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Delegated Decision Report		
DOCK ROAD, TILBURY – OBJECTION TO A PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS		
Wards and communities affected: Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park	Key Decision: No	
Report of: Councillor B Maney – Highways & Transport		
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Accountable Director: Andy Millard, Corporate Director of Place		
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Executive Summary

A statutory consultation was carried out at Dock Road in Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park ward which included a proposal to implement double yellow lines “At Any Time” parking restrictions at the following location;

- On both sides of Dock Road, from a point 66 metres north west of the north western kerblines of Russell Road to a point 147m north west of the north western kerblines of Russell Road

The restrictions are proposed to prevent people parking in areas that cause obstruction to visibility and accessibility. This Report has been drafted to assess the objections received for this proposal:

1. Recommendation(s)

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections to the proposed restrictions, the objections are not upheld and that those restrictions on Dock Road are to be implemented as proposed in the consultation process.**
- 1.2 Furthermore, all other proposed areas will be forwarded to Portfolio Holder for formal approval to be implemented as proposed.**
- 1.3 It is further recommended that the objectors are notified accordingly.**

2. Introduction and Background

2.1 Funding was allocated within the 2020/2021 Integrated Transport Programme to investigate parking restrictions at various sites around the borough where problems have been identified or requests have been received from members of the community.

2.2 Among requests received were for parking restrictions to be implemented on Dock Road as people were experiencing difficulties due to cars parking close to a junction and on the arc of the road obstructing the carriageway and visibility sight lines on a busy road that serves as the main entry to Tilbury. The restriction are proposed on the basis of Highways Accessibility, Visibility and Safety.

The parking restrictions at Dock Road are proposed to prevent people experiencing difficulties entering/exiting the flats due to cars parking close to the junction and on the arc obstructing visibility sight lines.

2.3 A statutory consultation was carried out between 5th November 2020 and 3rd December 2020. Fifteen objections was received, from local residents of the Quays Flats.

3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 The fifteen objection received were from a resident affected by the proposals, where the proposal is to restrict the parking at Dock Road and the impact it would have on parking.

Objection 1 – *“I have an issue with this as I live in the new flat development (The Quays). I know there is residential parking which I use however this development was approved without any visitors spaces. People do have visitors and it is reasonable to require to have spaces for these visitors.*

I understand your reasons for wanting to introduce this however I would recommend instead of no waiting at any time to be change to no return within X amount of hours or develop the surrounding area to include half a dozen also visitor spaces again with timed requirements to ensure people don't park there all the time.

If neither of these two options are available please can you advise where we would expect their visitors to park.”

Objection 2 - *“I am writing to object to the proposed ‘No Waiting At Any Time’ Order 2020 on Dock Road, Tilbury in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.*

If these proposed parking restrictions are enforced this will significantly impact all residents and visitors to the Quays apartments on Dock Road. For example:

- *We will have no place locally to park our cars compromising the security of our vehicles*

- *Parking my car far away from my home, puts my personal safety at risk as a vulnerable young woman especially late at night and early in the morning when there is an increased risk of assault. There were 176 counts of vehicle crime and 870 counts of violent and sexual crime in the last 12 months in Tilbury which heightens my anxiety of walking home alone.*
- *Parking restrictions will devalue the price of the property, which hinders regeneration in the area*
- *Significantly limiting the parking spaces available to residents will cause friction and disputes between neighbours who are vying for the remaining parking spaces.*

Furthermore, traffic flow should have been considered before the Quays apartments were developed, this would have given prospective buyers including myself the opportunity to make an informed decision on whether purchasing the property was viable. Additionally, Dock Road is very wide and cars parked on the side of the road does not obscure the view of the road for drivers passing by. Therefore the current state of parking does not cause congestion of traffic or impinge on the health and safety of drivers or pedestrians.

Upon reviewing section 32 of the Road Traffic Regulation, ‘the local authority may provide off-street parking places where for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic’. In this case, a possible solution if my objection is denied, would be to provide alternative parking so I am still able to park closely to my house.”

Objection 3 - *“I have received a public notice regarding the proposed parking restrictions on Dock Road, Tilbury.*

I am writing this email to formally object to the ‘No Waiting’ order on Dock Road. If these parking restrictions are imposed I will be unable to park my vehicle outside of my home, this will cause much inconvenience for the following reasons:

- *I will have nowhere safe to park my car at night which compromises the safety of my vehicle and will increase my car insurance premium*
- *There is no alternative place close to my home where I can park my car other than on Dock Road.*
- *Parking my car far away from my home puts my personal safety at risk when walking home alone at night which is mental distressing and increases my anxiety*

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Objection 5 - *“I have been issued a public notice detailing the proposed no waiting order on Dock Road, Tilbury.*

I am writing this email to formally object to all forms of parking restrictions that are currently being considered on Dock Road, Tilbury. If these parking restrictions are imposed I will be unable to park my vehicle outside of my home, this will cause much inconvenience and distress, as I will have nowhere safe to park my car at night which puts my vehicle at risk of vandalism and theft. There is also no alternative place close by to park my car other than on Dock Road.

I do hope that you carefully consider my thoughts and retain free parking on Dock Road.”

Objection 6 - “ ”

There was no text or attachment in the email with comments on the scheme. An email was sent to the recipient, to confirm if they wish to object to the scheme, however no response was received.

Objection 7 - *“Recently received a letter about a waiting restriction is being implemented on Dock Road, im very disappointed with the news and object to *no waiting at any time* rule. It is not necessary due to the fact the road is a popular road that leads to the main motorway A13. What we need is more free parking for residents who live on dock Road in particular the quays residents.”*

Objection 8 - *“My partner and I moved to Tilbury last November. We like the good transport links and my partners all year round hayfever improved a lot. I work as an HGV driver and she works in the NHS supply chain. Both of us working late, night shifts and often on the weekends as well.*

I don't want to take too much of your time but I like you to understand that the cars parking on the road in question belongs to the residents of The Quays. We are not high street shoppers or holiday makers but residents and some of us for one reason or another need to have more than one transport.

When our landlord introduced the parking permit system I also raised concern about they didn't provided us not even one visitor parking for more than 90 flats. The answer they give that is no parking restriction on Dock Road. I can tell you

I'm not very comfortable parking so close to this very busy main road but we given no other option. If the proposed no waiting will be enforced than we will have nowhere to park as there is no freely available parking spaces in the area. I hope you can explore different options and find a better way so the residents of The Quays can store they cars in a more safe and organised manner."

Objection 9 - *"Hello about the proposal for "no waiting at any time" for both side of Dock Road,I don't agree with that. Because I live in this area and I have nowhere to park at night.. Thanks.."*

Objection 10 - *"We herewith submit our objections to the proposed parking restrictions on Dock Road, Tilbury.*

I have lived on Dock Road since the Quays apartments were built almost three years ago and I have never encountered traffic issues, Dock Road is very wide and parked cars do not compromise highways accessibility, visibility or safety.

If parking restrictions are imposed, we will have nowhere locally to park our cars which makes me fear for my personal and vehicle safety.

As an alternative perhaps you could consider only restricting part of Dock Road or providing alternative parking for residents of the Quays apartments who rely on roadside parking."

Objection 11 - *"Please accept this email as our formal objection to the proposed parking restrictions on Dock Road, Tilbury. As a resident's association we speak on behalf of residents at the Quays apartments, Tilbury.*

It has been proposed that a No Waiting order in the form of double yellow lines will be placed on both sides of Dock Road. If double yellow lines are implemented, this will mean that many residents are unable to park closely to our homes. As a diverse community this will cause huge inconveniences to many of our residents for example:

- *Residents with mental and physical health problems who need to park closely to home will be unable to do so thus adding further detriment to their health which is discriminatory under the Equalities Act 2010*
- *Some of our residents are elderly and are unable to walk long distances which will occur if they have to park far away from home*
- *Vulnerable residents who do not feel safe to walk home alone at night will be forced to do so which can trigger anxiety and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in some cases*
- *Parking restrictions are hugely impractical if you have heavy food shopping, luggage or personal items and have to walk far to get home or leave these items unattended while parking is found. It also relies on the assumption that you will have help, to carry these items home*
- *Visitors to the area will have nowhere to park, many residents live alone and are isolated thus they rely on having visitors especially during the Covid-19 pandemic*

Some additional reasons to consider:

- *There will be an increase in the number of vehicles driving around Dock Road and neighbouring roads in Tilbury searching for a parking place which can be harmful local air quality.*
- *Parking in one area might create or worsen parking problems in adjacent areas.*
- *Parking restrictions will inhibit regeneration, activities of commercial and other non-residential activities within Tilbury.*

We do hope that you will seriously consider our concerns.”

Objection 12 - *“I object to this. I live in the flats at dock road and doing this no waiting at any time would just cause such an inconvenience.*

*It is bad enough it is hard to find parking around the area.
I do not see it being beneficial to anyone.*

Unless you are willing to create more parking spaces somewhere, this is a big mistake which will cause a lot of anger for people living here”

Objection 13 - *“Due to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) "No waiting at any time" - Dock Road, Tilbury, I to the proposed order.*

The reason for this objection is the lack of parking spaces along The Quays, Dock Road. The solution would be to allocate additional parking spaces only for the residents of these blocks and houses. It happens that Camper cars park for weeks along the Dock Road from the c2c train station to the blocks, taking up parking spaces.

The problem arises when residents have nowhere to leave their car after work. Parking lots along Russel Road are for residents only.

I am asking you to consider this voice and to resolve this situation.

The decision not to be able to park along Dock Road would make everyday life much more difficult for all residents.

Please also indicate where should we park?”

Objection 14 - *“I am writing to object to the plan of making Dock road in tilbury a ‘no waiting at any time’ area.*

I live in the new flats and I feel this would cause real hardship to any of us that live here that have 2 cars. If we would have to give up a car due to not being able to park anywhere then one of us would have to give up our job.

The owner of the flats has also made all areas near the flats as no parking at any time aswell, being here on my own with 2 small children most of the time (I am on maternity leave at the moment) we wouldn't even be able to have any visitors or anyone to bring anything we need if we cannot get out. My parents dropped me some shopping off the other day and received a fine for parking by the flats for a short space of time so if the main road is no waiting aswell then that would mean no one could ever stop by for any reason at all.

I completely understand that no one should park on the road where the road markings are but can we not keep the little space of road by the bus stop where

the double yellow lines end and the empty space that is over the road? I can't see why this space is causing any problems at all? I'm not sure if you even consider any objections that you receive but please do rethink this."

Objection 15 - "I am writing to object to the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' Order on Dock Road, Tilbury

If these proposed parking restrictions are enforced this will significantly impact all residents and visitors to the Quays apartments on Dock Road. I would like this objection to be considered on the following grounds:

For the last 35 years I have suffered with severe anxiety and panic disorder thus I rely on parking closely to my home. My anxiety is elevated at night where there is the increased threat of sexual assault and this makes me not want to leave my house at all, especially after a significant event that happened in my life 3 years ago where I witnessed a murder outside of my previous home in London. I became house bound and found it extremely difficult to leave the house especially at night when this incident took place. I rely on my vehicle and parking closely to my home to feel safe. Only this year have I made progress to feel partially confident going outside again without fear, this is also the reason why I moved to Tilbury to feel safer but implementing parking restrictions on Dock Road will force me to park very far away from my home which will cause a relapse.

Please consider those of us with severe mental health problems when making this decision, parking close to my home is not a preference but a necessity."

The restrictions are proposed on the basis of Highways Accessibility, Visibility and Safety. Unfortunately it is not the authority's responsibility to provide parking, parking issues/ private car park space should be taken up with the land owner/managing company. We propose schemes on safety to prevent people from parking dangerously and obstructively, i.e. at junction where they are causing a safety concern for access and visibility. I am unable to comment on the development regarding the parking and what had been approved with the developers at the time of the applications.

Proposals are request led and areas are investigated following the request from residents/ward members. If further restrictions requested are required these will be investigated separately under a new request. There are existing free unrestricted parking bays on Dock Road to the east of Russell Road junction.

- 3.2 As this proposal is from a safety perspective, it is considered that the proposed restrictions should be implemented to ensure access and sight lines are maintained and are not obstructed.
- 3.3 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 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, display of notices in roads or other places affected by the order; or the delivery of notices or letters to premises, or premises occupied by persons, appearing to the authority to be likely affected by any provision in the order 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.

- 3.4 Should parking restrictions be implemented as recommended, the cost will be approximately £1000.00 and would be funded from the Minor Works Requests – Project Code 10237. There is sufficient funding available for these projects.
- 3.5 With regards to equality implications the proposal to introduce restrictions will improve road safety, visibility and accessibility for all, regardless of protected characteristics. These positive road safety impacts are, in particular, likely to disproportionality effect the elderly and people who are disabled due to an increased walking distance after parking. The equality impacts on not upholding the restrictions have been considered and would impact negatively.

4. Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 On the basis of Highways Accessibility, Visibility and Safety it is recommended to implement the restrictions as proposed to prevent people parking in areas that cause visibility and accessibility obstructions.

It is recommended all other proposed areas will be forwarded to Portfolio Holder for formal approval to be implemented as proposed for Highways Accessibility, Visibility and Safety.

- 4.2 It is further recommended that the objectors are notified accordingly.

5. Consultation (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

- 5.1 The scheme falls within Tilbury Riverside and Thurrock Park ward and members from this ward have been consulted on this DDR. We have not received any comments from the local ward members regarding this scheme.

6. Impact on corporate policies, priorities, performance and community impact

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

7. Implications

7.1 Financial

Should parking restrictions be implemented as recommended, the cost will be approximately £1000.00 and would be funded from the Minor Works Requests – Project Code 10237. There is sufficient funding available for these projects.

Implications verified by: Mark Terry
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7.2 Legal

The main legal implications arising are outlined in the body of this report

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7.3 Diversity and Equality

With regards to equality implications the proposal to introduce restrictions will improve road safety, visibility and accessibility for all, regardless of protected characteristics. These positive road safety impacts are, in particular, likely to disproportionality effect the elderly and people who are disabled due to an increased walking distance after parking. The equality impacts on not upholding the restrictions have been considered and would impact negatively.

Implications verified by: Rebecca Lee
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7.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Staff, Health, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder)

None

8. Background papers used in preparing the report (including their location on the Council's website or identification whether any are exempt or protected by copyright):

- Emails of objection

9. Appendices to the report

- None

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