

# Hinton Road, Uxbridge - Petition opposing proposed double yellow lines and request for partial footway parking

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Location Plan Appendix B - Plan of the proposed double yellow lines Hinton Road near junction with Cowley Road Appendix C - Plan of the proposed double yellow lines Hinton Road near junction with Whitehall Road

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Hinton Road, Uxbridge opposing the recently proposed extensions to the double yellow lines and requesting that footway parking be considered to allow parking along both sides of the road.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities.  This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities.
<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 restrictions;**
- 2) Notes that the testimonies received during the formal consultation for the proposed introduction of double yellow lines within Hinton Road will be considered within a separate Cabinet Member report;**

- 3) Notes the request for footway parking to be considered in Hinton Road and asks officers to investigate the feasibility of this request and report back to the Cabinet Member with their findings;
- 4) Explains to petitioners that the Council is unable to enforce parking restrictions by way of camera enforcement following the 2015 Deregulation Act which restricted London Boroughs from legally doing so.

### 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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council by some residents who live on Hinton Road, Uxbridge signed under the following heading:

*“We are all in agreement that things need to be done to improve access into and along the road.*

*The double yellow line extension at the Whitehall Road end of Hinton Road needs to be amended so that the crossover/ drives to both 12 and 13 have no yellow lines over them and we would also note that the crossovers to the properties are not shown on the current drawings provided.*

*The extension of the double yellow lines at the Cowley Road end of Hinton Road is welcome but on their own the yellow lines are not a sufficient deterrent to the parking of cars. Almost whenever we turn into the road there are vehicles parked on the double yellow lines. The introduction of an enforcement camera along with the extension of the double yellow lines would have the desired effect of reducing parking in this location.*

*To improve access along the road we would propose exempting one side of the road from the footway parking ban in locations where a car can be parked. This only needs to be around 300mm and would then greatly improve traffic flow along Hinton Road.*

*The parking situation in Hinton Road is an emotive subject for all the residents and the implementation of the above proposals would in our opinion improve access, egress and parking.*

*A meeting with the lead petitioner is also requested to discuss the above and the existing proposals.”*

- 2) Hinton Road is a residential road mostly comprising semi-detached, terraced and detached houses, many of which appear to benefit from off-street parking provision. The road has one-way working in place meaning vehicles may only travel in an easterly direction between Cowley Road and Whitehall Road. The road is situated close to Uxbridge Town Centre which is easily accessible on foot to the northeast. The road is one of the few in the area which does not benefit from being included within a Parking Management Scheme, and therefore is likely to suffer from pressure on parking throughout the day. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) As mentioned by the lead petitioner, the Council has recently proposed an extension to the double yellow lines one side of the road near both the junction with Whitehall Road and Cowley Road. Plans of the proposals, which have already been subject to formal consultation, are shown on Appendices B and C. The purpose behind these proposals was to ensure that clear vehicle access could be maintained into the road for emergency vehicles and for refuse collections. However, there has been significant local opposition to these proposals and officers are currently preparing a separate Cabinet Member report where these representations can be considered before a final formal decision is made on whether to proceed further with the proposal. The Cabinet Member may therefore want to listen to the views of petitioners to assist in him making a future decision on these proposed restrictions.
- 4) It has been suggested within the petition that the road would benefit if partial footway parking was allowed so that parking could take place along both sides of the road whilst leaving enough remaining carriageway for traffic to pass. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, there are certain criteria that must be met before formalised footway parking can be considered within a street. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member instructs officers to investigate if a footway parking scheme would be feasible within Hinton Road and report back to him with their findings.
- 5) Petitioners have also suggested that a camera could be used to enforce parking contraventions on the existing and potential future double yellow lines in the road. The request for the installation of an enforcement camera to monitor the double yellow lines has been noted however colleagues in the Parking Services team have advised that in 2015, the Deregulation Act was introduced which restricted which parking restrictions all London Boroughs could enforce using CCTV cameras. As a result, in terms of 'loading and waiting' restrictions, the Council is only legally permitted to enforce bus stops and school keep clear markings using CCTV cameras and cannot enforce any other parking restrictions such as double yellow lines.
- 6) To conclude, in view of the submission of this petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns with the current proposals for double yellow lines and advise that all the responses made during the formal consultation will be considered by way of a future report that officers are preparing. In respect to the request for partial footway parking, if appropriate the Cabinet Member could ask officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation, with any further proposals subject to future consultations with the residents.

- 7) The Cabinet Member may also wish to seek the thoughts of his Uxbridge Ward Councillor colleagues in terms of what they feel would be most likely to be a viable solution for the road.

**Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of any future parking controls, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

**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. Whenever necessary legal advice is given in relation to specific issues as they arise to ensure that the Council always meets its legal obligations.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.

**TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Location plan

Appendix B – Plan of the proposed double yellow lines Hinton Road near junction with Cowley Road

Appendix C – Plan of the proposed double yellow lines Hinton Road near junction with Whitehall Road