

## **MERRIMANS CORNER, HILLINGDON – PETITION REQUESTING A “STOP & SHOP” PARKING SCHEME**

**Cabinet Portfolio**

Planning and Transportation

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**Papers with report**

Appendices A and B

### **HEADLINE INFORMATION**

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received asking the Council to introduce a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme along the shopping parade in Harlington Road, south of Merrimans Corner.

**Contribution to our  
plans and strategies**

The request will be considered in relation to the Council’s strategy for on-street parking schemes.

**Financial Cost**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy  
Overview Committee**

Residents and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

Botwell

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners the problems they experience with parking.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks officers to add the request for a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme in the Merrimans Corner shopping parade to the Council’s overall programme and carry out informal consultation with shopkeepers as resources permit.**

### **INFORMATION**

**Reasons for recommendation**

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PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 26 May 2010

As it is not clear whether the petition was signed by shopkeepers in the parade, the Council will need to carry out its own consultation to establish the level of support a parking scheme would receive from business occupiers.

### **Alternative options considered**

None as the petitioners have asked for a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme.

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage.

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition has been submitted to the Council from 20 residents in the postcode area of UB8. The petition contains house numbers, postcodes and telephone numbers. Although the addresses are not available, all postcodes had the prefix UB8 and can be considered to be within the proximity of Merrimans Corner.
2. The location of the shopping parade is indicated on Appendix A. It consists of six units with an adopted service road along its frontage and a private service road to the rear. The service road at the front of these shops extends further south and along the frontage of a significant number of residential properties. For clarity, a small scale location plan of this area is attached as Appendix B which shows the service road extending from just south of Merrimans Corner to just north of Corwell Lane.
3. The Cabinet Member will be familiar with the Council’s “Stop & shop” schemes and how popular they are with small shopping parades and town centres. It would appear the petitioners have seen these schemes elsewhere and would like one installed at the front of the shops. However, the service road does extend a considerable distance south along residential frontages and if long term parking is removed from the front of the shops, it is likely to transfer outside residential properties. Consequently, officers recommend consulting all residents and business occupiers that could be affected by proposed parking controls. It is also likely residents live above the shops.
4. It is suggested to the Cabinet Member that discussions are held with petitioners to determine the scale of the problem they experience and if it is considered appropriate to add this request to the Council’s overall parking programme. The Cabinet Member will also be aware that we have an extensive programme and currently priority is given to those requests that have been received previously and placed on the programme. If this request is added to the programme, subsequently it will be investigated following the study and possible implementation of schemes already on the programme.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report as consultation and feasibility studies can be undertaken with in-house resources. If however, subsequently the

Cabinet Member would like to consider the introduction of a “Stop & Shop” parking scheme, a bid would be required to the Parking Revenue Account surplus for the necessary funds.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To add the request to the Council’s parking programme for subsequent consultation with business occupiers and residents.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

None at this stage but when the Council are in a position to consider this request further, informal consultation be carried out with business occupiers and residents who would be directly affected.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

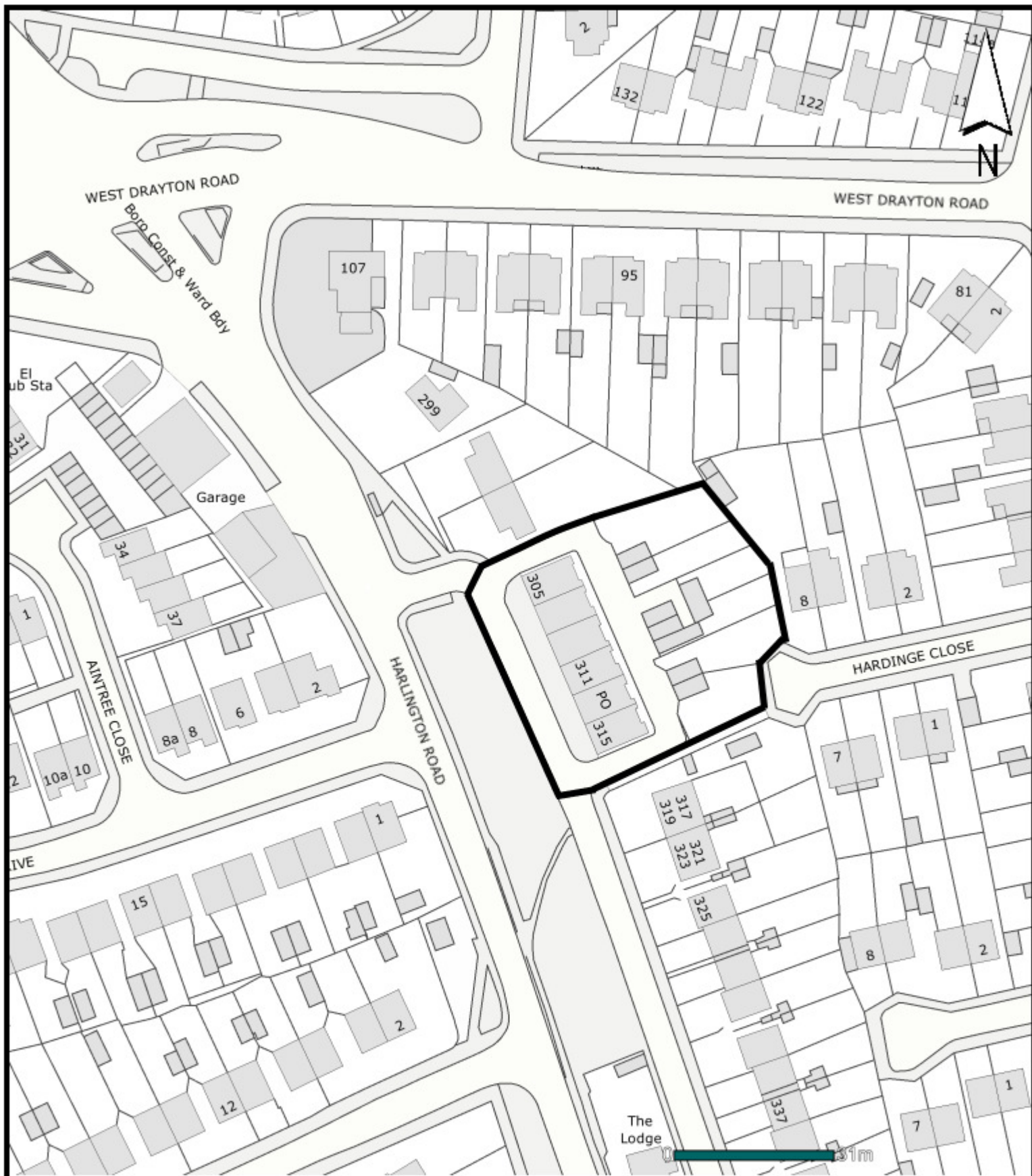
A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of 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.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010



## Merrimans Corner Shopping Parade

## Appendix A

Date April 2010

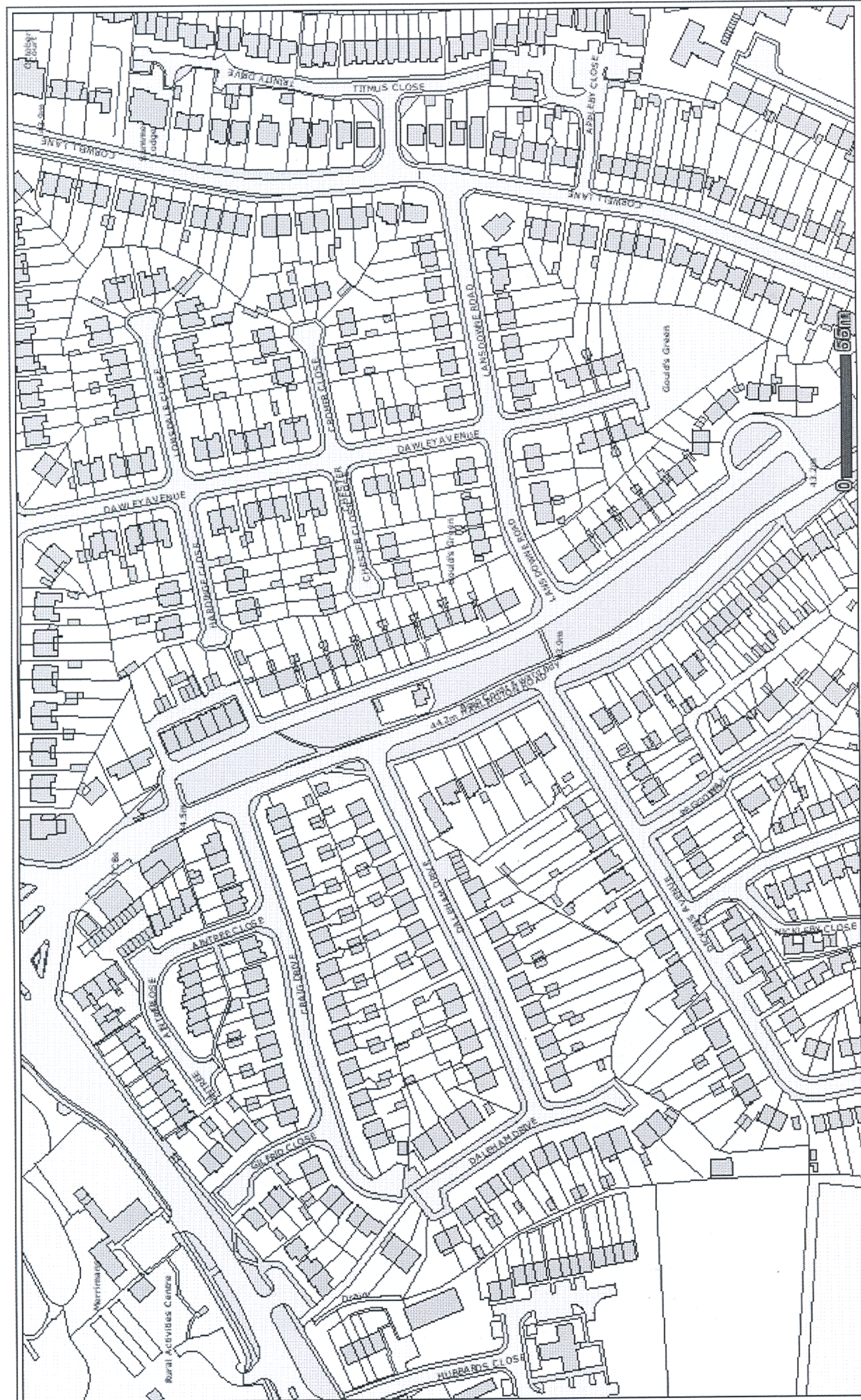
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Extent of Merrimans Corner Shopping Parade

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# APPENDIX B



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