

PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A 'STOP & SHOP' PARKING SCHEME OUTSIDE Nos.28 to 34 HIGH ROAD, COWLEY

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from businesses and customers of the shopping parade in front of Nos.28 to 34 High Road, Cowley requesting a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme.
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, Education and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Brunel, Uxbridge South

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with petitioners and discusses their concerns about the parking situation in the service road in front of the shops at Nos. 28 to 34 High Road, Cowley.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, 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 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 the service road fronting the shopping parade at Nos. 28 to 34 High Road, Cowley.

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 organised by a business occupier of the shopping parade at Nos. 28 to 34 High Road, Cowley has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

"To install a parking meter 'Pay and Display' free ½ hour for residents. Machine in front of the parade of shops Nos. 28 to 34 High Road, Cowley.

We as a group of shops wish to limit people using the road in front of the shop for free as our customers do not have easy access as a result."

2. This busy shopping parade comprises of 7 retail units and what appears to be residential properties above. In front of the parade there is a service road set that is separated from the main carriageway of Hillingdon Road. A location plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

3. The petitioners are asking the Council to install a "Stop & Shop" parking scheme. From the petition submitted it would appear that some of the business occupiers and their customers who mainly appear to live locally 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. In summary it is therefore recommended therefore that the 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 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme along this shopping parade, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

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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 investigates the feasibility to introduce a 'Stop & Shop' parking scheme a 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 concurs that there are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents and business occupiers on parking restrictions. Informally consulting residents and businesses 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.

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 and that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

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

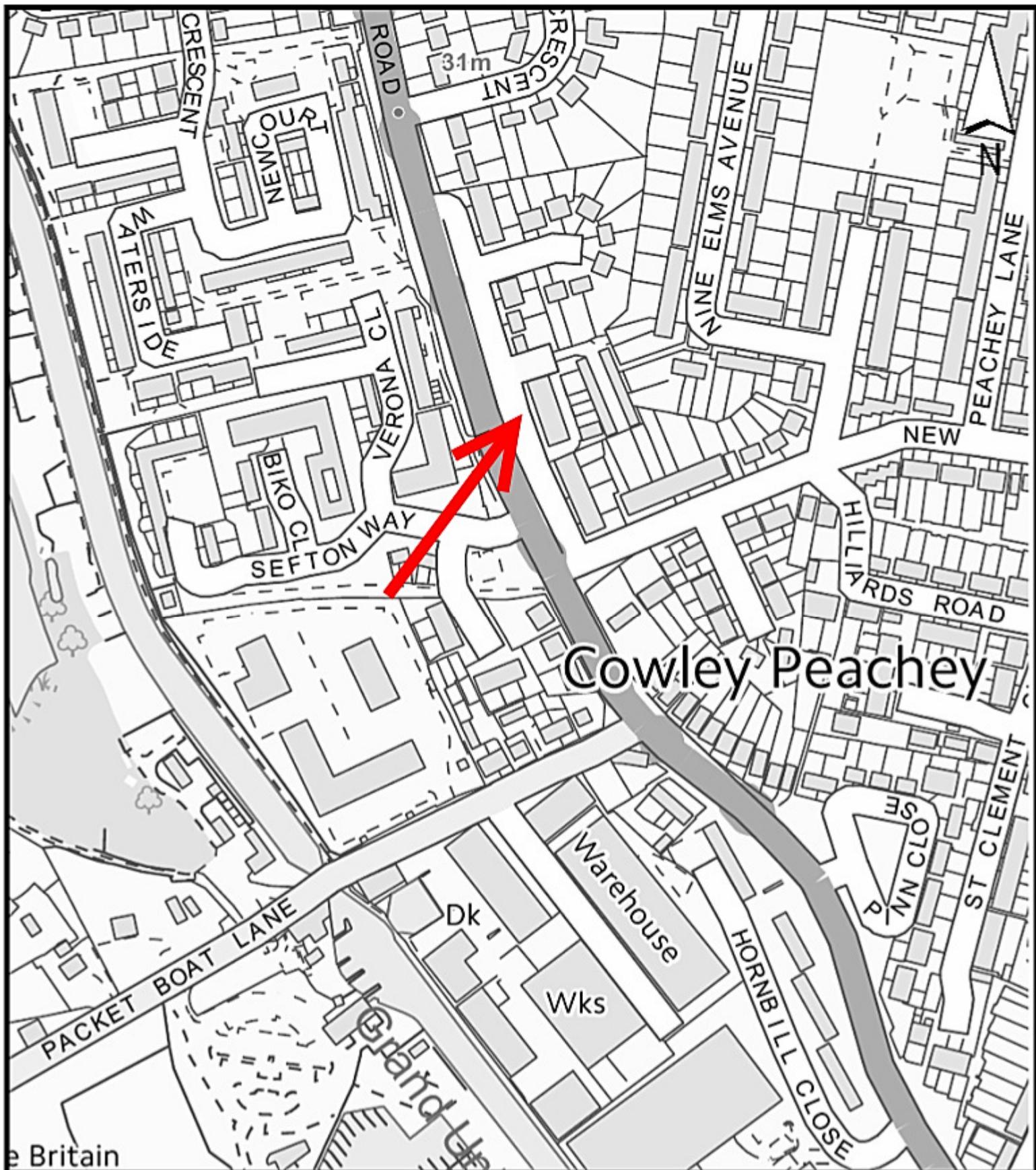
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received



Nos. 28 to 34 High Road, Cowley
Location plan

Appendix A

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