

<b>September 2012</b>		<b>ITEM</b>
<b>Delegated Decision Report</b>		
<b>BUTTS LANE, STANFORD LE HOPE AND COLLEGE AVENUE, GRAYS - OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE PARKING RESTRICTIONS</b>		
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b> Councillor Angie Gaywood – Public Protection		
<b>Wards and communities affected:</b> Grays Thurrock Ward	<b>Key Decision:</b> No	
<b>Accountable Head of Service:</b> Andrew Millard, Head of Planning and Transportation		
<b>Accountable Director:</b> David Bull, Director of Planning and Transportation		
<b>This report is</b> Public		
<b>Purpose of Report:</b> To consider objections to a proposal to implement 'No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-5pm on the school entrance in College Avenue, Grays.		

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

A statutory consultation was carried out on a proposal to implement 'No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-5pm on the school entrance on College Avenue, Grays to prohibit dangerous parking and improve visibility outside the school. 4 objections were received. The statutory consultation also included a proposal to extend the double yellow line parking restrictions outside St Cleres School in Butts Lane. No objections were received to this.

### **1. RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections referred in paragraph 3.1, the objections are upheld and the proposed restrictions are not implemented at this time. It is further recommended that the objectors are notified accordingly.**
- 1.2 It is also recommended that following consideration of the other issues referred in paragraph 3.2, a further consultation is carried out with the residents and ward members to find a solution to the parking problems in College Avenue, Grays.**

## **2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:**

- 2.1 Funding was allocated within the 2011/12 Integrated Transport Programme to implement community requests at various sites around the borough where problems have been identified or requests have been received from members of the community.
- 2.2 A request was received for parking restrictions to be placed in College Avenue, Grays to prohibit dangerous parking outside the pedestrian school entrance.
- 2.3 The proposal for College Avenue was to implement 'No Stopping Mon-Fri 8am-5pm' on the school entrance of St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School. These restrictions were proposed to prohibit dangerous parking which is currently occurring and improve visibility outside the school. 4 objections were received from residents of College Avenue and 1 letter of support was received from Grays Convent School.
- 2.4 Also advertised on the public notice was a proposal to implement 'No waiting at any time' on Butts Lane, Stanford Le Hope. No objections were received for this proposal, therefore this proposal will be taken forward for implementation as advertised.

## **3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:**

- 3.1 4 Objections were received from residents of College Avenue. The objectors feel that the proposed restrictions will not alleviate the current problem as the problem mainly occurs at school opening and closing times and the objectors feel that all day parking by others in the Avenue exacerbates the problem so should be addressed at the same time.
- 3.2 A site meeting was carried out with the objectors and it was discussed that the problem is during school opening and closing times. It was therefore requested that a new consultation is carried out with the added proposal to restrict parking at school times only along the whole length of the road, ie Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm. This would resolve the school time parking issue and prevent all day parking by others.
- 3.3 1 Letter of support was received from Grays Convent School as they feel that the parking situation outside of St Thomas of Canterbury RC Primary School entrance is dangerous.

## **4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)**

Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012 and 21<sup>st</sup> August 2012. Cllr Gupta supports the recommendation for the objections to be upheld. No other comments were received.

## **5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT**

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

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Financial**

Implications verified by: Martin Hone  
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Should the recommendations be supported, there will be no implementation cost. The new service request will be scored and prioritised and carried forward in accordance with the prioritisation process and subject to budget availability.

### **6.2 Legal**

Implications verified by: Philip Cunliffe-Jones  
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At a general level, it is important to ensure that delegated decisions are taken by the appropriate officer, and that the origin of the delegation can be readily identified in case of future challenge.

In this instance, should parking restrictions be carried forward to implementation, they would be subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Under the provisions of Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, local authorities in exercising their functions must have regard to desirability of securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises, the effect on the amenities of any locality affected, air quality, the safety and convenience of persons using or desiring to use public service vehicles and any other matters appearing to the local authority to be relevant. Permanent TROs are subject to the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996, which impose various legal requirements prior to the making of an order.

### **6.3 Diversity and Equality**

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There are no diversity and equality implications noted in this report.

6.4 **Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental**

None

**7. CONCLUSION**

- 7.1 Following consideration of the objections, and discussion with residents, it is considered that the proposed restrictions should not be implemented at this time, and a further statutory consultation should be carried out.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:**

- Letters of objections
- Letter of support

**APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:**

- None

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