

TITLE: MORFORD CLOSE, EASTCOTE– PETITION REQUESTING A “RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME”

Cabinet Member	Cllr Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Planning and Transportation
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents of Morford Close, Eastcote requesting a “Residents Parking Scheme” be installed in their road.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	The estimated cost to extend the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme to Morford Close is £1500.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Cavendish

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Morford Close.
2. Subject to No.1 above asks officers to add the request to the Council’s overall parking programme so detailed design and statutory consultation can be carried out on a residents parking scheme at the earliest opportunity.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The petition was signed by a majority of the households in Morford Close requesting the introduction of residents parking.

Alternative options considered

None at this stage, as the petitioners have requested a Residents Parking Scheme. However, further options could arise from the discussion with petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 9 signatures has been received from residents of Morford Close, Eastcote, asking for a residents parking scheme. This represents 90% of the households in Morford Close and the remaining property we understand is vacant. The Council's usual procedure is to only hear petitions with 20 signatures or more. However, a request has been received from a local Ward Councillor for this petition to be heard by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation.
2. Morford Close as the name implies is a small cul-de-sac with a junction to Morford Way. Its location is indicated on Appendix A, and is a short distance from Eastcote Underground Station, which makes it an attractive place to park for people using the station. Although the majority of roads surrounding Eastcote Underground Station are now part of a Parking Management Scheme, previous consultations have indicated there was no overall support from residents of Morford Close to be included in the scheme. However, it would appear this is now overwhelming support for a residents parking scheme.
3. Following discussions with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member could decide that a scheme for Morford Close can be added to the programme so that consultation can be carried out as soon as resources permit.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to include Morford Close in the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme is £1500, which can be funded from a previous allocation from the Parking Revenue Accounts surplus.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To introduce parking controls as requested by the residents.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

The Council is required to carry out statutory consultation before a Residents Parking Scheme can be introduced.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

The proposals for the introduction of a Residents Parking Scheme in Morford Close, Eastcote can be achieved by exercising powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980. On the basis of the information contained in this report, it does not appear that there are special legal implications for this particular matter. The client will be required to be mindful of the statutory procedures imposed upon the traffic authority for the making of Traffic Management Orders which spring from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Officers are familiar with these procedures. In cases of doubt, Legal Services will be instructed. The decision maker must balance the relevant considerations to best give effect to the discharge of the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic and other traffic.

In considering any consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account in finalising the officer's recommendation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated 3rd February 2010