

Community & Environment Corporate Director – Brendon Hills

Thursday 17th November 2011

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Resident and Business:

Dear Sir or Madam,

## Re: North Harrow area –additional parking bays

In October 2011 we delivered a consultation document to you with regard to the proposed additional parking bays in the area around North Harrow underground station. We have listened to your views, and I can confirm that the results of the consultation have been collated and are as follows.

Over 200 consultation documents were distributed to all those residents and businesses in the area directly affected by the proposals, and achieved a high response rate of 35%. The vast majority of residents (72%) do not support the revised parking proposals. One issue that has arisen concerns the removal of the existing central islands from all three side roads (Northumberland Road, Cambridge Road and Argyle Road) to install additional parking bays in these locations. Local residents and some of the businesses have strongly objected to the removal of these islands and stated, that they play an important role of keeping the traffic congestion low, separating the inward and outward traffic and working as a traffic calming measure.

The majority of respondents in Station Road and Argyle Road are in favour of the proposals.

The results of consultation were discussed with ward councillors on 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the Portfolio Holder of Environment and Community Safety and Planning, Development and Enterprise on 10<sup>th</sup> November. The agreement was to not proceed with the proposed parking bays and removal of central islands in Northumberland Road and Cambridge Road. The Portfolio Holders have decided to go ahead with part of the scheme and to introduce the additional parking bays in roads supported by the local residents and businesses in Station Road and Argyle Road.

The Decision record was formally signed off on 16<sup>th</sup> November and these elements that require legal changes will now proceed to Statutory Consultation stage. This is the formal consultation necessary to make change to the legal orders for the parking measures (P&D parking bays, loading and waiting restriction). This gives the opportunity for members of the public to make comments or a formal objection to the draft traffic order.

## Therefore it is proposed to:

- Remove the existing central island at the junction Argyle Road with Imperial Drive and install 2 Pay and Display parking bays.
- Install 2 Pay and Display parking bays in Station Road southeast side, outside the Police station
- Remove existing Loading only parking bays outside no 85 and 68 Station Road (operational hours 7am-11am Monday to Sunday) and replace with single yellow line. Loading operational hours for single yellow line stay as previous. Install Parking Pay and Display parking bays (with operational hours of 11am – 6.30pm Monday to Saturday.
- Resurface the footway and carriageway where necessary in all affected areas.

A map showing the location of the proposals being taken forward is overleaf.

We are currently programming some of the works to be implemented before the Christmas period and you might have already noticed some of the preparation works in your street.

We have initiated the legal process to temporarily close Argyle Road to carry out the carriageway works. In conjunction with colleagues in planning we are discussing with the GLA the use of the remaining monies now that the parking proposals in Northumberland Road and Cambridge Road are not progressing. One option, yet to be agreed, is to carry out some local re-paving works in Northumberland Road, which would require a temporary one - way system for construction safety. For economic reasons it was sensible to include Northumberland Road in the temporary traffic order.

The traffic order notice specifically states footway works in Northumberland Road whilst Argyle Road is for carriageway works. The notices have been erected on site and will appear in a local newspaper on 17th November.

We would state that there is no certainty that any paving works will take place in Northumberland Road but once the GLA approves the use of the remaining funds we will let you know.

We thank you for the time you have taken to respond to the consultation. If you have any queries please contact the project engineer on the number below.

Yours faitfuly,

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