

Suggestions for topics to be scrutinised – evaluation table

A Member/Officer suggesting a topic for scrutiny must complete this table as fully as possible. Completed tables will be presented to Overview & Scrutiny for consideration.

Proposer: Councillor/Officer MALCOLM MEERABUX	
<p>Topic recommended for scrutiny:</p> <p><i>Please include as much detail as is available about the specific issues and areas which should be included/excluded from the review. Should the focus be on past performance, future policy or both?</i></p>	<p><u>Parking</u> in narrow terraced residential streets by large commercial vehicles e.g. in Callowland and Central Wards</p> <p>This growing trend needs to be examined.</p>
<p>Why have you recommended this topic for scrutiny?</p>	<p>(1) Loss of light of a large, branded, 'colourful', vehicle leads to a significant loss of light to homes.</p> <p>(2) Reduction in parking in spaces due to size and is also used as '2nd vehicle'.</p>

<p>What are the specific outcomes you wish to see from the review?</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Give details</i></p> <p>(1) Improvement in the quality of life of residents i.e. reduction in noise, pollution, wider roads as these vehicles are removed, more residential parking spaces.</p> <p>(2) homes not blighted by loss of light due to these high sided vehicles.</p>
<p>Does the proposed item meet the following criteria?</p>	
<p>It must affect a group or community of people</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Give details</i></p> <p>Residents in Callowland, Central Wards where the streets are narrow and congested.</p>
<p>It must relate to a service, event or issue in which the council has a significant stake</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Give details</i></p> <p>Parking</p>
<p>It must not have been a topic of scrutiny within the last 12 months</p> <p><i>There will be exceptions to this arising from notified changing circumstances. Scrutiny will also maintain an interest in the progress of recommendations and issues arising from past reports.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please confirm</i></p>

<p>It must not be an issue, such as planning or licensing, which is dealt with by another council committee</p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please confirm</i></p> <p>Parking – not applicable</p>
<p>Does the topic meet the council's priorities?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improve the health of the town and enhance its heritage 2. Enhance the town's 'clean & green' environment 3. Enhance the town's sustainability 4. Enhance the town's economic prosperity and potential 5. Supporting individuals and the community 6. Securing an efficient, effective, value for money council 7. Influence and partnership delivery <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Please confirm which ones</i></p> <p><u>Parking</u> (1) (2) (5)</p>
<p>Are you aware of any limitations of time or other constraints which need to be taken into account?</p> <p><i>Factors to consider are forthcoming milestones, demands on the relevant service area and member availability</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>Include details</i></p> <p>No</p>

Does the topic involve a Council partner or other outside body?	No <i>Include details</i>
Please complete the 'sign off' section at the end of this document	

The following section to be completed by Democratic Services

Consultation with relevant Heads of Service

(this section to be completed by Democratic Services)

It is important to ensure that the relevant service can support a review by providing the necessary documents and attending meetings as necessary. The Head of Service's comments should be obtained before the request to hold a review is put to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

Has the relevant Head of Service been consulted?

Email to Head of Planning – 7/6/11

Is this a topic which the service department(s) is able to support.

I don't think this is a suitable topic for the O&S to review, basically because there is little we can do about it. I think the following written briefing should suffice.

When was the last time this service was the subject of a scrutiny review?

Watford is subject to a ban that applies to overnight parking by vehicles in excess of 5 tonnes, HGV types.

There are no other restrictions, in areas outside Controlled Parking Zones, that prevent vehicles larger than the average car parking on street (except normal no waiting restrictions - single and double yellow lines).

As a result, there are no laws or regulations that can be used by anyone, including the police, to simply restrict vehicles parking on the public highway because they are slightly larger than usual and may restrict light to nearby properties etc.

If vehicles cause an obstruction either because of poor parking or because of their width the police could take action.

	<p>Inside the CPZ there are size limits on vehicles that are eligible for a permit. Vehicles must not exceed 5.25m long and/or 2.3m high. However, all vehicles can still display visitor vouchers, regardless of their size, and all vehicles can park outside of the controlled hours, except for the 5 tonne lorries referred to.</p> <p><i>7 June 2011</i></p>
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<p>Sign off M. A. Meerabux</p>			
<p>Councillor/Officer Malcolm Meerabux</p>	<p>Date 30th May 2011</p>	<p>Head of Service Jane Custance</p>	<p>Date 7 June 2011</p>