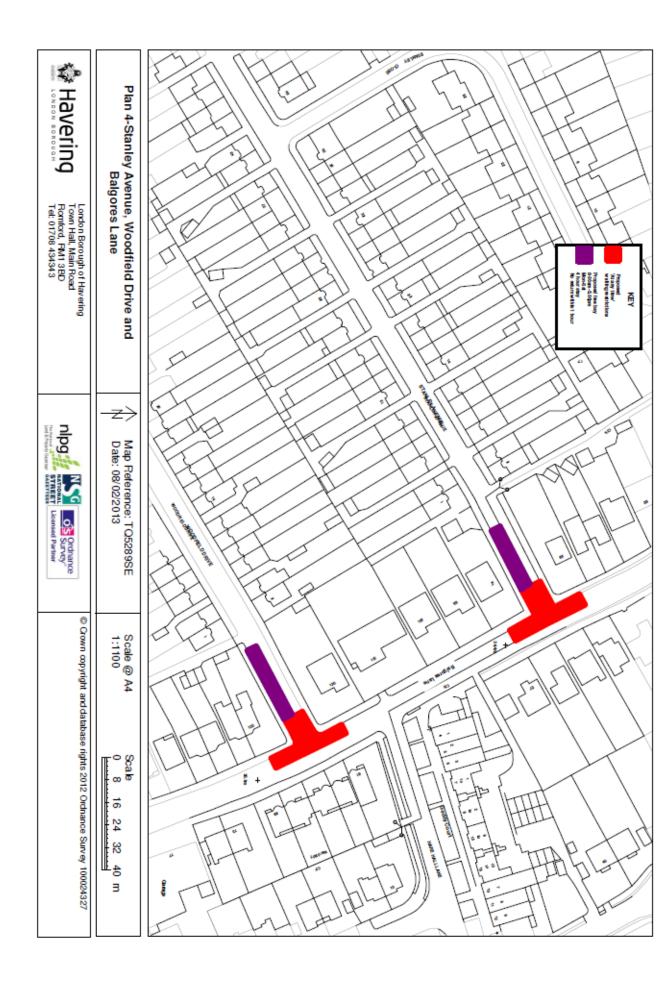
The proposals were advertised in the Romford Recorder and London Gazette. In addition, eighteen statutory bodies and six residents were consulted on the proposals. Site notices were also placed on site.

At the close of public consultation on 21st December 2012, nine responses had been received to the proposals. Three responses objected to the proposals; one from a resident directly affected by them and two from residents not directly affected by them. A further six responses were received from four properties all directly affected by the proposals, who were all in favour of them.

Staff comments

The proposals have been designed to prevent long term non-residential parking taking place in this area of Repton Avenue. As more responses from the residents of this section of Repton Avenue are in favour of the proposals, it is suggested that they should be implemented as advertised.

Recommended Action



2. Stanley Avenue & Woodfield Drive- Drawing Ref: Stanley Ave & Woodfield Drive at the junction with Balgores Lane (Drawing 4)

The proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions shown at the junctions on this drawing are being progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

The proposals that are to be considered by this Committee are to restrict the existing free parking bays, situated on the south-eastern sides of both Stanley Avenue and Woodfield Drive, close to their junctions with Balgores Lane, from 8:00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, where free parking will be limited to a four hours maximum stay and where return to the bay is prohibited within one hour.

Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

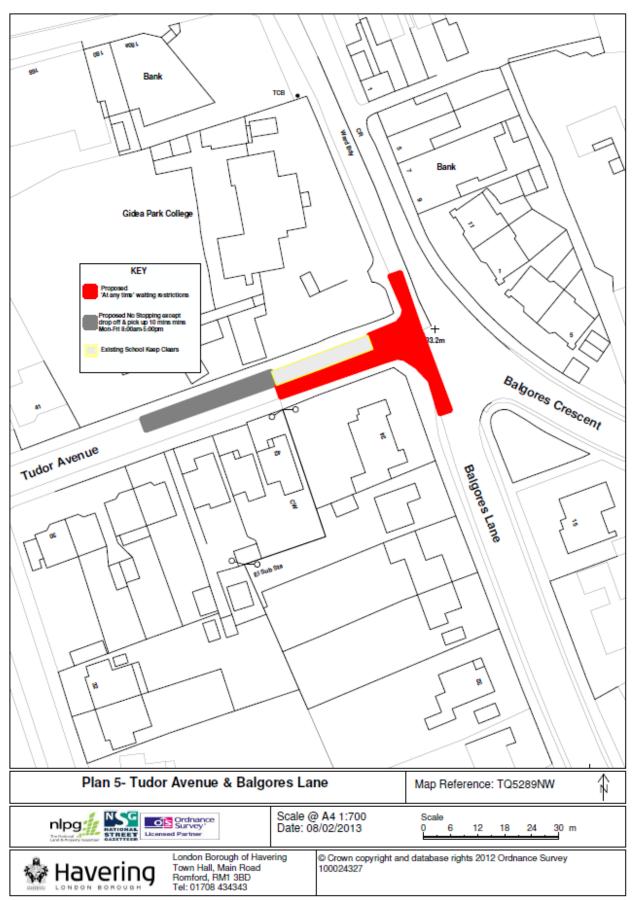
The proposals were advertised in the Romford Recorder and London Gazette. In addition, 18 statutory bodies and 21 residents were consulted on the proposals. Site notices were also placed at both locations.

At the close of public consultation on 21st December 2012, seven responses had been received to the proposals. Six responses outlined their objections to the proposals were received, with one respondent living away from the immediately affected area in Stanley Avenue, wrote to the local MP and the MP then wrote on the residents behalf. A further four responses were received, three from residents of Balgores Lane and one from a resident of Stanley Avenue. One resident of Balgores Lane was clearly in favour of the proposals and outlined the issues of long term parking in the bays and that they had been requesting this provision for over 3 years.

Staff comments

These proposals are designed to limit long term non-residential parking in the existing free parking bays. Although there has be a weight of objection to the proposals they will provide a turnover of parking in the bay, meaning that more highway users will have the opportunity park for shorter periods and street cleaning in the bay will be made easer. As this is the case, it is recommended that the proposals should be implemented as advertised.

Recommended Action



3. Tudor Avenue and Balores Lane- Drawing Ref: Tudor Avenue, Balgores Lane (Drawing

The proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions shown at the junction on this drawing are being progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

The proposals that are to be considered by this Committee are to introduce a designated pick and drop off area in Tudor Avenue, fronting the Gidea Park College site, permitting parking for up to ten minutes between 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday inclusive.

Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

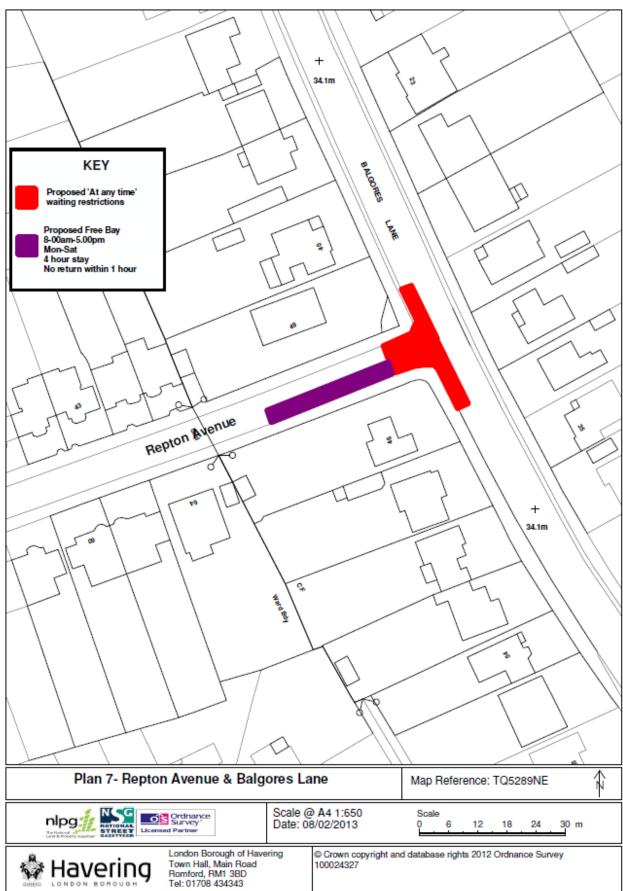
The proposals were advertised in the Romford Recorder and London Gazette. In addition, eighteen statutory bodies and ten residents were consulted on the proposals. Site notices were also placed on site.

At the close of public consultation on 21st December 2012, one response had been from a resident of Tudor Avenue. They considered that parents of children that attend the college had a total disregard to safety and traffic flow. They feel that the proposals will not improve the situation, but that a provision should be made for outside the restricted period for the local shops.

Staff comments

These proposals are designed to provide a short term parking provision for the parents whose children attend the school.

Recommended Action



4. Repton Avenue and Balgores Lane- Drawing Ref: Repton Avenue and Balgores Lane (D

The proposed 'At any time' waiting restrictions shown at the junction on this drawing are being progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.

The proposals are to restrict the existing free parking bay, situated on the south-eastern sides of Repton Avenue, close to its junction with Balgores Lane, from 8:00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive, where free parking will be limited to a four hours maximum stay and where return to the bay is prohibited within one hour.

Outcome of Public consultation - Responses received

The proposals were advertised in the Romford Recorder and London Gazette. In addition, eighteen statutory bodies and ten residents were consulted on the proposals. Site notices were also placed on site.

At the close of public consultation on 21st December 2012, no response had been received to the proposals.

Staff comments

These proposals are designed to limit long term non-residential parking in this parking bay. As there have been no comments received to the proposals, it is recommended that be implemented as advertised.

Recommended Action