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CABINET MEMBER FOR PROPERTY, HIGHWAYS
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c.c. All Members of the Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
c.c. Hayley Thomas – Place Directorate
c.c. Ward Councillors for Hillingdon East

Date: 21 February 2024

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

SUTTON COURT ROAD, HILLINGDON – OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 'GOODS VEHICLE ONLY' LOADING BAY

Dear Cabinet Members,

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Thursday 29 February 2024** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied, and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Ryan Dell
Democratic Services Officer

Title of Report: Sutton Court Road, Hillingdon – Objections to Proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' Loading Bay

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed Date

Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport

SUTTON COURT ROAD, HILLINGDON - OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED 'GOODS VEHICLE ONLY' LOADING BAY

Cabinet Member	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Officer Contact	Hayley Thomas – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A – General arrangement drawing

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that an objection had been received to the proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road, Hillingdon.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports our ambition for residents/ the Council of: Live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral.
Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our commitments to residents of: A Thriving Economy.
Financial Cost	The cost associated with the recommendations to this report is estimated at £2,000 and will be fully funded from the Town Centre & Shopping Parades Initiative 2023-24.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.
Relevant Ward	Hillingdon East.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1) **Considers the objection received from the statutory consultation for the proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road, Hillingdon; and**
- 2) **Approves the installation of the 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road as proposed.**

Reasons for recommendation

The recommendations reflect the responses received to the statutory consultation on a proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road.

Alternative options considered

The Cabinet Member could decide not to proceed with the installation of a 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. Sutton Court Road Parade is a Council-owned shopping parade within the Hillingdon East Ward. Public realm improvements as part of the Town Centre & Shopping Parades Initiative (2023/ 2024) have concluded and include: -
 - New paving throughout the shopping parade;
 - Implementation of a new central boulevard and landscaping, with eight new trees;
 - New street lighting with dual lanterns, retaining the ability to hold floral displays and Christmas lights.
2. The Cabinet Member will recall, shop owners had put forward a specific request for a dedicated loading bay adjacent to Burrage Bakery at No. 2 Sutton Court Road as part of a previous petition submitted relating to the improvements scheme for the area. Following investigation, officers were able to develop proposals for a dedicated loading bay operational 'Monday to Saturday, 7am to 7pm' adjacent to No. 2 Sutton Court Road, as shown in Appendix A.
3. The statutory consultation process started on 06 December 2023 and ran until 03 January 2024. This involved the placing of advertisements in the local press and the display of public notices on site. A formal consultation letter was also sent to the business premises along the parade.
4. During the statutory consultation, the Council received one objection from a local business with the following concerns:

"Clearly this proposal has come from one or two disgruntled shop owners who are choosing to ignore the fact that there is a service road behind all of the shops that is specifically designed for all deliveries, with access to the store rooms and back entrances to the shops. This is how we receive our deliveries and this is how the other shops should receive their deliveries. The area that has been proposed as a loading bay is one of the few remaining areas left for the council's residents to park their cars with the council having removed all other parking spaces to facilitate their 'road improvement scheme'.

A Goods Vehicle Loading Bay is completely unnecessary and will increase the existing parking crisis and create more problems and tension between residents and businesses. The shops should use the service road provided for deliveries."

Whilst the objector is correct in stating that the parade does benefit from a service road to the rear of the building, the geometry of the access and the positioning of the security access gates means that larger delivery vehicles, which service a number of the businesses in the parade, would not be able to manoeuvre the vehicles to access the service road. For this reason, many of the deliveries take place from the front of the

businesses. So as not to take away from available on-street parking for shoppers, officers identified a section of Housing land adjacent to the parade, suitable for a dedicated 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay. The location of the bay was fully supported by the Housing Team.

The Cabinet Member will also recall the request for a dedicated loading bay for the parade was suggested and supported by local businesses in attendance at a recent Petition Hearing relating to the improvements in the area.

5. Following consideration of the single objection received, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member approves the implementation of a dedicated 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay in Sutton Court Road as proposed.

Financial Implications

The costs associated with the proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay as detailed in the main body of the report is estimated at £2k.

This estimated cost of £2k was within the Town Centres and Shopping Parades Initiatives 2023/24 Capital Release No 1 Report with a total project cost of £460k for the Public Realm Improvement at Sutton Court Parade, which was approved for release from the Town Centres and Shopping Parades Initiatives 2022/24 capital budget with effect from 28 April 2023.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon residents, service users and communities

The proposals look to provide a dedicated 'Goods Vehicle Only' loading bay for local businesses and maximising on-street parking availability for local residents.

Consultation carried out or required

Statutory consultation has been carried out on this proposal through a notice on site and in the local press. Local Ward Councillors have also been consulted.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications set out above noting that the proposed costs associated with the proposed 'Goods Vehicle Only' bay as detailed in the above report are to be funded from the 2023/24 Town Centres and Shopping Parades Initiatives capital budget.

Legal

The Council's power to make orders recommended in this report is set out in Part I of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this matter are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489). This requires the Council to consider all objections made (Regulation 13).

Pursuant to section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, in considering the consultation responses, the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient, and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

In considering the consultation responses, the Council must ensure that there is a full consideration of all representations including those which do not accord with the officer's recommendation. The Council must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account. The Council must also be mindful of its public sector equality duty under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

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

NIL.

TITLE OF APPENDICES

Appendix A – General arrangement drawing.

