

MINUTES OF MEETING Cabinet Member Signing HELD ON Monday, 20th March, 2023, 2.00 pm

PRESENT:

Councillors: Seema Chandwani

ALSO ATTENDING: Gemma Hills (Traffic & Parking) and Felicity Foley (Committee Team)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

3. CARE AT HOME PERMIT - RESULT OF CONSULTATION

The Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Resident Services considered the report which set out the results of a statutory consultation on the proposed new Care at Home Permit for parking.

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED to

Authorise officers to formally change the traffic management orders to introduce the new Care at Home Permit for parking, following and noting the response to the statutory consultation.

Reasons for decision

Statutory consultation forms part of the legal process set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984¹ (RTRA 1984), for controlling vehicular movements by introducing measures such as parking places and waiting and loading restrictions. The Council is required to formally consider the feedback including objections to statutory consultations undertaken on changes prior to proceeding to implementation.

Alternative options considered

No alternative options were considered at this point. This report seeks to enable a previous Cabinet decision, by reporting on the outcome of statutory consultation undertaken on proposals for the new free Care at Home Permit for parking. As there are no objections to a matter first considered by Cabinet, the report is presented for Cabinet Member approval rather than approval by Cabinet.

4. DISABLED RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT - RESULT OF CONSULTATION

¹ [Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk)

The Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and Residents Services considered the report which detailed the results of the statutory consultation on the proposed change to concessions to allow parking on 'Timed and At Any Time Waiting Restrictions' for those with a valid Resident Blue Badge Holder Permit and sought approval to proceed with implementation.

The Cabinet Member RESOLVED to

1. Note the outcome of the statutory consultation
2. Authorise officers to formally change the traffic management orders to reflect the full conditions of use of the Resident Blue Badge Holder Permit.

Reasons for decision

Statutory consultation was carried out from 9 November 2022 to 30 November 2022 as it is required prior to changes being legally implemented to extend the concessions applied to the disabled virtual residential parking permit. This is intended to increase take up and reduce the theft of Blue Badges.

During the statutory consultation, one comment was received from a representative of the Haringey Cycling Campaign. Whilst this was not a formal objection, the requirement for the physical Blue Badge to be displayed when parking on yellow lines as well as on other forms of parking bays was stated as the objector's preference. This comment can be found in full under Appendix 3.

Whilst the Haringey Cycling Campaign views opposed the proposed extension of disabled virtual residential parking permit concessions, officer recommendations are to proceed with the changes due to the expected benefits for Blue Badge holders set out in this report as well as negating the risk of physical Blue Badges being stolen if physically displayed. No other comments or objections were received.

No objections (substantial or otherwise) were received to the statutory consultation carried out in November 2022.

Alternative options considered.

This is part of a package of measures to improve disabled parking services in Haringey. The aim of the virtual permit is to reduce the theft of Blue Badges which is being achieved with a 65% reduction noted since the permit was introduced. No other options were considered.

CHAIR: Councillor Seema Chandwani

Signed by Chair

Date