

**SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny Panel

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**WARD(S):** All

**PART I**

**FOR COMMENT AND CONSIDERATION**

**HIGHWAYS AND PARKING IN SLOUGH**

1. **Purpose of Report**

To provide the Panel with the information requested in relation to the following:

- painting of yellow lines
- car parking permits
- lack of disabled car parking spaces
- delayed works/ the length of time it takes to process issues

2. **Recommendation(s)/Proposed Action**

- The Panel is requested to note this report and comment on any issues raised.

3. **The Slough Joint Wellbeing Strategy, the JSNA and the Five Year Plan**

3b. **Five Year Plan Outcomes**

- Slough will be an attractive place where people choose to live, work and stay
- Slough will attract, retain and grow businesses and investment to provide opportunities for our residents

4. **Other Implications**

(a) **Financial**

There are no financial implications of proposed action; however there are only limited budgets to deliver schemes.

(b) **Risk Management**

**The Table below must be completed fully for each recommendation from Section 2**

Recommendation from section 2	Risks/Threats/ Opportunities	Current Controls	Using the Risk Management Matrix Score	Future Controls
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above			the risk	
The Committee is requested to note the information contained in the report.	None, unless any further recommendations arise from the panel discussion and the risk will then be assessed.			

(c) Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

Relevant legal implications are referred to in supporting information.

(d) Equalities Impact Assessment

None arising from this report.

5. **Supporting Information**

5.1 The following items have been raised for comments:

**5.1.1 Painting of yellow lines**

All lining work is carried out by a contractor of the Councils DSO division and any changes to restrictions must have gone through the statutory consultation process. The implementation of these restrictions are dependent on weather and the highway being free of parked vehicles, further delays can occur due to the contractors workload. However the parking team regularly meet with the DSO to discuss any upcoming schemes so that these can be programmed in with their contractor.

**5.1.2 Car parking permits**

The council operates a virtual residents parking permit system, residents can now apply on line with no physical permit being required to be displayed in the vehicle. This system has now in place for 1 year with minimal issues.

**5.1.3 Lack of disabled car parking spaces**

The Council has a disabled bay policy in place which allows residents to apply for a disabled bay outside their property free of charge. All pay & display bays and residents permit bays allow blue badge holders free parking on street. Furthermore, we are now looking to introduce additional disabled bays in shopping parades. All Council owned car parks' (excluding Herschel MSCP) have been awarded the disabled parking accreditation which includes the recommended number of spaces that must be allocated for disabled parking. As part of the Disability Task and Finish group one recommendation was to consider additional disabled bays in high demand areas that serve local amenities and areas such as doctors surgeries.

**5.1.4 Delayed works/ the length of time it takes to process issues**

Due to the volume of requests the parking team receive, we work from a Forward Plan which is date driven. There is only one parking engineer in post delivering all schemes and dealing with all correspondence relating to parking development queries. As part of the recent Star Chamber bid an additional engineer post has

been agreed from April to assist in this progress. The process in delivering any parking scheme is lengthy (6-9 months, see **appendix 1**) due to the statutory process involved and the number of objections that may be received. If the number of objections is significantly high it may result in suspending the scheme or re-consulting with further changes, this could further delay the process.

6. **Comments of Other Committees**

6.1 The matter has not been considered by any other Committees.

7. **Conclusion**

7.1 This report demonstrates there is currently a backlog of schemes to be delivered due to limited resources in place, however going forward the additional engineer that we are looking to recruit will result in us being able to deliver more parking schemes per year. The Leader of the Council has also requested us to look into Borough wide parking solutions and the delivery of this and a report will be provided to him with more information on this in the next month.

8. **Background Papers**

Appendix 1 – Statutory Process