

## **WATERLOO ROAD, UXBRIDGE – PETITION OBJECTING TO PROPOSED BUSINESS PERMIT PARKING PLACE**

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

### **HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition with more than 20 signatures has been received objecting to the proposed business permit holder only parking place in Waterloo Road, Uxbridge. This is reported to the Cabinet Member for consideration.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The proposals form part of the Council's strategy for resident parking schemes.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations in this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environment Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Uxbridge South

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Cabinet Member**

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with the loss of parking in the southern end of Waterloo Road where a business permit parking place is being proposed.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, asks officers to take the petition into consideration when preparing the formal report on representations received to the statutory consultation on the proposals, which will be submitted to the Cabinet Member for a decision on whether the proposals proceed to implementation.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

The Council is required to consider all objections to proposed Traffic Regulation Orders. Following the Cabinet Members discussion with petitioners their comments can be included in the formal report to the Cabinet Member detailing all representations received from statutory consultation.

### Alternative options considered / risk management

These may rise from the Cabinet Members discussions with petitioners.

### Supporting Information

1. A petition with 43 signatures has been received from residents of Waterloo Road objecting to proposals to convert 7.0 metres of resident permit holder only parking bay to business permit parking place. The petition represents 28 households in Waterloo Road and are close to the proposed changes to the parking place, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix A.
2. The proposals were developed following a request for parking from a local business during a consultation with residents for the extension to Zone U6 of the Uxbridge South Parking scheme in April 2009. A separate consultation took place with all business located in Swan Wharf Business Centre and Cowley Mill Road in November 2009 asking whether they supported the possible introduction of business permit parking places in the area. One response was received during this consultation in support of the proposals. The results of the consultation were discussed with the Cabinet Member and further investigations were carried out to determine if there was a suitable location for business permit parking places.
3. The junction of Waterloo Road and Cowley Mill Road have recently been redeveloped and new traffic signals installed, which included the removal of Pay and Display parking places in Waterloo Road. Following several site visits it was noted that the existing residents parking places located in Waterloo Road close to the junction with Mill Bridge Place were not parked to capacity. Subsequently a scheme was developed and statutory consultation took place between 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010. For the Cabinet Member's information a number of representations have been received to these proposals and a further report will be submitted outlining these before the Council makes a final decision on whether the proposals proceed to implementation.
4. The petition sets down why residents are objecting to the proposals. Briefly these are:
  - I. *Waterloo Road is a residential street.*
  - II. *Residents are currently extremely pressed for parking in this part of the street and cannot suffer any more loss of parking.*
  - III. *Residents are using most of the bays from 3pm and bays are invariably used by 5pm and it cannot be seen how they could dovetail in with the commercial vehicles – who may well not then move before 6pm or later.*

- IV. The business park has its own parking which the residents are not able to use.*
  - V. If one bay is allocated this would set a precedent for more bays in the future.*
  - VI. A proposed width of 7.0 metres looks like it would make the remaining space tight for two vehicles (there is currently space for three).*
  - VII. There is parking in Wescott Way, which is not in the scheme and is used by business users – so it seems unnecessary to propose reducing our parking to create a business space.*
5. It is suggested the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners and discusses their concerns with the proposals and following this asks officers to take the petition and any further points made at the petition evening into account when preparing the subsequent report for representations received during the statutory consultation.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report. The further report detailing the objections to the statutory consultation will contain financial implications if a recommendation is made.

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

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

To give due consideration to the petitioners concerns with the Council's proposals for a business permit parking place.

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

Statutory consultation was carried out between 19<sup>th</sup> May and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 giving residents and the public the opportunity to object to the Council's proposals.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No comments

### **Corporate Procurement**

No comments

### **Corporate Landlord**

The report has no direct impact on the Council's Property holdings, the Interim Corporate Landlord has no comments.

### **Legal**

The Council's power to make orders creating or amending permit parking arrangements are set out in Part IV, Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

Officers have told Legal Services that the petition was received within the consultation period. That being the case, the petition should be taken into account in the same way as other consultation responses. In considering the 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. If a local authority decides to embark upon a non-statutory process of consultation the applicable principles are no different from those which apply to statutory consultation: see R (Partingdale Lane Residents Association) v Barnet London Borough Council [2003] EWHC 947 (Admin), [2003] All ER (D) 29.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 15 June 2010