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| <b>October 2024</b>   |                            | <b>ITEM:</b> |
| <b>Delegated Decision Report</b>  |                            |              |
| <b>RAINBOW ROAD, CHAFFORD HUNDRED – OBJECTION TO A PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT PARKING RESTRICTIONS</b>       |                            |              |
| <b>Wards and communities affected:</b><br>South Chafford  | <b>Key Decision:</b><br>No |              |
| <b>Report of:</b> Zaki Hashemi, Senior Engineer, Transport Delivery                                     |                            |              |
| <b>Accountable Assistant Director:</b> Julie Nelder – Assistant Director of Highways and Transportation |                            |              |
| <b>Accountable Director:</b> Claire Demmel, Interim Exec Director of Place                              |                            |              |
| <b>This report is PUBLIC</b>  |                            |              |

## **Executive Summary**

Thurrock Council’s Transport Delivery team received a request from a Ward Member of South Chafford Ward in the Summer of 2024 for consideration to extend the No Waiting At Any Time restrictions on Rainbow Road, Chafford Hundred because of concerns with road safety associated with visibility.

Following this request, the Transport Delivery team carried out an assessment of the area and it was confirmed that it was appropriate to proceed with this proposal. A Statutory Public Consultation was undertaken between 12<sup>th</sup> September and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.

One objection was received to the proposal. This report informs on the nature of the objection and seeks approval of the recommendations made in paragraph 1.1.

## **Commissioner Commentary**

N/A

### **1. Recommendation(s)**

- 1.1 It is recommended that, following consideration of the objection to the proposal, the objection is not upheld and the extension of the No Waiting At Any Time waiting restrictions are implemented as proposed within the Statutory Public Consultation.

1.2 It is further recommended that the objector is notified accordingly.

## 2. Introduction and Background

2.1 In Summer of 2024 a request was received via a Member Enquiry for consideration to extend the No Waiting Any Time restrictions on Rainbow Road, Chafford Hundred, due to concerns with visibility approaching the junction because of parked cars.

2.2 The Transport Delivery Team assessed the request and noted that an extension would be necessary due to vehicles parking close to the roundabout on Rainbow Road/Hepburn Close, Chafford Hundred.

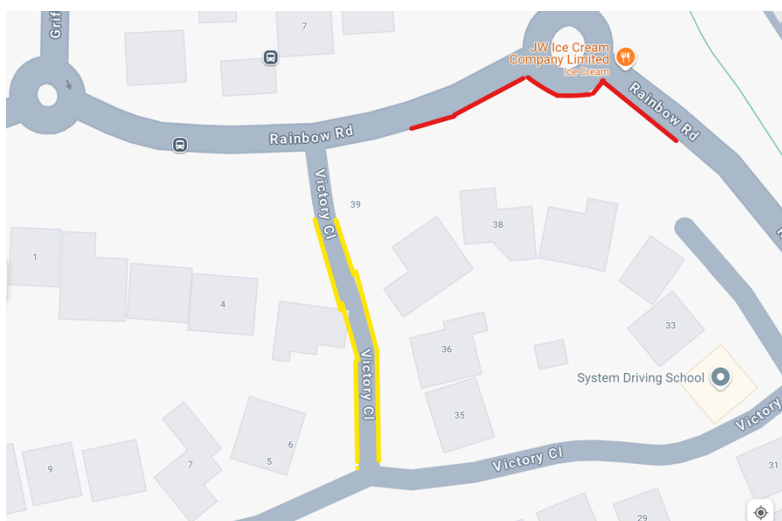
2.3 During the Statutory Public Consultation process one objection was received to this proposal from a resident living within the immediate area. Within that objection was a claim that they were also writing on behalf of another resident. However, no further correspondence was received from the second resident.

## 3. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

3.1 The main concern from the objector is that they are already experiencing issues with residents parking on the footway in Victory Close and as the road is very narrow it causes issues for drivers as well as pedestrians. They fear that if the proposal is implemented then this will possibly exacerbate the issue. They suggest extending the existing No Waiting At Any Time restrictions in Victory Close south to where the road splits in two. This would keep the entrance to Victory Close clear of parked vehicles to allow residents, visitors, emergency services and Waste Collection Services to enter Victory Close without being compromised.

Please see snip below of resident's suggestion:

**(Red Line = Proposed Restriction  
Yellow Line = Resident's suggestion for additional restrictions)**



3.2 In response to the statements made in the objection:

- The initial enquiry from the Councillor was to create better visibility to drivers using the roundabout at the junction of Rainbow Road/Hepburn Close. No other enquiries have been received regarding problem parking in Victory Close.
- There have been no Waste Collection issues reported by the Waste Collection Team.
- It is felt that if the suggested addition to the proposal is made this could exacerbate problems further as vehicles currently parking in Victory Close would become displaced, further into Victory Close.

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.

3.4 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.

3.5 Should the No Waiting At Any Time be implemented as per recommendation 1.1 the cost will be approximately £1,000 and would be funded from the Parking – Project Code 10234. There is sufficient funding available for these projects.

3.6 With regards to equality implications, the proposal to implement further No Waiting At Any Time restrictions will improve visibility for pedestrians as well as drivers regardless of protected characteristics. The equality impacts on not upholding the restrictions have been considered and would impact negatively.

#### **4. Reasons for Recommendation**

4.1 As only 1 objection was received it is considered that other local residents do not feel the proposal will lead to further parking issues.

4.2 The objection received was from a resident living in an adjacent road and not in Rainbow Road. No other enquiries from residents have been received with concerns regarding dangerous parking.

- 4.3 On the basis of Highways Accessibility, Visibility and Safety it is recommended to implement the restrictions in Rainbow Road as proposed in paragraph 1.1 of this report to prevent drivers parking in the area that causes visibility and accessibility obstructions and subsequently safety concerns.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 The scheme falls within the South Chafford Ward and members from this ward have been consulted on the content of this report. There were no comments received from Councillors.

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

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

## **7. Implications**

### **7.1 Financial**

Should parking restrictions be implemented as recommended, the cost will be approximately £1,000 and would be funded from the Ad-hoc Parking Requests – Project Code 10234.

Annually, the Department of Transport award the authority funding from the Integrated Transport Block grant. Cabinet agreed the works programme for 2024/25 at their meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and an element of this is grant is earmarked for “Ad-hoc Parking Requests” – Project Code 10234. There is currently sufficient funding available for this project within the Parking Requests budget.

Implications verified by: **Mark Terry**  
**Finance Manager (Capital & Systems)**

### **7.2 Legal**

The main legal implications arising are set out in the main body of this report. There are no direct legal implications arising from the proposal.

Implications verified by: **Caroline Robins**  
**Locum Principal Solicitor**

### 7.3 Diversity and Equality

The introduction of these restrictions will have a positive impact. The equality impacts on not upholding the restrictions have been considered and it is considered it would have a negative impact on road-users.

Implications verified by: **Roxanne Scanlon**  
**Community Engagement and Project  
Monitoring Officer**

### 7.4 Other Implications (where significant) – i.e., Staff, Health Inequalities, Sustainability, Crime and Disorder, and Impact on Looked After Children.

None

### 7.5 Risks

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):

Email to Objection

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### 9. Appendices to the report

- None

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