



## Democratic Services

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**To: COUNCILLOR JOHN RILEY  
CABINET MEMBER FOR PUBLIC SAFETY AND  
TRANSPORT**

c.c. All Members of the Public Safety & Transport  
Select Committee  
c.c. Ward Councillors for Cavendish  
c.c. Perry Scott – Infrastructure, Transport & Building  
Services  
c.c. Kevin Urquhart – Infrastructure, Transport &  
Building Services  
c.c. Conservative and Labour Group Offices  
(inspection copy)

**Date:** 25 August 2021

### Non-Key Decision request

### Form D

**Objections to the proposed amendments outside No. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote to accommodate vehicle crossover extensions**

Dear Cabinet Member

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 Friday, 3 September 2021** 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.

Jack Roberts  
Democratic Services Apprentice

**Title of Report: Objections to the proposed amendments outside No. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote to accommodate vehicle crossover extensions**

**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 Public Safety and Transport*

## Objections to the proposed amendments outside No. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote to accommodate vehicle crossover extensions

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor John Riley
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Kevin Urquhart, Infrastructure, Transport & Building Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Plan showing the proposed amendments outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote

### HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that several objections have been received to proposed amendments outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote to accommodate vehicle crossing extensions.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The objection to the consultation will be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for parking in residential areas.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The estimated cost associated with the recommendation to this report is £1,000 and will be managed within existing revenue budgets within the Transportation Service.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward</b>	Cavendish

### RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport:**

1. Notes the objections received during the statutory consultation for the proposed removal of sections of permit holder parking places outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote, and;
2. Following advice from the Council's Highways Delivery Manager, approves the sections of parking places outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue,

## **Eastcote to be removed and replaced with sections of 'Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm' waiting restrictions as proposed and indicated on Appendix A.**

### **Reasons for recommendations**

To allow clear vehicular access to planned vehicle crossing extensions being constructed outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

None at this stage.

### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

1. The Council's Highways Team received requests for extensions to the existing vehicle crossings to be constructed outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote. These were approved in principle by the Highways Team but prior to work commencing on the construction of these vehicle crossing extensions, some sections of Zone E2 (Eastcote) permit holder parking places would need to be removed from directly outside where the vehicle crossing extensions are planned in order to ensure unimpeded access and egress to extended off-street parking facilities.

2. Following the above, statutory consultation was carried out on these amendments to facilitate the installation of these various vehicle crossing extensions. During this period, street notices were erected, and public notices were placed in the London Gazette and a local newspaper. Additionally, the Council wrote to the residential properties abutting the section of road where the changes are proposed.

3. It was proposed that sections of parking place would be removed and replaced with a 'Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm' waiting restriction to prevent other drivers from causing an obstruction once the vehicle crossing extensions had been constructed. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a plan of the proposals.

4. During the consultation period, the Council received two objections from residents living along this section of Sunningdale Avenue. The main concern shared by both objectors was the resulting loss of parking space. Although a two-car parking place would normally be considered to be at least 10 metres, currently the existing parking places outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote could possibly accommodate two vehicles if vehicles park carefully within the extent of the bay markings. Currently the length of these parking places are 9.1 metres, 9.6 metres, 8.6 metres and 9.7 metres respectively. These residents are concerned that this arrangement could no longer take place if the proposed changes were to go ahead.

5. The Council's Highways Policy for new crossover applications states that crossovers will not be permitted where they would result in the loss of more than one space in residents' parking

places in a Parking Management Scheme. In this instance each proposed vehicle crossing extension will result in the overall loss of one parking place per extension since each parking place can currently accommodate two vehicles each.

6. Following further investigation, officers have been unable to identify another location nearby where it would be possible to consider the installation of an additional permit holder parking place to offset the loss of parking as a result of these changes.

7. Another concern raised was with regards to the parents of children attending nearby Newnham Junior School, who, it was suggested, will find it increasingly difficult to find somewhere to park close to the close and might be more likely to cause an obstruction to residents' driveways if they were unable to find a parking place. In response, these areas are currently protected by single yellow lines operational 'Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm'. As a result, any vehicles parking here during the restricted hours are liable to receive a penalty charge notice. In addition, the Council also has the powers to carry out enforcement against vehicles causing an obstruction to residents' driveways. Residents can register for this service and if any unauthorised vehicles park across their access, then the Council's Civil Enforcement contractor can attend and carry out the appropriate enforcement against vehicles causing an obstruction.

8. A suggestion was made that residents who have extensions applied to their vehicle crossovers should not be given the free residents' parking permit as they could benefit from extended off-street parking facilities. This resident felt the changes were especially unfair to those who have been environmentally friendly by maintaining their front gardens and choosing to park on street instead. In response the Council is unable to consider this suggestion as it does not differentiate between residents with or without off-street parking within its policy for issuing parking permits.

9. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the public have a legal right to safely gain access to their property from the highway. When determining an application for a new vehicle crossing extension, Section 184 of the Highways Act gives guidance to Highway Authorities in so much as they are only able to ensure that, so far as is practicable, there is safe access to and egress from the premises and there is a need to facilitate so far as practicable the passage of vehicular traffic in highways. The Highways Authority should also take into consideration any physical obstruction preventing the installation. In this case the Council's Highways officers have assessed the points above and have identified no legal basis to reject the application and therefore propose to proceed with the installation of the new vehicle crossing.

10. The removal of sections of parking place outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote will result in the potential loss of an on-street parking space outside each property. It appears that the new driveway areas being constructed will accommodate additional off-street parking which will off-set the loss of on-street parking. It is, therefore, recommended to proceed with the changes to the parking outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue as proposed and indicated on Appendix A.

## **Financial Implications**

The estimated cost associated with the recommendation to this report is £1,000 and will be managed within existing revenue budgets within the Transportation Service.

## RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?**

The recommendation will provide clear access to new vehicle crossing extensions being constructed outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue. Although this will result in the loss of some on-street parking, the off-street parking area being extended appears to be able to accommodate additional parking.

### **Consultation carried out or required**

Statutory consultation was carried out between 21<sup>st</sup> July to 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021 by the insertion of public notices in a local newspaper, the London Gazette and displayed on site. Additionally, the Council wrote to the residential properties abutting the section of road where the changes are proposed.

No further consultation is required, however, a final notice of making will be required if the Cabinet Member decides to approve the recommendations of this report.

## CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

### **Legal**

The Council's power to make orders relating to parking places is set out in Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

If the recommendation is implemented, this report indicates that sections of permit holder parking place will be removed and additional waiting restrictions will be imposed on the road. The Council's power to make orders imposing waiting restrictions is set out in Part 1 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).

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

Availability of off-street parking and safe access to the driveway identified in this report are relevant considerations in deciding whether to make this form of order. 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's recommendation.

The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account.

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 govern road traffic signs and road markings. There are no special circumstances drawn to our attention that would prevent removal of the permit parking place and introduction of waiting restrictions provided that the appropriate statutory procedures are followed.

### **Infrastructure / Asset Management**

None at this stage.

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

Highways Delivery Manager - see paragraphs 5, 9 and 10.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

NIL.

## **TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**

Appendix A - Plan showing the proposed amendments outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue, Eastcote.

The map shows Sunningdale Avenue with various traffic signs and parking spaces. A red box highlights a specific area with the following text:

Proposed removal of sections of Zone E2 permit holder parking place outside Nos. 13, 23, 27 & 29 Sunningdale Avenue to accommodate vehicle crossing amendments. Replace the removed sections of parking place with 'Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm' waiting restrictions.

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