

January 2013		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
MAYFLOWER ROAD, CHAFFORD HUNDRED - OBJECTIONS TO PARKING RESTRICTIONS		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Gaywood – Public Protection		
Wards and communities affected: South Chafford Ward	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard, Head of Planning and Transportation		
Accountable Director: David Bull, Director of Planning and Transportation		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To consider objections to a proposal to amend the parking restrictions on Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A statutory consultation was carried out on a proposal to amend the existing parking restrictions on Mayflower Road, Chafford Hundred as part of the requirements for the planning permission to extend the school. The restrictions are proposed to prevent dangerous parking and improve visibility outside the school and will be funded by Thurrock Council's Education Department.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections referred in paragraph 3.2, the objections are not upheld and the parking restrictions are implemented as proposed. It is further recommended that the objectors are notified accordingly.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Funding was allocated by Thurrock Council's Education Department as part of further development to the Chafford Hundred Campus and the extension works. As part of the planning conditions there is a requirement for the parking**

restrictions to be amended in order to create a safer environment for children outside the school entrance. There have been further requests from residents for the parking to be amended as the school time parking causes problems with access.

- 2.2 A site visit was carried out to determine the best solution to help alleviate parking problems for residents and to create a safer environment for the school children and pedestrians.
- 2.3 Requests were received for the existing parking restrictions to be amended to prevent parent parking at school times in Mayflower Road, there were a total of 21 letters received, 1 supporting the proposal, 2 objecting to the proposal and 18 letters airing concerns with the proposed restrictions.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 1 Letter of support received from a resident of Mayflower Road, the resident feels that there is an ongoing congestion problem with inconsiderate parking and that the proposed restriction will improve the situation.
- 3.2 2 Objections were received from residents of Mayflower Road, 1 objection was that the resident feels that the restriction should be longer and the other objection is from a resident that feels that there is not a congestion problem but there is a speeding and safety issue.
- 3.3 18 Letters received contain different views, some residents feel there are no issues and others have highlighted further problems such as access for buses and refuse collections, the residents of Plymouth Road feel that these restrictions will create further parking problems in Plymouth Road. A majority of the letter welcome the restrictions as they experience parking problems.
- 3.4 There is a congestion problem in Mayflower Road during school peak times and this needs addressing, with the extension of the school there will be more children attending the school which will result in increased car usage in the area and increased congestion at school times.

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

Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 1st March 2013 and 8th March 2013. Both Cllr Ojetola and Cllr Key agree with the proposal to implement parking restrictions at school peak hours. 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: Mark Terry
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Should parking restrictions be implemented as recommended, the cost will be approximately £1000 and would be funded from the Education Department code BO709 9881. There is sufficient funding available for these projects.

6.2 **Legal**

Implications verified by: Alison Stuart- Principal Solicitor
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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.

The report seeks to obtain authority not to implement the proposal, however, should the decision be made that parking restrictions be carried forward to implementation, they would be subject to the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). Under the provision of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, local authorities can implement TRO's, designed to regulate, restrict or prohibit the use of a road or any part of the width of a road by vehicular traffic or pedestrians. A TRO may take effect at all times or during specified periods, and certain classes of traffic may be exempted from a TRO.

Permanent TRO's 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. These requirements include publishing a notice of the proposals in a local newspaper and allowing potential objectors 21 days to make representations. It is incumbent on the Council to take account of any representations made as a consequence of such an advertisement.

6.3 **Diversity and Equality**

Implications verified by: Samson DeAlyn
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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, it is considered that the restrictions proposed should be amended/implemented as per the recommendations in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Letters of objection
- Letter of support
- Letters of general comments.

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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