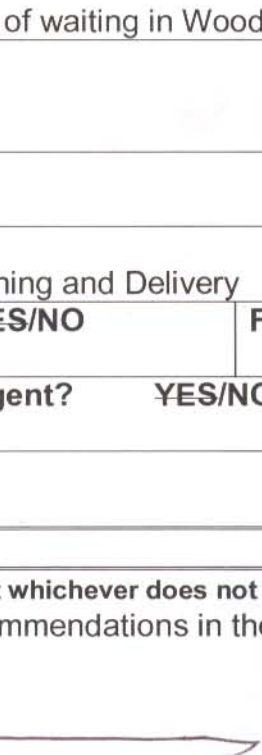



ED2. EXECUTIVE DECISIONS BY A CABINET MEMBER OR AN OFFICER

A. Report Title: Provision of prohibition of waiting in Woodlands Close, Grays	
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C. Decision Maker: Andrew Millard	
D. Position held: Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery	
E. Key decision: YES/NO	F. Delegation ref:
G. Is the decision urgent? YES/NO	
H. If yes, state why.	

I. DECISION (strike out whichever does not apply) :	
1. I agree the recommendations in the attached report for the reasons given in the report; OR	
2. *My decision is: 	
*The reason for my decision is:	
* Continue overleaf or on an additional sheet if necessary.	
Signed: 	Date: 28.4.09

URGENCY

Democratic Services will arrange for the completion of the following:	
J. I confirm that in my opinion a decision on this matter is urgent and cannot reasonably be delayed:	
Signed:	Date:

To be completed by Democratic Services

Date decision received by Dem. Services:	Date decision published:
Implementation date:	
Relevant O & S Committee:	

March 2009	ITEM No.
Highway and Transportation	
Provision of prohibition of waiting in Woodlands Close, Grays	
Portfolio Holder: Highways and Transport - Cllr Neil Rockliffe	
Report Author: Senior Traffic Engineer	
Accountable Head of Service: Head of Strategic Planning and Delivery	
Accountable Director: Corporate Director of Sustainable Communities	
Purpose: To consider an objection to the proposal to implement parking restrictions (no waiting at any time) in Woodlands Close.	
Wards affected: Little Thurrock, Blackshots	Key decision: No
This report is public	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 To uphold the objections and implement the parking restrictions (no waiting at any time) only in Woodlands Close, starting from the back of footway to King Edward Drive for a distance of approximately 40 metres into Woodlands Close, both sides, as detailed in paragraph 4.2.**

2. INTRODUCTION:

- 2.1 As part of the 2008/09 Integrated Transport Programme, a budget of £10,000 has been allocated for the implementation of parking restrictions in Woodlands Close/King Edward Drive. However, it is likely that the implementation of the scheme will cost less than originally allocated.
- 2.2 Woodlands Close is a cul-de-sac off King Edward Drive. The request for parking restrictions originated from residents complaining of vehicles frequently parking on the footway in Woodlands Close.

3. BACKGROUND:

- 3.1 The statutory consultation period commenced on 31st October 2008 and finished on 21st November 2008. The proposal was to implement parking restrictions to the entire length of Woodlands Close and at the junction with Kings Edward Drive.

- 3.2 Three objections were received to the proposal. No objections were made from residents of Woodlands Close.
- 3.3 Two objections refer to the proposed restrictions at the junction of King Edward Drive only and not objecting to the proposed restrictions in Woodlands Close. One of these residents indicated for the restrictions to be implemented on both sides of the straight section of Woodlands Close only.
- 3.4 One objection is to all the proposed restrictions to King Edward Drive and Woodlands Close. The nature of the objection is that restrictions in Woodlands Close would prevent visitors or deliveries from parking near the property. Further more, residents with no off-street parking facility are likely to seek parking further along King Edward Drive, causing pressure to the neighbouring properties. However, loading and unloading is permitted on double yellow lines.
- 3.5 In addition to the objections, one resident request for the extension of the parking restrictions along King Edward Drive. This is in response to the possibility of displaced parking outside their property from the proposed restrictions at the junction of King Edward Drive.

4. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 4.1 The main issue stems from parking in Woodlands Close, due to the narrow carriageway width and vehicles parking on the kerb causing obstruction to the footway. No parking obstructions were noted outside the properties of Woodlands Close as most of these properties have access to off-street parking.
- 4.2 It is recommended that the restrictions are only implemented within Woodlands Close where the parking obstructions take place. This would improve vehicle movement along Woodlands Close and improve safety for pedestrians. The restrictions are recommended to start from the back of footway of King Edward Drive and finishing at the end of the straight section of Woodlands Close (before entering the cul-de-sac turning area).
- 4.3 Ward Members were consulted between 12th and 18th March 2009 and are in support of the recommendations. No further comments were received.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PRIORITIES:

- 5.1 These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment.

6. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY:

- 6.1 This item has not been to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

RELEVANT POLICIES

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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It is anticipated that the cost of the works can be contained within existing the budget allocation approved for the scheme.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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The implementation of parking restrictions is subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984 and enforcement will be subject to the Traffic Management Act 2004.

DIVERSITY & EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

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The Council has a statutory duty under the Race Relations Act 2000 (Amendment), the Disability Discrimination Act 2005 and Sex Discrimination Act 1975 (Amendment) to promote equality of opportunity in the provision of services and employment. The Council should note the need to promote equality of opportunity for disabled people. It should be noted that this should include ensuring the footways are kept clear and accesible for wheelchair users.

OTHER IMPLICATIONS

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Notice of proposal
Letters of objection

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