

PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A 'STOP & SHOP' PARKING SCHEME ALONG NEW BROADWAY PARADE, UXBRIDGE ROAD

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 a petition has been received from businesses of New Broadway shopping parade along Uxbridge Road pointing out problems with parking and asking the Council to find a solution. This request is considered in relation to the Council's parking programme for "Stop & Shop" schemes.
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	Hillingdon East

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. meets with petitioners and discusses their concerns about the parking situation in New Broadway Parade, Uxbridge Road.**
- 2. notes the results of previous consultations with residents and businesses along New Broadway Parade, Uxbridge Road.**
- 3. subject to the outcome of 1, asks officers to add the request to the future Parking Scheme Programme and, when resources permit, to carry out informal consultation with business occupiers and residents of New Broadway to establish if there is sufficient support for the consideration of a "Stop & Shop" scheme.**

Reasons for recommendations

To provide the Cabinet Member with additional information to determine if there is potential for the introduction of a controlled parking scheme along New Broadway.

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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

A petition with 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue, Hayes under the following heading:

1. A petition with 73 signatures, at least 20 of which were deemed valid from local residents, was organised by a business occupier of New Broadway Parade and submitted to the Council under the following heading:

"This is a petition for Stop & Shop on New Broadway, Uxbridge Road, Hillingdon. This would be off-street. Help to all the shops and flats on the Broadway."

2. New Broadway is situated on the north eastern side of Uxbridge Road between Denziloe Avenue and Lees Road and shown on Appendix A. A service road runs directly along the property frontages and parking currently takes place on the north east side of the service road. The junction with Lees Road is controlled by traffic signals and motorists can only turn left onto the Uxbridge Road from New Broadway. It is a predominately a commercial frontage but, at its northwestern end, there are some residential properties and also residents living above the shops.

3. The petitioners are asking the Council to install a "Stop & Shop" parking scheme. From the petition submitted, it would appear that most of the business occupiers, their customers and several of the residents who live along the parade have signed the 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 and Ward Councillors for further consideration.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the shopkeepers have petitioned on two previous occasions for a 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme. However, due to the apparent lack of support indicated during previous consultations, no proposals for a scheme were ever progressed. It would appear from this new petition that there is increasing concern with uncontrolled parking in the service road in front of New Broadway Parade and that business occupiers would like a 'Stop & Shop' scheme to be reconsidered.

5. In a covering letter attached to the petition it is suggested that the scheme should be installed off the street. It is believed by this the petitioners are suggesting that parking be designated entirely on the pavement opposite the shops on the centre island which separates the service road from the main carriageway of the Uxbridge Road. Previous investigations have

shown that a number of utility company inspection covers, underlying services and other street furniture on this island will ultimately prevent any parking from safely taking place along this area of pavement. There is also concern that vehicles parked wholly on the pavement at this location may try to rejoin the main carriageway of the Uxbridge Road to avoid having to wait at the signals at the end of the service road where only a left turn is permitted. The Cabinet Member may therefore wish to inform petitioners at this early stage that such proposals are not feasible and parking can only be considered fully within the carriageway of the service road.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider the introduction of 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme along New Broadway 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce a 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme along New Broadway Parade, consultation will be carried out with businesses and residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for the introduction of a 'stop and shop' parking scheme 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.