

PETITION REQUESTING FOOTWAY PARKING TO BE PERMITTED IN CORWELL LANE, HILLINGDON

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents of Corwell Lane, Hillingdon asking for approval to park on the footway.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in association with the Council's criteria for Footway Parking Exemption Schemes.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Botwell

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Considers the petitioners' request for footway parking in Corwell Lane, Hillingdon
2. Asks officers to add Corwell Lane between the junction of Lansdown Road and Harlington Road to the programme for Footway Parking Exemption Schemes so that subsequently, design and consultation with residents can be carried out when resources permit.

Reasons for recommendation

From initial investigation the layout of a section of Corwell Lane between the junction of Lansdown Road and Harlington Road will allow footway parking to take place in accordance with the Council's criteria. However, subject to the Cabinet Member's approval of the recommendations to this report, detailed investigation would be required before a scheme could be designed.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None as the petitioners made a specific request to park on the footway.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 40 signatures has been received from residents of Corwell Lane under the following heading:

"We, the undersigned, want Parking and Road Safety, London Borough of Hillingdon to consider Footway Parking to Corwell Lane, Uxbridge, Middlesex"

2. Corwell Lane is a residential road which has junctions with the A437 Harlington Road and West Drayton Road, as shown in the plan attached as Appendix A to this report. The road is divided into two sections by a barrier near the junction of Lansdowne Road to prevent through running traffic. It appears this petition represents the southern section of Corwell Lane as the majority of residents who have signed this petition live within this part of the road. Corwell Lane has footways approximately between 1.7 metres to 2.8 metres wide and are made up entirely of tarmac. The carriageway is approximately 6 metres wide and if cars are parked on both sides, it would impede access for large vehicles. The lead petitioner has pointed out that a fire engine has been obstructed in the past.

3. The Cabinet Member will be aware the Council can exempt roads from the Footway Parking Regulations and have approved criteria where it can occur. Parking would not be allowed on grass verges or paving slabs but as Corwell Lane has wholly tarmac pavements, then subject to further detailed investigation it may be possible to allow vehicles to park with two wheels on this surface. Footway parking could be recommended along parts of Corwell Lane where there is sufficient width for pedestrians on the remaining footpath. In these sections, motorists would be required to leave a minimum of 1.5 metres footway for the benefit and safety of pedestrian traffic.

4. If the Cabinet Member was to decide Corwell Lane could be exempted from the Footway Parking Regulations, the next stage is to undertake detailed investigation as to what utilities such as gas, water, telephone or electricity mains may be impacted by a footway scheme. Subject to the results of this investigation, a detailed design for formal consultation could be developed. The Cabinet Member will be aware that there is a large programme for these schemes and it is suggested the request for Corwell Lane be added to the programme.

Financial Implications

Investigation, design and consultation are undertaken within normal staff resources. The cost of introducing parking schemes will depend on the final details and this would not be known until consultation has been completed. The eventual cost of the work will need to be funded from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and available options the Council have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

To add the request to the Council's programme for Footway Parking Exemption Schemes, so that subsequent design and consultation can be carried out. All residents of Corwell Lane between the junctions of Lansdowne Road and Harlington Road will eventually be consulted on a formal Footway Parking Exemption Scheme.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

Accordingly, the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

Should the outcome require that officers include the Petitioners request in a subsequent review of possible options under the Council's Parking Management Scheme and a consultation be carried out when resources permit there will need to be consideration of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, which govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings. If specific advice is required in relation to the exercise of individual powers Legal Services should be instructed.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL