

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Highways Committee</b> 17 July 2012</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report from the Head of Transportation</b></p>
<p>For decision</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Wards Affected: Wembley Central</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Petition requesting changes to the parking restriction times of E Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) in the Ealing Road area</b></p>	

## **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 This report advises the committee of a petition received in relation to the hours of operation of the E Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and charges for “pay & display” parking. The petition has been signed by Traders in Ealing Road and local residents. This report outlines the background and officers’ response to the matter.

## **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That Committee notes the contents of the petition and the issues raised.
- 2.2 That Committee notes the response of officers to the petition, as set out in this report, and agrees that officers should consider including a review of the E CPZ operational hours when compiling the 2013/14 CPZ works programme for Committee’s approval in due course.
- 2.3 That Committee agrees that the main petitioner should be informed of the outcome of the Highways Committee decision in regard to this matter.

## **3.0 The Petition**

- 3.1 A petition has been received from Traders in Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 and local residents requesting that the Council re-consider the parking restriction

times in zone E CPZ. It also raises concerns about the level of pay & display charges in the Borough. The petition is reported to Democratic Services on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012 in accordance with Standing Orders. The petition has 439 pages containing 5381 signatures and reads:

**Petition – Objection to the parking restrictions imposed by Brent Council in and around Ealing Road Area**

- 1. MORE FREE PARKING TO BE MADE AVAILABLE**
- 2. REDUCTION OF PARKING CHARGES**
- 3. PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO APPLY ONLY TILL 6.30PM**
- 4. PARKING FEES TO BE REDUCED**
- 5. EVENT DAY PARKING RESTRICTIONS TO APPLY ONLY TILL EVENT IS IN PROGRESS**

3.2 A copy of the petition is attached in Appendix A

3.3 A copy of the response sent to lead petitioner Mrs Linda Parmar is attached in Appendix B

#### **4.0 Background**

4.1 The Ealing Road Controlled Parking Zone E (CPZ) was implemented in September 1999 after an extensive consultation with residents and Traders. The attached plan Appendix C shows the extent of the existing CPZ, which was approved by Brent Council's Transportation sub-committee.

The E CPZ operates Monday to Sunday between 8am to 9pm and 8am to Midnight during events at the Stadium. The E CPZ also operates during Bank Holidays.

The CPZ was implemented to address the parking problems faced by local residents from visitors to Ealing Road shopping area for the following reasons:

- to protect residents from commuter/shopper/employee parking
- to discourage long stay non-residential parking
- to increase opportunity for short stay parking for shoppers at appropriate areas
- to make provisions for business/commercial parking
- to create loading facilities for the businesses in Ealing Road
- to create parking facilities for disabled drivers visiting the shopping area in Ealing Road
- to encourage a mode shift from car usage to other modes such as public transport, cycling and walking.
- to improve the flow of traffic through Ealing Road and reduce congestion and therefore improve safety for all road users.

4.2 The report explains that there is insufficient evidence at this time to conclude that reduction of operational hours will help the residents living around the Ealing Road shopping area. This scheme was primarily implemented to protect the residents from visitors parking in residential streets located around the Ealing Road.

- 4.3 This report also explains that the rationale in introducing emission based parking charges which were introduced on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 after an approval by the Executive Committee. The report can also be accessed on the following link:

<http://www.brent.gov.uk/campaigns.nsf/pages/lbb-25>

## **5.0 Response to the Petition**

- 5.1 Officers appreciate the impact that the current parking arrangements in Ealing Road have on visitors. Unless these visitors have access to off-street parking or visitor permits, they are faced with using the pay & display facilities (at a cost) for a significant proportion of the day or making alternative travel arrangements.

On the other hand, the arrangements prioritise kerbside parking space for residents who have purchased a parking permit.

- 5.2 The narrative above highlights the consideration that has previously been given to the issue as to what CPZ operational times would be appropriate for Ealing Road.
- 5.3 The current parking controls are working well for the majority of residents and have done so for a number of years. In recent years, officers have received telephone calls and emails from residents of E CPZ seeking a reduction in operation times to those that apply in the neighbouring C CPZ. Those representations correlate with the views of the petitioners although there is no evidence that they are representative of the views of residents and businesses throughout E CPZ.
- 5.4 Officers are of the view that it would be inappropriate to consult businesses and residents of Ealing Road (about operational hours) in isolation from a wider review of E CPZ – since any changes flowing from amendments of one road frequently have an impact over a wider area and should be considered by that wider area.
- 5.5 It would be possible to adjust the hours of operation of the pay & display bays (only) in & around Ealing Road to a shorter period. A shortening of hours would have financial implications for the Council but could accommodate some of the aspirations of the petitioners. However this would mean different controls would exist in different parts of Ealing Road – opening up the prospect of confusion for motorists (particularly visitors) and operational difficulties. It would also set a precedent. Officers would not recommend that approach.
- 5.6 Committee will be aware that there is no further funding allocated for implementing new or reviewing the existing CPZ's in the borough for this financial year and beyond.

- 5.7 In regard to petitioners concerns about pay & display charges Committee will be aware that there is a policy of applying a single scale of charges for pay & display parking. Officers appreciate the impact that the current parking charges in Ealing Road have on visitors seeking to park there on-street.

Committee will also be aware that on-street charges were reviewed last year and implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. The review would have considered a variety of factors such as the impact of charges on road safety and congestion, the economic vitality of Brent and wider environmental policy objectives.

Recognition of the charges made by other Boroughs with broadly similar parking conditions and practices would have been a part of the decision process.

Accordingly, officers believe that the views of the petitioners, in relation to pay & display charges, should be noted but that no further action should be taken.

## **6.0 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There will be financial implications if CPZ operational hours are reduced. The following figure shows an estimated loss of revenue:

Total Income in E-Zone	£359,389
%-age taken after 18.30	16.4%
Estimated loss of revenue	£58,940

- 6.2 Any change to operating hours that leads to a loss in revenue will have to be met by Environment and Neighbourhood Services Department.

## **7.0 Legal Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implications

## **8.0 Diversity Implications**

- 8.1 The Council has in place parking restrictions in various areas of the borough. The matters raised by the petitioners focus on concerns regarding increased parking charges and a reduction in operational times of the existing CPZ zone E. There are no apparent equalities issues arising from the matters raised and recommendations by officers do not suggest a variation of the current policy.

## **9.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications**

- 9.1 None at this time.

## **10.0 Environmental Implications**

- 10.1 None at this time.

## **Background Papers**

Petition received by Democratic Services on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2012

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## Appendix A – Ealing Road Petition

Ealing Road Parking

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TO: Butt, Cllr, Muhammed Sheth, Cllr Krupa *copies*

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Thursday, 3 May 2012, 20:18

3rd May 2012 ☺

Ealing Road  
Wembley  
Middlesex

Attention Democratic Services Brent Town Hall

Dear Mr Kattang

I wish to submit the petition papers collected in response to an appeal against the outrageous car parking fees of £6 for 2 hours and the discrimination parking restrictions on Ealing Road ie; 7days a week from 8am to 9pm.

At a meeting held at the above address with Cllr Sheth, Cllr Butt, Neil McClellan Head of highways, Amid and Gudav We discussed the many problems the parking restrictions on Ealing Road has caused to both businesses and residence.

I am hoping that by presenting this petition you will see just how angry people are with the present situation and I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the matter further ASAP.

Businesses are suffering dreadfully and I know many are wondering just how long Ealing Road traders can survive.

Ealing Road was once a place where people would come with their families to shop and eat, NO LONGER the road has been in a decline for some time now instead of attracting nice families it now attracts gangs, street drinkers, drugs and homeless people..

People do not come to the area they say it is a nightmare to park and it looks so run down the parking prices are higher than West End and there is no where to park. So they go else where, there are many points which were discussed at the meeting on the 30th April 2012 with the above Brent town hall representatives. I do hope the contents of the meeting has been discussed further with the appropriate people.

I welcome the opportunity to have a further meeting in the meanwhile the petition continues and further action will be taken but hopefully the situation can be resolved amicably

I have been advised that this is the first stage ie the presentation of the petition papers. I look forward to hearing from you with a view to a way forward to this very grave situations

Yours Faithfully  
Linda Parmar

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### PETITION

(1)

OBJECTION TO THE PARKING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY BRENT COUNCIL IN AND AROUND EALING ROAD AREA.

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NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

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## Appendix B

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Ref: C/petitions/525/JK

14 May 2012

Mrs Linda Parmar





Dear Mrs Parmar

### **Petition against car parking fees and parking restrictions on Ealing Road**

I acknowledge receipt of a petition which you delivered today, 14 May 2012, to Brent Council on behalf of the traders of Ealing Road against the car parking fees and the parking restrictions on Ealing Road.

According to the Council's Constitution, a petition must contain the names, addresses and signatures of at least fifty valid signatures in order for it to be considered by the relevant committee. I am writing to confirm that your 439 page petition which you claim to contain 5,381 signatures has met this threshold, although it is noted that most of the signatories live outside of the borough of Brent.

I have referred the petition to the Head of Transportation Unit for consideration and I will ensure you are kept informed of the progress of the petition. In addition, the petition will be reported to the Chairs of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees in order that they are made aware of the traders' views on this issue.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about this, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

**Joe Kwateng**  
Democratic Services Officer  
Legal and Procurement Department

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## Appendix C



