

# HIGH STREET, YIEWSLEY - PETITION REQUESTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, A BOX JUNCTION AND STREET LIGHTING

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendices A & B

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting double yellow lines, a box junction and additional street lighting to improve access to the rear of Nos. 72 to 90 High Street, Yiewsley.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Yiewsley

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

**Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Listens to their request for double yellow lines, additional lighting and a box junction on High Street, Yiewsley.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks officers to investigate the request for double yellow lines on the adopted section of highway.**
- 3. Notes the petitioners' request for a box junction at this location and advises them that this location does not meet the requirements for the introduction of this type of road marking.**

4. Advises petitioners that the area past the shop frontages is private and therefore it is the responsibility of the land owner to provide the appropriate street lighting.

### 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 28 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

*'We the undersigned petition the Council to install an enforceable 24/7, CCTV yellow box from the turning off the High Street all the way to the start of Dades stores. We would also like a "No Parking At Any Time" sign displayed along the access way and a Council operated street light to illuminate the access way and the communal car park at night and especially during the height of winter when darkness falls"*

2. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a detailed plan showing the areas mentioned in the petition and the extent of the adopted highway.

3. In an accompanying statement the lead petitioner has outlined in detail the nature of their concerns: *We would like to notify you officially about the running battle residents have been having with members of the public over the inconsiderate and indiscriminate parking along our access way/drive way in High Street, Yiewsley. With the relocation of Iceland next door, our residents' parking lot was turned into a public parking space until we contacted a private parking company to manage the car park. Before now and even with single yellow lines, members of the public have formed an undesirable habit of blocking parking/waiting/stopping to shops along the access way. Some will either park on the kerb and expect visitors, residents or delivery vehicles to either climb on the kerb on the other side or drive through a narrow and precarious way to access the building. UK Car Park Management has advised residents that, from the front of Dades Stores to the High Street, it is the Council's property and its responsibility (kerbs, lay-bys and carriageways) to enforce compliance and that they cannot enforce fines for parking along this access way. After due consultation with neighbours (and bearing in mind the abuse, harassment, threats and all the expletives we have had to endure even in the presence of children), we wish to appeal to the Hillingdon Council officers responsible for parking enforcement to act as soon as possible. We request that an enforceable 24/7, CCTV yellow box be installed from the turning off the High Street*

*all the way to the start of Dades stores. We also request a "no Parking At Any Time" sign displayed along the access way and a Council operated street light to illuminate the access way at night especially during the height of winter when darkness falls"*

4. There are a number of elements to this petition so this report will try to address them in the order that they have been raised. As is obvious from the attached plan, the area of concern is situated in the centre of High Street, Yiewsley with its busy shopping parade and extensive local amenities. The parking area mentioned by the lead petitioner is located to the rear of Nos. 72 to 90 High Street and is accessed via a dropped kerb off of the highway and then via a service road between the shops. The carriageway and the footway from the kerb line to the frontage of the former Dades Stores is adopted highway, maintained at the public expense and beyond that the access road to the parking area is private. The residents' private parking enforcement contractor has correctly identified this.

5. From site observations this is an area where some motorists are tempted to park on a short term basis despite existing Monday to Saturday 8am - 6.30pm waiting restrictions. A photograph showing the area is attached as Appendix B to this report. A suggestion put forward by the petitioners is for a yellow box marking to be installed at this location and that it is enforced by CCTV. The Cabinet Member will be aware that guidance recommends that yellow box markings can only be used at major junctions that are preferably signalled controlled. Clearly, this area could not be described as a busy junction and as such this suggestion cannot be pursued. However, as mentioned previously, there are existing limited time waiting restrictions leading up to the access road. Subject to the outcome of his discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded to ask officers to explore the possibility of introducing "at any time" waiting restrictions in this area which may improve compliance and act as a visual deterrent to those drivers who may be tempted to block the access even for a short period of time.

6. Petitioners have also requested a "Council operated street light" in the access road to their parking area. Whilst the Council appreciates the petitioners' request, the Council's Street Lighting Team have advised that as this access road is privately maintained then it is the land owners' responsibility to provide adequate lighting. As a consequence, regrettably the Council cannot agree to this request.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

## **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 has to address these concerns.

## **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

If the Council subsequently proposes any amendments to the parking arrangements, consultation will be carried out with residents and businesses to establish if there is overall support.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No financial implications at this stage.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking schemes programme in High Street Yiewsley, 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.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.