

PETITION REQUESTING THE CURRENT FOOTWAY PARKING PROPOSALS FOR CORWELL LANE, HILLINGDON ARE DEFERRED AND ALTERNATIVE PLANS DEVELOPED

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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 the Council has received a petition requesting that the footway parking proposals for Corwell Lane be deferred at this stage and that alternative proposals plans are investigated.
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 no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Botwell

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes that a petition has already been heard asking for footway parking in Corwell Lane as a consequence of which a consultation subsequently took place.
2. Meets with the present petitioners and discusses with them their request to review the current proposals for the footway parking scheme for Corwell Lane, Hillingdon.
3. Asks officers to include the petition request and the outcome of discussions with petitioners in the separate report that will include all the representations received from statutory consultation on the proposed footway parking scheme in Corwell Lane.

Reasons for recommendation

Following statutory consultation on footway parking proposals all comments received must be considered by the Council before a final decision is made. A report will subsequently be drafted detailing these comments which will include this petition with the outcome of discussions with the Cabinet Member at the petition evening.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These will be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition in two parts with a total of 20 signatures has been received from residents of Corwell Lane under the following heading

"We the residents of Corwell Lane believe the proposed pavement parking put forward by London Borough of Hillingdon will have little or no effect on the problems we have and are still experiencing and would ask that alternative plans be looked at. In the current financial climate this scheme if implemented would be a waste of public money"

2. The 20 signatures represent 14 households out of 54 directly affected properties which have recently been consulted on a footway parking scheme in Corwell Lane. The Cabinet member will remember hearing a petition last year signed by 40 residents of Corwell Lane asking the Council to "*consider Footway Parking to Corwell Lane, Uxbridge Middlesex*".

3. Following the earlier petition which specifically requested footway parking, an informal consultation on a viable scheme was undertaken with 54 residents of Corwell Lane. 21 responses were received during this consultation, 14 indicated support for footway parking and seven rejected the scheme.

4. The results of the informal consultation were shared with Local Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member who asked officers to prepare a detailed design for statutory consultation. This was undertaken over a three week period in February 2014. During the consultation and in addition to this present petition, individual responses were received which will be considered by the Cabinet Member in a separate report.

5. The present petition states that residents are objecting to the proposed parking scheme and also asks for alternative plans to be looked at but does not indicate what alternatives residents may find acceptable. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners, discusses their concerns with the proposals, asks what options if any they would like to consider and asks officers to take all this into account when preparing the separate report for representations received during the statutory consultation.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Corwell Lane, funding would need to be identified 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 concerns and look at possible solutions to mitigate these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

The proposed footway parking scheme has been subject to an informal and statutory consultation.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications above that there are no additional costs to the Council associated with the recommendations.

Legal

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request to review the current proposals for the footway parking scheme for Corwell Lane, which amounts to an informal consultation. 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. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

In considering any informal 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 are conscientiously taken into account.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.