



# HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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# REPORT

**Subject Heading:**

**TPC281 - The Drive, Harold Wood –**  
Conversion of Disc Parking Bay to Free  
Parking Bay with Maximum Stay Period

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

Ensuring a clean, safe and green borough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Championing education and learning for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing economic, social and cultural activity In thriving towns and villages	<input checked="" 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**

This report outlines the responses received to the advertised proposals for the conversion of a disc parking bay to a free parking bay on The Drive in Harold Wood, which were agreed in principle by this Committee February 2013, and recommends a further course of action.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **That the Committee having considered the representations made recommends to the Cabinet Member for Community Empowerment that:**
  - a. The scheme be implemented as advertised
  - b. the effect be monitored
  - c. Members note that the estimated cost of this scheme as set out in this report is £750 and can be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes budget.

## REPORT DETAIL

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following request by a Ward Councillor, the scheme was presented to the Highways Advisory Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 where the committee agreed to defer the item for six months so that a wider review of the area could be undertaken.
- 1.2 At its meeting of February 2013 it was agreed by this committee that the scheme be moved to the Minor Traffic & Parking Control work programme to progress to the next stage of design and consultation.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently designed by staff and were publicly advertised on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013.
- 1.4 It is proposed to change the existing Disc Parking bay to the side of the Doctor's surgery in The Drive, Harold Wood to enable free parking from 8.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday inclusive with a maximum stay of 2 hours, where return to the parking place is prohibited for 1 hour.
- 1.5 It is also proposed to introduce 'At any time' waiting restrictions shown at the junction on this drawing, although these will be progressed under powers delegated to the Head of StreetCare.
- 1.6 This report outlines the responses received arising from the public consultation, along with staff comments and further courses of action

## **2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation**

- 2.1 On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2013, 8 addresses 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 vicinity of the proposals.
- 2.2 At the close of public consultation on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013 no responses had been received to the proposals.

## **3.0 Staff Comments**

Officers would support the scheme on the basis that it would provide a parking facility that may aid visitors, in particular patients attending the doctor's surgery. The junction protection marking will improve sightlines and accessibility for all road users.

# **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 is £750 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.

### **Legal Implications and Risks**

Legal resources will be required to give effect to the proposals.

### **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 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 have been publicly advertised and subject to formal consultation. At the close of the public consultation no responses have been received to the proposals, Officers have therefore recommended that the scheme is implemented as advertised.

It is anticipated that the implemented scheme will provide a parking facility for visitors, in particular patients attending the doctor's surgery who are more likely to be parents with children, disabled people and older residents. There might be some visual impact from the required junction protection marking but this work will improve road safety and access for disabled people, older people and parents with prams.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Appendix A** - Proposed Site Plan

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