

PETITION REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE PARKING CONTROLS IN ICKENHAM VILLAGE TOWN CENTRE

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 the Council has received a petition requesting the Council to review the parking arrangements in Ickenham Village Town Centre.
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 recommendation to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Ickenham

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their concerns regarding the parking arrangements in Ickenham Village Town Centre.
2. Depending upon the outcome of (1) asks officers to conduct a further review of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme to see if the majority of businesses support the removal of the 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme.

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate add their request to the parking schemes programme.

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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 with 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“I/we would like to add our name to the Ickenham Traders' petition to Hillingdon Council to ask for consultations regarding the parking problems around the Village.”

2. The Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme was introduced in 2010 following a number of petitions from the Ickenham Residents' Association and Ickenham Traders' Associations requesting measures to provide short term parking for shoppers and visitors to the town centre. The scheme was subsequently developed after an exhaustive consultation process with the local community and input from the local Ward Councillors. The scheme covers sections of Glebe Avenue, Ivy House Road, Long Lane and Swakeleys Road fronting the shopping parades that form part of Ickenham Village.

3. Following the implementation of the 'Stop & Shop' scheme the residents of surrounding streets petitioned the Council asking for measures to prevent all day non-residential parking which was displaced as a result of the 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme. The Ickenham Parking Management Scheme has gradually expanded over the years and includes the majority of the residential roads close to the town centre. The extent of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme and the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A. Other roads close to the town centre have also opted for waiting restrictions to help address the problems they are experiencing with non-residential parking but these are not shown on the plan as they do not form part of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme.

4. The petition has been signed by 17 out of the 58 different business frontages that form part of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme representing approximately 29% of the total number of businesses.

5. It appears petitioners are asking the Council to consider a review of the parking restrictions close to Ickenham Village Town Centre to provide parking for staff of the businesses. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council previously reviewed the Ickenham 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme in 2011. The majority of responses to the review indicated satisfaction with the parking scheme and as a result no further changes to the scheme were considered.

6. Currently parking remains unrestricted on the north side of Swakeleys Road opposite the shops except near the junctions and in the bus stops. When the 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme was designed this area of unrestricted road was originally intended to allow residents and employees of the local businesses to park. Converting some of this unrestricted section of road to

Business Permit Holder parking was considered as part of the review in 2011 but was rejected following discussion with the local Ward Councillors.

7. It is not considered viable to consider the removal of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme from surrounding residential streets as the scheme was requested in these roads by residents to prevent all day parking by non-residents. The only other possible alternative to recommend is for a further review of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme to be conducted. This will determine if a majority of businesses would support the removal of the 'Stop & Shop' scheme and for the shopping parades to be returned to the previous unrestricted state. The outcome of the review will then be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors for further consideration.

8. In summary the Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors will be aware of the extensive consultation work carried out by the Council and the input that both the Ickenham Residents and Traders Association provided when this scheme was first developed. As explained above the responses received to the operational review of the scheme indicated that the majority of businesses are happy with the existing scheme. This petition is very much contrary to this spirit of the scheme and therefore as a result the Cabinet Member may wish to consider any other alternatives that he feels appropriate.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

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

It is recommended as part of this report for a review of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme is conducted. If subsequent changes are possible to recommend to the scheme after this review they will be subject to the usual statutory consultation process.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

None at this stage.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, 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 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil