

# PIELD HEATH ROAD, UXBRIDGE – REQUEST TO BE INCLUDED IN THE HILLINGDON HOSPITAL PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

**Cabinet Member**

Councillor Keith Burrows

**Cabinet Portfolio**

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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**Papers with report**

Appendix A

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that residents of Pield Heath Road, Uxbridge have organised a petition requesting the Council to extend the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme to include Pield Heath Road.

**Contribution to our plans and strategies**

The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.

**Financial Cost**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy Overview Committee**

Residents and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

Brunel

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking along Pield Heath Road.
2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks officers to take the petition into consideration when preparing the report on comments received to the informal consultation on a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme.

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

The Council considers all comments received when consulting on a possible extension to a Parking Management Scheme. Following the Cabinet Member's discussion with petitioners their comments can be included in this subsequent report to the Cabinet Member detailing all the responses received from the recent informal consultation on a possible scheme extension.

## **Alternative options considered**

There are no other options that can be considered in this case.

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

None at this stage.

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 50 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

*“We the undersigned are presenting this petition to the London Borough of Hillingdon to ask the Council to extend the Hillingdon Hospital parking restrictions to include Pield Heath Road between Copperfield Avenue and Greatfields Drive. This petition is in response to the increase of inconsiderate parking in Pield Heath Road which is causing congestion and delay to residents and emergency vehicles proceeding to and from Hillingdon Hospital.”*

2. Pield Heath Road is a busy road between Harlington Road and Church Road. The main entrance to Hillingdon Hospital is on this road which is also on the emergency route network for vehicles going to and from the hospital. Pield Heath Road is also used by bus routes U2, U4 and U7. The location of Pield Heath Road and the extent of the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme is indicated on Appendix A. Although residents have petitioned for measures to be introduced in the section of Pield Heath Road between Copperfield Avenue and Greatfields Drive it is recommended that the section up to Harlington Road also be considered.
3. Between 10<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 the Council consulted households within the area close to Hillingdon Hospital to ask residents if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme. This consultation area included Pield Heath Road and the surrounding roads that are not within the existing Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme. All residents and businesses were delivered a letter, a plan indicating the extent of the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme and a questionnaire. Residents were given the option of either a limited time waiting restriction with the times of operation of their choice or to be included in a resident’s parking scheme. In addition a third option of “no change” was offered to residents if they are content with the current parking arrangement.
4. The responses to the above informal consultation are currently being analysed for inclusion in a separate report being drafted for consideration by the Cabinet Member. It is suggested the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and discusses their concerns with parking and asks officers to take the petition and any further points made at the petition evening into account when preparing the subsequent report on the informal consultation.

## **Financial Implications**

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

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

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

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns with parking on Pield Heath Road and to take them into account when preparing the subsequent report on the response received on a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme.

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

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No comments.

### **Corporate Procurement**

No comments.

### **Corporate Landlord**

No comments.

### **Legal**

A further 'listening' meeting with the petitioners to discuss their concerns 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 statutory consultation.

Any further consultation proposed for this case must follow statutory procedures which are summarised in this report and are comprised in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and its related secondary legislation.

In considering further 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. The earlier informal consultation should not prejudice the consideration of any statutory consultation responses.

Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 means that the Council must balance the concerns of objectors with the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition dated – 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010