

NEW BROADWAY, UXBRIDGE ROAD – PETITION REQUESTING A STOP & SHOP PARKING SCHEME

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| Cabinet Member | Councillor Keith Burrows |
| Cabinet Portfolio | Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling |
| Officer Contact | Kevin Urquhart Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services |
| Papers with report | Appendix A |

HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| Purpose of report | To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from a shopkeeper in the New Broadway shopping parade along Uxbridge Road pointing out problems with parking and asking the Council to find a solution. This request is considered in relation to the Council's parking programme for "Stop & Shop" schemes. |
| Contribution to our plans and strategies | The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls. |
| Financial Cost | There are none associated to the recommendation of this report. |
| Relevant Policy Overview Committee | Residents' and Environmental Services |
| Ward(s) affected | Hillingdon East |

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with petitioners and discusses their concerns about the parking situation in New Broadway Parade, Uxbridge Road.**
- 2. Subject to (1), asks officers to add the request to the future Parking Scheme Programme and when resources permit to carry out informal consultation with business occupiers and residents of New Broadway to establish if there is sufficient support for the consideration of a "Stop & Shop" scheme.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To provide the Cabinet Member with additional information to determine if there is potential for the introduction of a controlled parking scheme along New Broadway.

Alternative options considered

These can be discussed with the petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition of 73 valid signatures out of 415 organised by a business occupier of New Broadway Parade, has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

“We the undersigned request the London Borough of Hillingdon Council allow short term, stop & shop pay parking on the island located between New Broadway and the Uxbridge Road to stimulate trade for the shop keepers.”

2. The petitioners appear to be effectively asking the Council to install a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme. The Council’s policy for the introduction of controlled parking schemes is that they must be supported by the majority of those who respond to the consultation. From the petition submitted it would appear that most of the business occupiers and their customers have signed the petition but there are none from the residents who live above the parade. Should the Cabinet Member wish to give consideration to the introduction of a ‘Stop & Shop’ scheme, it is recommended that the Council undertakes its own informal consultation to determine if there is sufficient support from all of those most directly affected. Subject to the Cabinet Member’s decision the results of such a consultation can be reported back to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

3. New Broadway is situated on the north eastern side of Uxbridge Road between Denziloe Avenue and Lees Road and shown on Appendix A. A service road runs directly along the property frontage and parking currently takes place on the north east side. The junction with Lees Road is controlled by traffic signals and motorists can only turn left onto the Uxbridge Road from New Broadway. It is a predominately commercial frontage but at its northwestern end, there are some residential properties and also residents living above the shops.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the shopkeepers have previously petitioned for a ‘Stop & Shop’ parking scheme. However, following informal consultation with the shopkeepers and residents living above the shops a scheme was not progressed any further as the majority of responses to the consultation indicated they were happy with the existing parking arrangements. It is the Council’s practice not to introduce controlled parking schemes unless they receive full support from the majority who respond to these consultations. Therefore it was decided that no further action should be taken at that stage to install a scheme.

5. It would appear from this new petition there is increasing concern with uncontrolled parking in the service road in front of New Broadway Parade and that business occupiers would like a 'Stop & Shop' scheme similar to those implemented in other shopping parades.

6. In a covering letter attached to the petition it is suggested that the pay & display parking bays should be installed entirely on the pavement opposite the shops on the centre island as petitioners feel that this area is rarely used by pedestrians. Initial investigations have noted a number of utility company inspection covers and other street furniture on this island that may affect what parking could take place here. However, it is suggested that subject to the outcome of the recommended informal consultation the Cabinet Member may decide to approve statutory consultation on a detailed design where these issues would be investigated in greater detail.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications in relation to the recommendation of this report.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will provide the Cabinet Member with further information on the likely support for a controlled parking scheme in New Broadway before deciding if a proposal should be added to the Council's parking programme.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

One of the recommendations is that informal consultation is carried out with residents and business occupiers of New Broadway.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Head of Corporate Property & Construction

None at this stage.

Legal

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage which is clearly the case in this instance. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

Should there be a decision that formal parking and traffic controls are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be followed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received by Democratic Services – 19th September 2011

Decisions sheet published by Democratic Services on 15th September 2009

Cabinet Member report - New Broadway shopping parade, Uxbridge Road –
Results of consultation for a proposed parking scheme - 26th August 2009

Minutes from petition hearing with the Cabinet Member, March 2009