

# PETITION REQUESTING TO AMEND THE "NO RETURN WITHIN ONE HOUR" TO "NO RETURN WITHIN SIX HOURS" ON THE STOP AND SHOP PARKING SCHEME AT MANOR PARADE, HILLINGDON HILL, 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>	Steven Austin, Residents Services
<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 that the "no return" within one hour on the "Stop and Shop" parking scheme outside Manor Parade, Hillingdon Hill is extended to "no return" within six hours.
<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>	Uxbridge North

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. listens to their request to amend the existing "Stop and Shop" parking scheme to prevent motorists from returning to the parking bays within six hours of departing.**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, decided if officers should add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation with local businesses and residents.**

### **Reasons for recommendations**

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 25 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading: *"Unable to park at Manor Parade, Hillingdon Hill, Uxbridge. Keep 2 hours maximum stay but change no return in 1 hour to no return in 6 hours"*.
2. Manor Parade is a vibrant local shopping parade situated on Hillingdon Hill. There are currently 12 units on the parade comprising of four Estate Agents, two grocery/convenience type stores, a takeaway food outlet, two hairdressers, a specialist workware supplier and a decorating centre. The location of Manor Parade is indicated on Appendix A of this report.
3. The Cabinet Member will recall that the current "Stop and Shop" parking scheme was implemented in September 2009 and, like many similar schemes across Hillingdon, operates Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm with a maximum stay of two hours and no return within one hour. The first 30 minutes parking is free and HillingdonFirst card holders enjoy favourable parking tariffs. The introduction of a "Stop and Shop" Parking Scheme aims to prohibit "all day" parking for the benefit of customers. These arrangements are generally well supported in other shopping parades and, as the Cabinet Member is aware, petitions continue to be submitted from businesses and shop keepers asking for this type of parking scheme.
4. It is not entirely clear from the petition as to why petitioners believe the "no return within one hour" should be increased to "no return within six hours". Further discussions with the lead petitioner during the investigation for this report indicated an underlying concern that some local businesses may be abusing the present parking regime. However, as this is a local shopping parade, one might expect that nearby residents could visit the shops several times a day to collect essential items especially from the local convenience type grocery shops. The imposition of an extended no return time limit could negatively impact on customers who shop in this manner.
5. As a result of the above, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners in detail their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme for an informal consultation on the suggestion made by petitioners.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider amending the "stop and shop" parking scheme outside Manor Parade, Hillingdon Hill, 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 amend the parking restrictions along Manor Parade and the surrounding area, consultation will be carried out with residents and businesses to establish if there is overall support.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no direct implications associated with the recommendations in the report.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents and businesses on amending parking restrictions. Informally consulting 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's recommendations. 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.

If specific advice is required, Legal Services should be instructed.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

None at this stage.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.