

Minutes

**Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Planning,
Transportation and Recycling
Wednesday, 8 November 2017
Meeting held at Committee Room 3 - Civic Centre,
High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW**



	<p>Cabinet Member Present: Councillor Keith Burrows (Chairman)</p> <p>Ward Councillors Present: Councillors Richard Mills, Shehryar Ahmad-Wallana and Ian Edwards</p> <p>Officers Present: David Knowles (Transport and Projects Senior Manager) Anisha Teji (Democratic Services Officer)</p>
1.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN MATTERS COMING BEFORE THIS MEETING</p> <p>None.</p>
2.	<p>TO CONFIRM THAT THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE IN PUBLIC.</p> <p>RESOLVED- That all items be considered in public.</p>
3.	<p>TO CONSIDER THE REPORT OF THE OFFICERS ON THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS RECEIVED.</p>
4.	<p>REQUEST FOR A 20MPH SPEED LIMIT WITH NO LOSS TO ROADWAY PARKING IN CATLINS LANE AND CHAMBERLAIN WAY, PINNER</p> <p>Following a request from the lead petitioner, this item was deferred prior to the meeting.</p>
5.	<p>PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN ST DAVID CLOSE, COWLEY</p> <p>The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of St David Close requesting a parking management scheme. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions <i>including the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>An extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme was offered to residents five or six years ago. At the time residents from St David Close requested to be excluded from the scheme.</i>• <i>Since their initial request the circumstances have changed and residents now need the parking management scheme on their road.</i>• <i>There have been safety concerns on the road with cars being parked in front of driveways. Driveways are being blocked, causing difficulties for residents to leave their properties.</i>

- *Inconsiderate parking issues have led to confrontation with people, which is leading residents to have security concerns.*
- *There is plenty of available parking on nearby roads that are not included as part of the parking management scheme.*
- *Parking bays would be safest option on the road.*

Councillor Richard Mills attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He reiterated that the view of residents had now changed since the initial consultation and they requested formalised parking bays to assist with the inconsiderate parking issues on the road.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows explained that the Council had new powers to install signs at the entrance of St David Close which would indicate that the Close was only resident parking. However, in order for this system to work, residents would need to work together to regulate the area and would be responsible for how cars would be parked. He noted that this may not be the most appropriate option if there was already a concern of anti social behaviour amongst residents. He explained that marked bays could be an option but made residents aware that this would lead to a reduction in available parking spaces. He suggested providing both options to residents as part of the consultation and to make a decision once the consultation had concluded. He told residents that the consultation would take place in December 2017 and would be added to the consultation in New Peachey Lane

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. Listened to their request for the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in St David Close, Cowley;**
- 2. Noted that the creation of a formalised parking scheme will result in an overall reduction of parking capacity, in comparison with the present unregulated situation;**
- 3. Asked officers to investigate further the request for a Parking Management Scheme in St David Close and to report back to the Cabinet Member and Local Ward Councillors on the feasibility of a scheme; and**
- 4. Agreed with the Ward Councillor that the consultation would happen in December 2017.**

Reason for decision

The Cabinet Member discussed with petitioners their concerns and added their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered and rejected

These were discussed with petitioners

6. PINWOOD AVENUE, UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING INCLUSION INTO THE HILLINGDON HOSPITAL PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of Pinewood Avenue, Uxbridge requesting inclusion into the Hillingdon Hospital parking management scheme. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *Parking management schemes had been approved and implemented in nearby roads including Beechwood Avenue and Ashwood Avenue.*
- *Pinewood Road had been consulted but due a lack of support the parking restrictions were never progressed.*
- *Non residents were now parking on Pinewood Avenue and this was impacting the parking spaces available for residents.*

Councillor Shehryar Ahmad - Wallana attended the meeting and spoke as Ward Councillor in support of the petition. He reiterated that the view of residents had now changed since the last consultation and requested for an extension to this road. Residents did not realise the impact of offloaded car parking pressure at the time.

Councillor Ian Edwards supported the comments made by residents at Councillor Shehryar Ahmad - Wallana and the petitioners. He also questioned whether it was appropriate to consult Evelyns Close at the same time.

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. Councillor Burrows acknowledged the congestion and parking pressure within the area. He also noted that Evelyns Close would be impacted if parking restrictions were implemented in Pinewood Avenue. Councillor Burrows explained that the consultation of Pinewood Avenue would be tagged onto the consultation of Campion Close and Violet Avenue and would take place in the programme scheduled for spring. This would be the most efficient way for residents and then a further four to five months for implementation. He explained that the Council had to undertake a legal process which included officers visiting the area and then a further consultation with residents. He urged residents to engage with the consultation process.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. Discussed with petitioners their concerns with parking in Pinewood Avenue, Uxbridge;**
- 2. Noted the results of the previous consultations with residents of the area on a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme;**

3. **Asked officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for consultation, to provide residents with another opportunity to consider being included in an extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme; and**

4. **Agreed that Evelyns Close would be included as part of the consultation.**

Reason for decision

The petition hearing provided a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

7. SUSSEX ROAD, ICKENHAM - PETITION OPPOSING THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered a petition from residents of Sussex Road, Ickenham opposing the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme. In support of the petition, the petitioners spoke of their concerns and suggestions including the following:

- *Petitioners confirmed that the initial consultation to set up a parking scheme in Ickenham started in 2014. In 2016, the parking scheme was implemented across all of the estate, with the exception of Austins Lane, Tavistock Road, and Sussex Road.*
- *The proposed resident parking was not relevant to the cul de sac of Sussex Road*
- *There were no parking problems in Sussex Road, particularly between 9 - 5pm when most people were at work.*
- *The only exception was between 3 - 4:30pm when parents were collecting their children from school. This was not an issue as parents still needed to collect their children from school. Most children lived outside of the area.*
- *Most of the cars that parked on Sussex Road belonged to residents and there was enough parking for visitors and residents.*
- *Sussex Road was not close to Ickenham station so commuters did not usually use this road as free parking.*
- *There was temporary disruption on the road due to building work of local houses.*
- *The proposed bays were too small for two large sized vehicles which will lead to less parking available on the road.*

Councillor Burrows listened to the concerns of the petitioners and responded to the points raised. He confirmed that he had heard the petition in favour of parking restrictions and that Cllr Hensley, as Ward Councillor, had also reiterated his comments from the previous meeting that:

- *Councillor Hensley made regular visits to the area. The most recent visit was made on 11 October at 11.10am, a time chosen to avoid transient vehicles (such*

as parents dropping off children to school.)

- *On his visit, Cllr Hensley had observed a large number of parked cars, on both sides of the road, and a lorry that was prevented from travelling the road due to the obstruction these caused. A queue of traffic was also behind the lorry.*
- *Cllr Hensley was of the opinion that in the event of an emergency, emergency services would not be able to adequately service the road.*

Councillor Burrows confirmed that there was no audit trails of visits undertaken of the road. He confirmed that a consultation had taken place but the results had not yet been disclosed. He considered it to be unfair to know the results before he had heard all the submissions relating to this road. He explained that he was planning to meeting officers and Ward Councillors to discuss the results and assess all the submissions. He told residents that in light of this, no decision would be made today and would most likely be made as a Cabinet Member report.

In considering the matters, Councillors Burrows made the following decisions.

RESOLVED -

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. Discussed with petitioners their concerns relating to parking in Sussex Road, Ickenham;**
- 2. Noted the comments made by petitioners who broadly oppose the introduction of the Parking Management Scheme in Sussex Road, Ickenham;**
- 3. Noted that a separate petition has been submitted by residents in support of the introduction of parking restrictions, which was considered at the previous petition meeting;**
- 4. Noted the decision of the previous petition hearing and the subsequent consultation conducted with residents of Sussex Road; and**
- 5. Discussed both petitions with Ward Councillors and Council officers, and decides if a Parking Management Scheme should be implemented in Sussex Road or deferred at the present time.**

Reason for decisions

The petition hearing provided a valuable opportunity to hear directly from petitioners and listen to their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered and rejected

None.

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Anisha Teji on 01895 277655. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.