

# PETITION REQUESTING 'STOP & SHOP' PARKING SCHEME OUTSIDE WESTBOURNE PARADE UXBRIDGE ROAD, HILLINGDON

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Kevin Urquhart Residents Services Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting a 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme outside Westbourne Parade Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon.
<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>	Brunel

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

### **Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Discusses the request for a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme outside Westbourne Parade, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon.**
- 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 20 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting improvements be made to the parking facilities outside Westbourne Parade Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that businesses are experiencing with lack of convenient customer parking as the available kerbside space is usually taken up by employees from other nearby businesses and from neighbouring parades.
2. The location of this shopping parade is indicated on Appendix A and is situated between the junctions of Charles Street and Westbourne Road. There are approximately eight business units along this section of road with residential properties above the shops.
3. This petition has been signed entirely by employees and customers of the businesses situated along Westbourne Parade. It appears petitioners are asking for the Council to consider introducing a "Stop & Shop" Parking Scheme similar to the schemes which are in operation on other parades along the Uxbridge Road. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, this type of parking scheme has been successfully introduced in many town centres and shopping parades across the Borough. Many requests continue to be received for these schemes, which reflect the benefits that some shopkeepers and customers derive from this type of controlled parking.
4. 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 and it would appear that none of the residents who live above Westbourne Parade have signed this petition. Should the Cabinet Member wish to give consideration to the introduction of a 'Stop & Shop' scheme, it is recommended that the Council undertakes its own informal consultation 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.
5. It is therefore 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 outside Westbourne Parade 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 available options the Council have 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 business of Westbourne Parade to see if there is overall support for "Stop & Shop" parking 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 to discuss with petitioners their request for a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme outside Westbourne Parade Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon 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**

Petition received - February 2016.