

# PERMIT PARKING ZONE 'U8', UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING THAT PERMIT PARKING ZONE 'U8' BE MERGED WITH PERMIT PARKING ZONE 'U1'

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Steven Austin – Place Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents who live in Uxbridge permit parking zone 'U8' requesting that this parking zone be merged with Uxbridge permit parking zone 'U1'.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: <i>Be / feel safe from harm</i>  This report supports our commitments to residents of: <i>Safe and Strong Communities</i>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward(s)</b>	Uxbridge

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) meets with petitioners and listens to their request for parking permit zone 'U8' to be merged with permit parking zone 'U1'; and
- 2) subject to the outcome of the above, and with discussions with Ward Councillors, decides if officers should add this request to the Council's extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation.

## Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

## Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

## Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1) A petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council by some residents who live within Uxbridge parking permit zone 'U8' signed under the following heading:

*"I, the lead petitioner, recently moved into Uxbridge and was surprised to find that North Uxbridge is split into a number of parking zones. These zones to my mind do not evenly reflect ease of access to key amenities and shopping facilities, which should be an area of focus for the Council.*

*In the case of zone U8: -*

- 1. The parking bays are limited taking me away from my home address.*
- 2. The bus service to and from Uxbridge town is not frequent enough and after 1851 pm the U10 bus service from Uxbridge station ends for the day with the U1 service ending at 2051. The frequency of buses between 7 and 9 pm is only 2 buses per hour which is really quite limiting.*
- 3. The parking bays in roads in U8 parking zone – Beacon Close, Hillman Close, Salt Hill Clos, Towergate, Woodhall Close are already quite full with limited room for additional capacity.*
- 4. Even though I live on Harefield Road I am unable to park anywhere on Harefield Road as the road comes under the U1 permit zone.*

*I am therefore proposing merging zones U8 and U1*

*In support of this petition, I attach signatures and addresses from neighbours."*

- 2) Uxbridge parking zone 'U1' was introduced in December 1997 following a consultation with residents who live close to Uxbridge Town Centre, who were concerned with all-day non-residential parking. Zone 'U8' was subsequently implemented in March 2006 as complaints were received about displaced parking. A plan of the parking zone areas is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) The Council's Parking Permits Team have advised that currently there are approximately 694 residents parking permits on issue for zone 'U1' with approximately 459 spaces, and in the considerably smaller zone 'U8' there are 34 permits on issue and around 31 on-street spaces.

- 4) The majority of zone 'U1' operated Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm; however, some roads closest to Uxbridge Town Centre petitioned the Council to increase the operational times of the scheme in their road due to the pressure on parking spaces. As a result of that petition and subsequent consultations and decisions at the time, part of the zone 'U1' scheme now operates everyday between 9am and 10pm whilst the parking scheme zone 'U8' currently operates Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm.
- 5) In light of this new petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member listens to the testimony from petitioners and asks for the views of the ward councillors on the suggestion as to whether there is a case to merge the two parking zones. Clearly ward councillors will be able to advise on the basis of any local knowledge they can offer concerning the likely support or otherwise they feel there may be within the local community as a whole.
- 6) If the Cabinet Member is minded to add this request to the extensive parking scheme programme for an informal consultation, then it is recommended that residents in both zone 'U1' and zone 'U8' are consulted. In total there are approximately 1,360 properties within this area, which is one of the reasons why local ward councillor views may be especially valuable to mitigate the risk of abortive work and costs that could ensue.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with recommendations to this report.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?**

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

### **Consultation carried out or required**

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

### **Legal**

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **Infrastructure / Asset Management**

None at this stage.

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

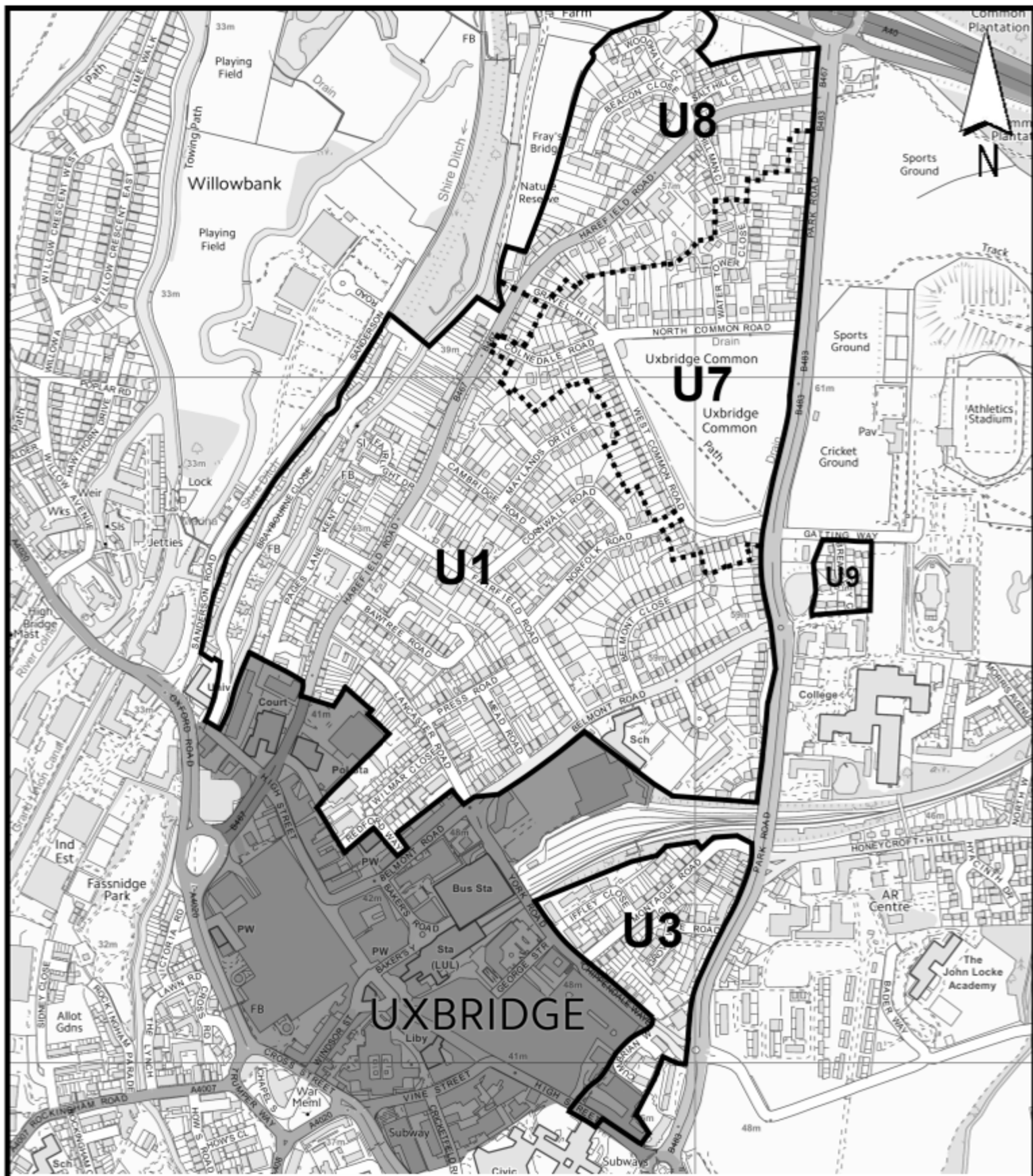
None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.

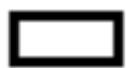
## **TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Parking zones location plan




# Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme

# Appendix A

 Boundary of the Uxbridge North Parking Management Scheme Zones U1, U3, U7, U8 and U9

January 2023  
Scale 1:8,000

 Internal zone boundary

 Extent of the Town Centre Scheme

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