



HIGHWAYS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date 13 August 2013

REPORT

Subject Heading:

TPC280-Romleigh Park Estate, Harold Wood. - Parking Review

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

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Excellence in education and learning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opportunities for all through economic, social and cultural activity	<input checked="" 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 for the Romleigh Park Estate parking review, which were agreed in principle by this Committee at its meeting of on 16th October 2012, and recommends a further course of action.

An otherwise identical report was previously presented at the Highways Advisory Committee on the 9th July 2013 but the Lead Member for Community Empowerment on receiving correspondence expressing concern from local residents that a resident opposing the proposed scheme may not have been afforded an opportunity to speak asked that the Chairman remit the matter to the Committee to ensure that there was no perception of unfairness.

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 implement 10:30am till 11:30am Monday to Friday and 'At any time' waiting restrictions, as shown on the attached drawing TPC280-Romleigh Park Estate Parking Review, 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 £6,000 which can be funded from the 2013/14 Minor Parking Schemes revenue budget.

REPORT DETAIL

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Following numerous requests, reports and petitions received from residents and Ward Councillors representing Romleigh Park Estate, a review and consultation of an appropriate parking scheme was submitted to the Highways Advisory Committee on 16th October 2012, when this Committee agreed that this item should be deferred for a further report on the existing parking situation and provisions within the Romleigh Park Estate.
- 1.2 In February 2013, the request was moved from the items deferred list to the Traffic and Parking Control works programme.
- 1.3 The proposals were subsequently designed and consulted upon by staff and were formally advertised on 10th May 2013. All responses to the consultation were received by 31st May 2013.
- 1.4 This report outlines the responses received to the formal consultation and recommends a further course of action.

1.5 Traffic and Parking Control designed the 10.30am till 11.30am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions to deter long term and local commuter parking' predominantly from people parking and then walking to Harold Wood Station and to prevent students from the college situated on the former Harold Wood Hospital site from long term parking. It was proposed to design a scheme that works with the existing Controlled Parking Zone within the Harold Wood Ward.

1.6 It is also worth noting that there may be parking problems within this area once the development within the old Harold Wood hospital site has been completed.

2.0 Outcome of Public Consultation

2.1 On the 10th May 2013, residents of 366 addresses in the area perceived to be affected by the proposed scheme were advised by letter enclosing a plan, detailing the proposals. Eighteen statutory bodies were also consulted and site notices were placed within the Romleigh Park Estate.

2.2 At the close of the public consultation on 31st May 2013, 62 responses were received, a 17% response rate. A table outlining all the responses is appended to this report as Appendix B.

3.0 Staff Comments

3.1 From the 366 residents consulted, 62 responses were received, equating to a 17% return rate.

3.2 10% of the responses were in favour of the 10.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions and the 'At any time' waiting restrictions at the junctions. 7% of the responses received were against the proposals for the 10.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions, although 3% of those were in favour of the 'At any time' waiting restrictions at junctions.

3.3 A majority of respondents requested a residential parking scheme to further accommodate residents and their visitors within the Estate to park during the one hour waiting restriction, although a number of these residents do have the facility of off-street parking or a private parking space.

3.4 There are an estimated 197 private parking spaces located in designated areas within the Estate, this is not including garages nor the off-street parking provision fronting the properties. The majority of the home owners own within their deeds one or more car parking spaces and could therefore use these facilities during the one hour restriction. It is for this reason that staff feel that the Romleigh Park Estate, which is currently unrestricted, be included within the Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone.

3.5 Appendix C within this report outlines the total amount of on and off-street parking provision that is currently available to residents and visitors. The private parking areas are either fronting the residents' properties or within

designated parking areas that are allocated to residents and are stated in their deeds.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial Implications and Risks

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

The estimated cost of implementing the proposals as described above and shown on the attached plan is £6,000 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.

Legal Implications and Risks

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

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.

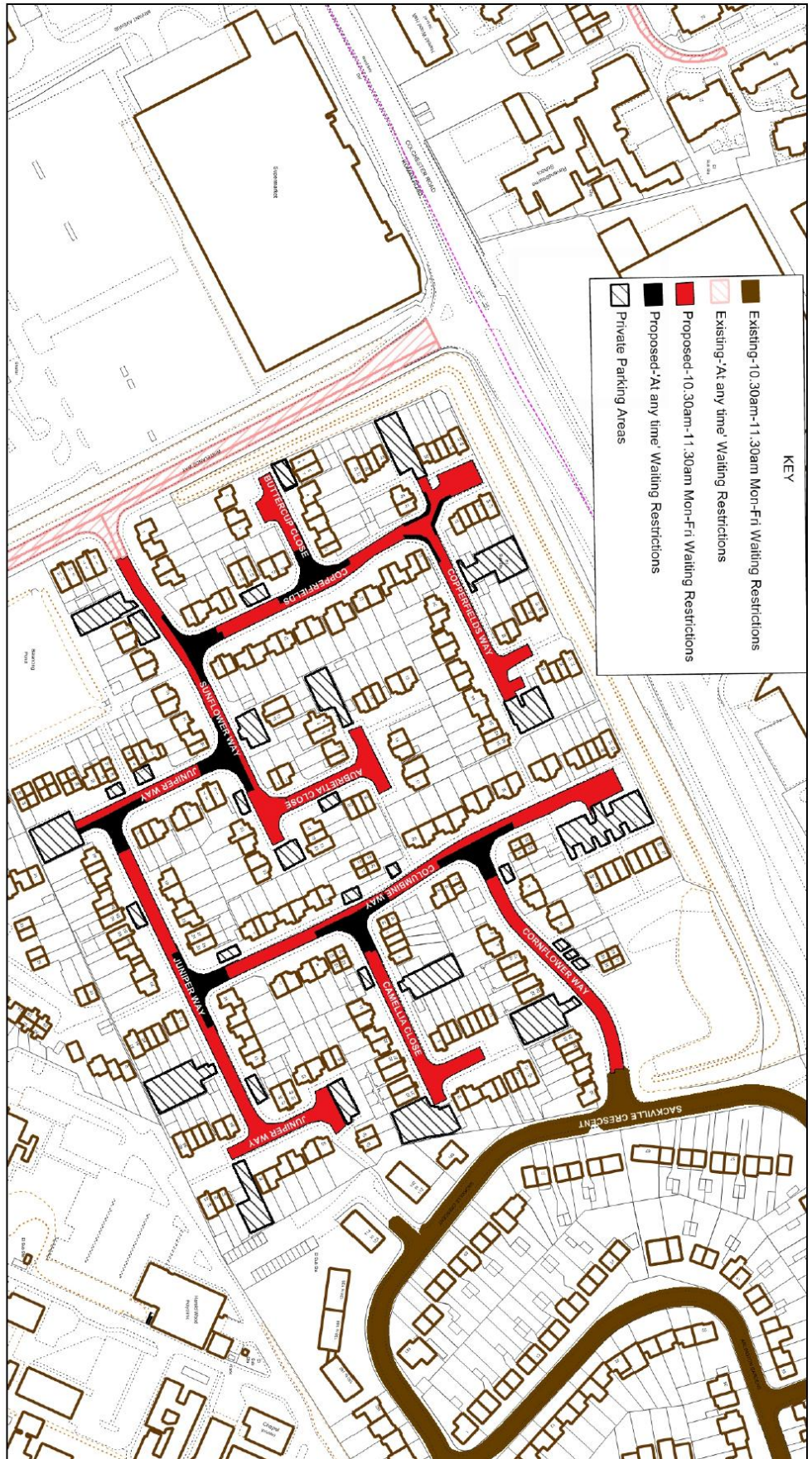
The proposals to include the Romleigh Park Estate into the harmonised Harold Wood Controlled Parking Zone have been publicly advertised and subject to formal consultation. Consultation responses have been carefully considered to inform the final proposals. It was noted that a small percentage of the consultation responses were against the 10.30am to 11.30am Monday to Friday waiting restrictions but further analysis showed that half of those were in favour of 'At any time' waiting restrictions (see Appendix B). It was also noted that the majority of respondents requested a residential parking scheme to further accommodate residents and their visitors within the Estate to park during the one hour waiting restriction. Officers carried out in-depth analysis of the on- and off-street parking provision that was currently available to residents and visitors and it showed that there was a sufficient number of parking spaces available (see Appendix C). The implementation of a residential parking scheme is therefore considered to be unnecessary at this point of time but officers will monitor the effects of the proposed changes and if such need arises, they will review the parking arrangements accordingly.

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.

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

Appendix A



TPC280-Romleigh Park Estate Parking Review



Scale: 1:1600
Date: 30 April 2013



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Appendix B

ROMLEIGH PARK ESTATE							
Road	No of properties consulted	No. of Individual Responses received	% Return	'At any time' Waiting Restrictions		10:30AM till 11:30am Monday to Friday	
				For	Against	For	Against
CAMELLIA CLOSE	33	4	12%	0	0	3	1
COLUMBINE WAY	47	7	15%	0	0	7	0
COPPERFIELDS WAY	68	11	16%	0	1	4	6
CORNFLOWER WAY	37	8	22%	2	0	4	2
JUNIPER WAY	90	9	10%	0	0	7	2
SUNFLOWER WAY	25	6	24%	0	0	4	2
WHITELANDS WAY	8	0	0%	0	0	0	0
AUBRETIA CLOSE	20	3	11%	1	0	2	0
BUTTERCUP CLOSE	12	1	8%	0	0	0	1
SACKVILLE CRESCENT	26	1	4%	0	0	0	1
UNKNOWN ADDRESSES	0	12	0	0	0	6	6
Total	366	62	17%	3	1	37	21

Romleigh Park Estate Current Parking Provision Survey						
Road	Total Properties	Off-Street Parking Places (FRONT)*	% of Properties having more than one Off-Street Parking Places (FRONT)	Total Garages	No. of parking spaces located in unadopted areas (Approx)	Total Available Parking Spaces
Coppersfield Way	68	32	47	41	33	106
Buttercup Close	12	7	58.3	7	4	18
Sunflower Way	21	15	71.4	16	21	52
Aubrietia Close	20	7	35	7	12	26
Cornflower Way	29	9	31	9	24	42
Camelia Close	31	9	29	12	23	44
Juniper Way	89	41	46.1	30	44	115
Columbine Way	47	22	46.8	21	36	79
Totals	317	142	44.8	143	197	482