



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date 16 April 2013

REPORT

Subject Heading:

Firham Park Estate – Inclusion into the
Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone
(Sector HWC)

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

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| 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 outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals to include the Firham Park Estate into the Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone (Sector HWC)

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **That the Committee having considered the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:**
 - a. the minor parking scheme set out in this report to include the Firham Park Estate into the Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone (Sector HWC) with the associated waiting restrictions and residents parking, as shown on the attached drawing TPC195 – Firham Park Estate, be implemented as advertised
 - 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 £3,800 and can be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following a request from a residents and a visitors of the Firham Park Estate, for the introduction of parking restrictions to deter commuter parking and prevent inconsiderate or obstructive parking, a request was submitted to the Highways Advisory Committee on 21st February 2012, when this Committee agreed that this item should be deferred for a further report on the existing parking situation and provisions within the Firham Park Estate.
- 1.2 In December 2012, the request was moved from the items deferred list, to the works programme. The proposals were subsequently designed by staff and were formally advertised on 1st February 2013. All responses to the consultation had to be received by 22nd February 2013.
- 1.3 This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation and recommends a further course of action.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

- 2.1 On 1st February 2013, residents of 130 addresses in the area who were perceived to be affected by the proposals were advised of them by letter and

plan. 18 statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed within the Firham Park Estate.

- 2.2 At the close of the public consultation on 22nd February 2013, 27 responses were received, a 21% response. A table outlining all the responses is appended to this report as Appendix B.

3.0 Staff Comments

- 3.1 Although the level of response to the proposals was lower than the 30 to 40% response rate that is received on average, the majority of the responses were in favour of some if not all elements of the proposals. It is for this reason that staff feels that the Firham Park Estate, which is for the main part currently unrestricted, should be included in the Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone, by implementing the proposals as advertised.

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 £3,800 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 overall 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.

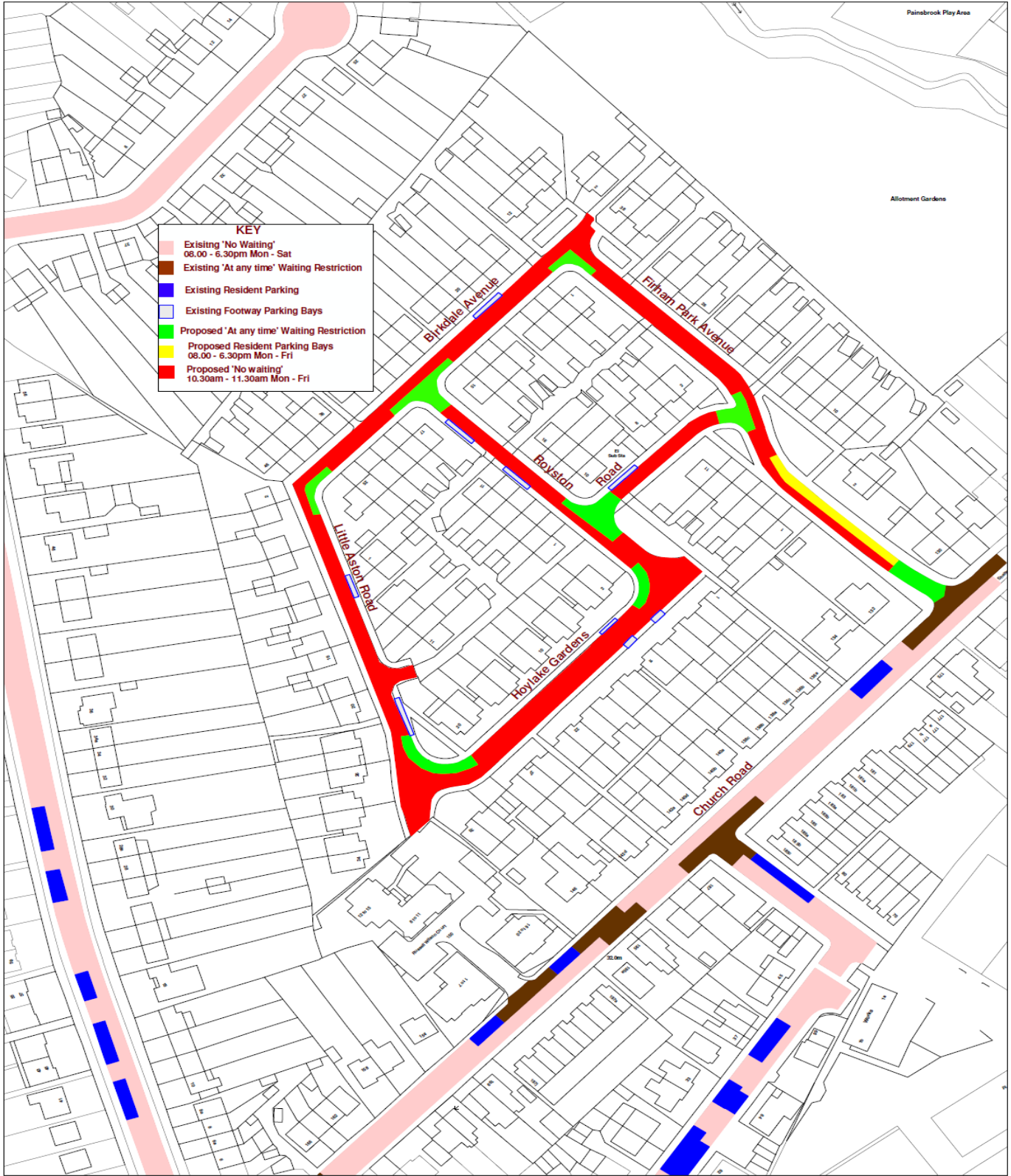
Parking restrictions have the potential to displace parking to adjacent areas, which may be detrimental to others. However, the Council has a general duty under the Equality Act 2010 to ensure that its highway network is accessible to all. Where infrastructure is provided or substantially upgraded, reasonable 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.

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Appendix A

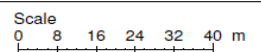


TPC195 - Firham Park Estate



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Date: 22/01/2013

Scale @ A3
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Appendix B

Road	No of properties consulted	No. of Individual Responses received	% Return	'At any time' Waiting Restrictions		Resident Parking Bays		No waiting	
				For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
CHURCH ROAD	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
BIRKDALE AVENUE	37	4	11	3	1	3	1	3	1
FIRHAM PARK AVENUE	25	6	24	5	1	5	1	5	1
LITTLE ASTON ROAD	23	8	34	6	2	5	3	5	3
HOYLAKE GARDENS	27	6	22	5	1	3	3	5	1
ROYSTON ROAD	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	3	0	3		3		2	1
Totals	130	27	21	22	5	19	8	20	7