

## TITLE: THE PARADE, COWLEY– PETITION REQUESTING A “STOP AND SHOP” PARKING SCHEME

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Location Plan

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition organised by a shopkeeper on The Parade has been submitted requesting the introduction of a ‘Pay and Display’ parking scheme.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendation to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents’ and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward affected</b>	Uxbridge South

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in The Parade, Cowley.
2. Subject to 1 above asks officers to carryout informal consultation with business occupiers and residents of The Parade to establish if there is sufficient support for the consideration of a ‘Stop and Shop’ scheme and report back.

### INFORMATION

#### Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate to include The Parade, Cowley to the overall Parking Programme.

## Alternative options considered

The petitioners have made a specific request for one of the Councils 'Stop and Shop' parking schemes, but options can be discussed with petitioners.

## Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

## Supporting Information

1. A petition with 92 signatures organised by a business occupier of The Parade, Cowley has been submitted to the Council under the following terms:

*"We the undersigned (retailers and local customers) would like to petition the local authority to implement a pay and display parking scheme outside the Cowley High Street Parade next to Clammas Way and Worcester Road."*

The Council's policy for the introduction of controlled parking schemes is that they must be supported by the majority of responses to the consultation. From the petition submitted, it would not appear there are many signatures from residents or commercial occupiers in The Parade. Should the Cabinet Member wish to give consideration to the introduction of a 'Stop and Shop' scheme in The Parade, it is recommended the Council undertakes its own informal consultation to determine if there is sufficient support from those most affected. Subject to the Cabinet Members decision the results of a consultation can be reported back to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

2. The Parade is situated on High Street, Cowley between Clammas Way and Worcester Road. The location is shown on Appendix A. Roads to the east of High Street, Cowley now largely form part of the Cowley Residents Permit Parking Scheme. Petitioners are concerned at long-term parking which they associate with Brunel University has transferred to The Parade which at present remains unrestricted.
3. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Cowley scheme has expanded over the past few years. The latest extension to the residents scheme in August 2009 which includes Dellfield Crescent and Clammas Way has already resulted in Dellfield Parade successfully petitioning for a 'Stop and Shop' which was implemented in March of this year.
4. It would appear from this petition, there is now concern with uncontrolled parking along The Parade and that business occupiers and their customers would like a 'Stop and Shop' parking scheme similar to that on Dellfield Parade be installed. Generally when requests are received for roads to become part of a resident permit scheme, they are included in a subsequent review. However as the petition is requesting the introduction of a 'Stop and Shop' scheme it is suggested that this could be considered in isolation and added to the Councils overall programme so that consultation and investigation can be carried out as soon as resources permit.

## **Financial implications**

There are none associated with this report and if the Cabinet Member approves inclusion of a 'Stop and Shop' parking scheme for The Parade, the consultation and investigations can be carried out with in-house resources. However if subsequently the Cabinet Member approves the installation of 'Stop and Shop' parking scheme, a bid would require to be made for funding from Parking Revenue Account surplus.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To include a proposed 'Stop and Shop' parking scheme for The Parade on the Councils Parking Programme so that subsequent consultation and investigation can be undertaken.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

An integral part of the Councils procedures for the introduction of controlled parking schemes is wide spread consultation carried out prior to the Council making a final decision.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

The Council's power to make orders imposing a Stop and Shop parking scheme are set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic signs and road markings and there are no special circumstances drawn to our attention that would prevent the scheme proceeding provided that the appropriate statutory procedures are followed. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) .

Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 means that the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

In considering the consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account.

If a local authority decides to embark upon a non-statutory process of consultation the applicable principles are no different from those which apply to statutory consultation: see R (Partingdale Lane Residents Association) v Barnet London Borough Council [2003] EWHC 947 (Admin), [2003] All ER (D) 29. Any earlier informal consultation should not prejudice the consideration of the statutory consultation responses.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010

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PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 14 July 2010