

AREA COMMITTEE: DALLOW, FARLEY AND SOUTH

DATE: 27TH MAY 2004

SUBJECT: ASHTON ROAD AND BAKER STREET
PARKING ISSUES

REPORT BY: HEAD OF ENGINEERING &
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IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL	COMMUNITY SAFETY
EQUALITIES	ENVIRONMENT
FINANCIAL	CONSULTATIONS
STAFFING	OTHER

WARDS AFFECTED: SOUTH

PURPOSE

1. To report back to the Committee on action taken since the last meeting in respect of the problems for buses turning at the junction of Ashton Road and Baker Street.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. **Committee is recommended to consider the two options proposed in this report and resolve which they wish to pursue.**

BACKGROUND

3. Dallow, Farley And South Area Committee resolved at its meeting on 5th January 2004 *“that the Engineering Services Manager be requested to*

Speak to the bus company regarding the size of the buses using the No 3 bus route”.

REPORT

4. The bus company have been contacted and they state that they have managed to lessen the impact of parked cars on service reliability by using a shorter wheelbase vehicle. Ideally, however, they would prefer to use a longer vehicle because it gives a lower boarding step height for the elderly and more capacity for the peak periods.
5. Site inspections by Engineering Division staff and an independent Consultant have not revealed a major parking problem at the junction and the bus company have been asked to indicate the times of day when the problems occur. To date they have not replied.

PROPOSALS / OPTIONS

6. Two options are suggested to the Area Committee:-

Do nothing at the junction. This will cause problems to the bus company and means the continued use of a vehicle that is less user friendly and has less capacity.

Introduce No Waiting at any time (double yellow line) restrictions at the junction to keep it free of parked vehicles thereby assisting buses to turn freely at the junction. Some on-street parking would be lost but it should be noted that this loss of parking would generally be in the junction area where the Highway Code recommends that vehicles should not park. A plan showing the junction and possible location of No Waiting at any time restrictions is shown at Appendix

APPENDIX

7. Drawing No 71204 showing location of junction and possible location of No Waiting at any time restriction.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, SECTION 100D**

8. There are no background papers relating to this report.