

Meeting:	Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel
Date:	29 November 2006
Subject:	Howberry Road and Howberry Close yellow line waiting restrictions scheme - objection to traffic orders
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Steve Swain, Interim Head of Public Realm Infrastructure
Portfolio Holder:	Councillor Eileen Kinnear - Portfolio Holder for Urban Living - Community Safety and Public Realm
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Appendix A: Plan of the proposed scheme Appendix B: Letter of objection

## **SECTION 1 – SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

**This report deals with the objection to the traffic order and recommends the scheme be implemented.**

### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**The Panel is requested to recommend to the Portfolio Holder**

- 1.1 that the objection be set aside for reasons given in the report;**
- 1.2 that the petitioners' request for inclusion in the proposed scheme be considered when the annual Controlled Parking Zones programme is reviewed in March;**
- 1.3 that the advertised scheme shown at Appendix A be implemented and**
- 1.4 the petitioners be advised accordingly.**

**REASON: To control parking and to improve residential amenity.**

## **SECTION 2 - REPORT**

- 2.1 Following the recommendation of the Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel of 20 June 2006 the Portfolio Holder for Urban Living - Public Realm agreed to authorise officers to take all necessary steps to advertise the traffic orders, the details of which be delegated to officers, and implement a yellow line waiting restrictions scheme in Howberry Road between Cloyster Wood and Wychwood Avenue including Howberry Close, as shown at Appendix A to operate Monday to Friday 2pm – 3pm subject to consideration of objections (if any).
- 2.2 The traffic order has been advertised in accordance to the above and the objection period ended on 26 October 2006. A petition in a form of a letter with eight signatures from the residents of 3 to 7 and 4 to 12 Wychwood Avenue has been received. The petitioners request that the proposed scheme be extended to cover their properties. They “feel that the displacement of parking to our section of Wychwood Avenue that already takes place can only increase should we not be included in the proposal”. The petitioners also explain that drivers “park on both sides of the road, leading to the same dangerous narrowing of this particular area as takes place within the currently proposed zone”. They also believe the “roundabout in front of numbers 7,8 and 10 Wychwood Avenue also becomes a serious hazard when cars are parked around it”. The petitioners’ letter is shown at Appendix B.

### **Options Considered**

- 2.3 It is advised that the boundary of the advertised scheme was agreed following consultation with residents in September 2004. The Wychwood Avenue respondents were overwhelmingly (84%) against parking controls, with 75% opposing parking controls even if controls are introduced in the next road. Consequently the road was excluded from the scheme. The traffic in Wychwood Avenue is very light and mainly local. Whilst parking on both sides of Wychwood Avenue or within the roundabout would reduce the passage to single file, this would not create a hazard. There have been no reported personal injury accidents in Howberry Road or Howberry Close or Wychwood Avenue in the last three years (three years is the nationally recognised period for assessing accident risk for design purposes). The petitioners’ request cannot be accommodated at this stage, as it has not been part of the advertised traffic order. A fresh traffic order would be required if the request is to be met resulting in delay in the implementation of the advertised scheme. However, the Controlled Parking Zones programme is due to be reviewed in March and the petitioners’ request will be considered at that stage. It is therefore recommended that the objection be set aside and the scheme be implemented and the petitioners be advised of the above.

### **Financial Implications**

2.4 The estimated cost of the scheme is £10,000 which can be funded from the 2006-07 Controlled Parking Zones capital budget.

### **Legal Implications**

2.5 The proposed parking controls can be introduced under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

## **SECTION 3 - STATUTORY OFFICER CLEARANCE**

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Date: 16 November 2006		
Monitoring Officer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name: Adekunle Amisu
Date: 16 November 2006		

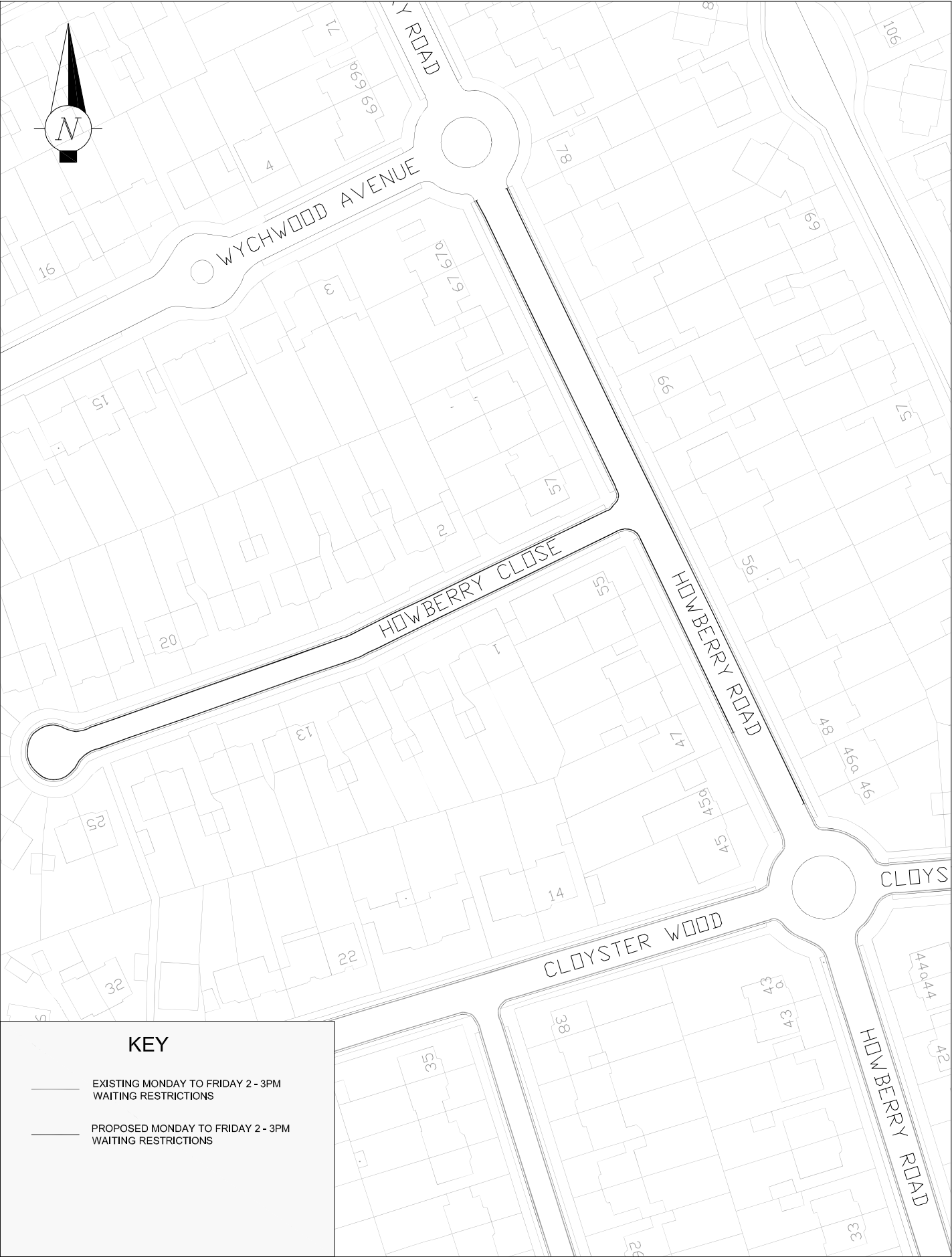
## **SECTION 4 - CONTACT DETAILS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

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### **Background Papers:**

Traffic and Road Safety Advisory Panel report of 20 June 2006 and associated Portfolio Holder Decision

1.	Consultation	YES
2.	Corporate Priorities	NO
3.	Manifesto Pledge Reference Number	



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## APPENDIX B

Wychwood Avenue,  
Edgware,  
Middlesex.

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Transportation Manager,  
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12<sup>th</sup> October 2006.

Dear S. J. Swain,

**Reference DP2006-16/92.05.37: Howberry Road and Howberry Close – proposed waiting restrictions.**

We, residents of houses 3 to 7 and 4 to 12 Wychwood Avenue, Edgware, write to ask that **this section of our street be included** in the above proposed scheme.

The reason for this request is that this particular section of the street has exactly the same issues with commuter parking as adjacent Howberry Road. We feel that the displacement of parking to our section of Wychwood Avenue *that already takes place* can only increase should we not be included in the proposal, and we feel it imperative that we are included at this early stage while plans are still flexible.

Long stretches of continuous curb from the road junction to the driveways of the first houses in our street - numbers 3 and 4 Wychwood Avenue - induce drivers to park on both sides of the road, leading to the same dangerous narrowing of this particular area as takes place within the currently proposed zone.

A small roundabout in front of numbers 7, 8 and 10 Wychwood Avenue also becomes a serious hazard when cars are parked around it, something we wish to pre-empt an early stage.

Wychwood Avenue, being a long crescent, has in the past not produced a statistical reaction to this issue. The reason is that no other residents of this street are affected, since the other parts of the road are too far from the station for commuters to consider parking in. Our section of the street, however, is directly involved and affected by this proposal. Therefore, in view of the council policy of taking ALL resident views into account, we present this amendment.

**Please treat each signatory to this letter as an individual submission, and note that *INDIVIDUAL* replies are requested to each separate signatory address below, thank you.**

Yours sincerely,  
SIGNED AS BELOW.