Potential major review topic: Footway Parking in Priority Areas (Phase 1)

Committee name	Residents' Services Select Committee
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Papers with report	Scoping Report
Ward	All

HEADLINES

At its meeting on 15 July 2025, the Residents' Services Select Committee considered potential topics for its next major review, noting that the review should ideally be completed by the end of the municipal year. Several topics were proposed, and it was agreed that further discussions would take place outside the meeting, in consultation with the Chair, the Opposition Lead, and relevant officers, to determine a final topic.

It has recently emerged that the issue of funfairs is scheduled for an internal review in the near future. As such, it is not considered appropriate for the Select Committee to undertake a separate review at this time. With the agreement of both the Chair and the Opposition Lead, the Committee's upcoming review is proposed to instead focus on footway parking in priority areas, specifically addressing the enforcement of suspended parking zones.

This proposed review seeks to carry out a more focused examination of footway parking arrangements on a select number of priority roads in Hillingdon—particularly in areas near schools, GP surgeries, and shopping parades where accessibility concerns have been raised. The review will evaluate current signage, enforcement practices, and potential practical improvements to enhance pedestrian access and safety. A scoping report is attached for Members' consideration.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee agree to embark upon Footway Parking in Priority Areas (Phase 1) as their next review topic and agree the draft Terms of Reference, scope of review and review structure as set out in the attached scoping report.

(Note: Terms of Reference / timetable for review etc... can always be amended as the review progresses, if agreed by the Committee)

Terms of Reference

The following Terms of Reference are suggested for the review, subject to any changes agreed by the Committee:

1. To review footway parking arrangements on a small number of priority roads near schools, GP surgeries and shopping parades, and those with known accessibility concerns for pedestrians,

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including roads where parking enforcement is currently suspended.

- 2. To check the clarity and adequacy of signage and information for residents and visitors.
- 3. To examine how enforcement currently operates on these roads, including those with suspended enforcement, and identify any gaps or inconsistencies.
- 4. To consider simple, practical improvements such as better signage, clearer mapping, and digital tools to support enforcement.
- 5. To look at good practice from other London boroughs.
- 6. To make initial recommendations to Cabinet on how to improve safety, accessibility and enforcement in these priority locations, establishing a policy framework for any wider review of this across the Borough in the future.

RESIDENT BENEFIT

This proposed review will aim to benefit residents through potentially offering better signage, practical improvements on the ground and improved clarity in respect of parking rules and arrangements.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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