

PETITION REQUESTING 'STOP & SHOP' PARKING SCHEME NEAR NOS. 1174-1184 UXBRIDGE ROAD, HAYES END

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 a 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme close to the businesses located at Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road, Hayes.
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	Charville

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Discusses the request for a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme outside Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road, Hayes.**
- 2. Subject to the above asks officers to add this request for a "Stop & Shop" parking scheme to the Council's forward parking programme for possible informal consultation with businesses and residents.**

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.

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 26 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting improvements be made to the parking facilities outside Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road, Hayes End. In a covering letter with the petition, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that the businesses are experiencing with parking as there is nowhere safe or practical for their customers to park nearby.
2. The location of this shopping parade is indicated on Appendix A and is situated on Uxbridge Road just to the east of the junction of Hayes End Road. The carriageway outside this small shopping parade is currently restricted with 'Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm' waiting restrictions and on the pavement directly outside the shops there is access to a pedestrian subway and contra-flow cycle path. There are a total of 6 business units along this section of road, however, when officers visited the location some of these appeared to currently be unoccupied.
3. This petition has been signed predominantly by residents of the Borough who are assumed to be customers of the businesses along Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road. It appears petitioners are asking for the Council to consider introducing a "Stop & Shop" Parking Scheme on two sections of the footway close to the business to provide some limited short term parking for customers.
4. However, following detailed investigation by officers, the Council is unable to consider installing parking on the footway at this location due to the services which lay under the footway, the structure of the subway underneath the road and the possible hazard to pedestrians of vehicles driving on the footway from the Uxbridge Road. Footway parking would also require the removal of a regularly used cycle path on the footway and also some cycle parking facilities. The suggestion to create parking entirely on the footway is therefore not a feasible option to consider along this section of road.
5. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, this type of parking scheme has been successfully introduced in many town centres and some shopping parades within the Borough. Numerous requests continue to be received for these schemes, which reflect the benefits that some shopkeepers and customers derive from this type of controlled parking, so it is appreciated that businesses are keen to see a similar scheme at this parade.
6. For the reasons given, it is not possible to implement a scheme immediately outside the shops. However, the Cabinet Member may be minded to ask officers to investigate options in nearby roads.

7. 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. Should the Cabinet Member wish to give consideration to the introduction of a 'Stop & Shop' scheme, it is recommended that the Council undertakes its informal consultation with the residents and businesses close to where the parking scheme is proposed 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.

8. In summary, it is recommended that Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their concerns in greater detail and subject to the outcome decides if officers should add this request to the forward parking programme to subsequently undertake an informal consultation for a possible "Stop & Shop" parking scheme in the near future.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme near to Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road, 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 request and the available options to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

It is recommended as part of this report that informal consultation be carried out with the residents and businesses to see if there is overall support for "Stop & Shop" parking scheme.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and confirms that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme outside Nos. 1174-1184 Uxbridge Road, Hayes 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

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received - 12th May 2015