

# PETITION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE OPERATIONAL TIMES OF THE UXBRIDGE NORTH PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN BRAYBOURNE CLOSE, UXBRIDGE

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from the residents of Braybourne Close, Uxbridge asking for the operational times of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme in this road to be extended.
<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 affected</b>	Uxbridge North

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Listens to their request for the operational times of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme to be extended in Braybourne Close, Uxbridge.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for an extension to operational times of the parking scheme in Braybourne Close, Uxbridge should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation with 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 48 signatures has been received from residents of Braybourne Close, Uxbridge. Petitioners are requesting that the Council extends the operational times of the parking restrictions in Braybourne Close to prevent non-residential parking which they associate with the nearby facilities in Uxbridge Town Centre. They have stated that the problems are more acute in the evenings and on Sundays.

2. A plan showing Braybourne Close in relation to Uxbridge town centre is attached as Appendix A to this report. Braybourne Close is one of the closest roads to the amenities situated towards the western part of Uxbridge and therefore forms an attractive area for visitors to this part of the town centre to park. Currently Braybourne Close benefits from being part of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme, which operates Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. As a result, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to find a parking space when the parking scheme is not in operation in the evenings and on Sundays.

3. Petitioners are effectively requesting that the times of the parking scheme to be extended. The Cabinet Member will be aware of similar requests in recent years from other roads close to Uxbridge Town Centre, in particular the roads to the north of the Intu Shopping Centre which also form part of Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme but are within a different parking zone. Following consultation, the Council extended the operational times of the parking scheme in these roads to '9am to 10pm everyday', which has proven successful in preventing non-residential town centre parking. This approach could be considered as a possible option for the residents of Braybourne Close.

4. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme to conduct informal consultation to extend the operational times of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme in Braybourne Close, Uxbridge. The results of the consultation can then be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors.

5. Petitioners have also briefly mentioned problems with vehicle speeds in Braybourne Close and have requested traffic calming measure to help reduce this. As Braybourne Close is a cul-de-sac, it would appear that the problems in relation to speeds could be contributed by non-residents who are looking for a parking space. Should the Council decide to extend the operational times of the parking scheme it may remedy these problems and negate the need for physical traffic calming measures. However, further consideration could be given for such measures in the future after consultation for extending the operational times of the parking scheme has been completed.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider extending the operational times of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme in Braybourne Close, 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**

If the Council subsequently decides to extend the operational times of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme in Braybourne Close, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above, noting there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current Parking Management Scheme in Braybourne Close, 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.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

None at this stage.

## **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.