

September 2013		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
VARIOUS ROADS - OBJECTIONS TO LIMITED WAITING PARKING RESTRICTIONS		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Gaywood – Public Protection		
Wards and communities affected: Little Thurrock Rectory Ward, Stifford Clays Ward, West Thurrock and South Stifford Ward and The Homesteads 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 implement 'Limited Waiting' parking restrictions in various roads within Thurrock.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

A statutory consultation was carried out on a proposal to implement Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 10am-4pm 40 minutes no return within 2 hours parking restrictions at various locations around the borough within Grays and Stanford Le Hope. From the list of locations, objections were received to the proposals made for Blockhouse Road, Crammavill Street, London Road, Grays and Tuold Road, Stanford Le Hope. The proposal also includes restrictions for London Road Purfleet and Meesons Lane Grays. These are to be implemented as proposed as no objections were received.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections referred to in paragraph 3.1 (b), (c) and (d), the objections are upheld and the Limited Waiting parking restrictions are not implemented at Crammavill Street, London Road and Tuold Road. It is further recommended that the objectors are notified accordingly.**
- 1.2 It is also recommended that following consideration of the objection referred to in paragraph 3.1 (a), the objection is not upheld and the**

Limited Waiting parking restrictions are implemented as proposed. It is further recommended that the objector is notified accordingly.

- 1.3 It is further recommended that advisory parking bay markings are implemented at the locations where lay-bys are present (Tuold Road and Boyce Road) to maximise usage of the lay-bys.
- 1.4 It is further recommended that further investigations are carried out for Crammavill Street, Grays in order to find a solution to the parking problems.

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 Requests were received for limited waiting parking restrictions to be placed in Blockhouse Road, Crammavill Street, Meesons Lane, London Road Grays and Boyce Road and Tuold Road Stanford Le Hope to improve accessibility to shops and local businesses and to encourage safer parking. A Statutory consultation was carried out between 24th February 2012 and 16th March 2012, 12 objections were received in total to this proposal.
- 2.3 No objections were received for Boyce Road, Stanford Le Hope, but it is recommended that these restrictions do not go ahead as it is felt that restrictions would unnecessarily restrict residents and visitors to the local shops. It is recommended that where possible bay markings are implemented in Boyce Road and Tuold Road to maximise usage of the lay-bys.
- 2.4 The Public Notice had other proposed parking restrictions on it, these were for London Road, Purfleet and Meesons Lane, Grays; 'Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 10am-4pm 3 hours no return within 4 hours' in London Road, Purfleet with the revocation of the existing 'no waiting Mon-sat 8am-6pm' parking restrictions and 'No Waiting at any time' in Meesons Lane, Grays. As there were no objections to these proposals they will proceed as advertised.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 Objections to the proposals were received as follows;
 - (a) **Blockhouse Road, Grays** – 1 objection received. The nature of the objection is that the objector feels that the proposed restriction will prohibit customers from visiting their premises, therefore causing loss of business. no other objections were received from businesses in the Broadway.
 - (b) **Crammavill Street, Grays** – 6 objections received. The nature of the objections is that the objectors feel that this will create additional problems for residents, as there is already a lack of parking places in this road. One of the objectors has a business in Crammavill Street and feels that the proposed limited waiting will adversely affect his business.

- (c) **London Road, Grays** – 2 objections received, 1 letter contains 24 signatures. The nature of the objections is that the objectors feel that this will create additional problems for residents, as there is already a lack of parking places in these roads.
- (d) **Tuold Road, Stanford Le Hope** – 3 objections received. The nature of the objections is that the objectors and a Ward Member feel that this will create additional problems for residents parking, as there is already a lack of parking places in these roads. Two of the objectors have businesses in Tuold Road and they feel this will adversely affect them. One of the businesses is a Hair Salon, where most treatments take longer than 40 minutes.

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

Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 14th and 21st October 2013. Cllr J Halden supports the recommendations. No other comments were received during this period.

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 the recommendations be upheld funding will be required for the marking of the lay-bys, the cost will be approximately £750 and would be funded from the Community Request code E1750 9881 00000. There is sufficient funding available for the recommended works to be carried out.

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**

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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

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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