

HILLIARD ROAD, NORTHWOOD – PETITION REQUESTING A ‘RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME’ & 20MPH SPEED LIMIT

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HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents of Hilliard Road, Northwood requesting a “Residents Parking Scheme” and a 20mph speed limit.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking and road safety.
Financial Cost	There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Northwood Hills

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking and speeding in their road and the possible options to address the issues that would be acceptable to residents.
2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks Officers to place this request on the Council’s parking programme for subsequent investigation and consultation.
3. Asks officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To give the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss with the petitioners the problems in their road and if appropriate consult residents in the area.

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners

MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Alternative options considered

None at this stage, as the petitioners have requested a Residents Parking Scheme and a 20mph speed limit. 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 74 signatures has been received from residents of Hilliard Road requesting a Residents Parking Scheme and a 20mph speed limit. The petition was signed by 52% of the households in Hilliard Road under the following heading;

"We the following residents of Hilliard Road, London Borough of Hillingdon, call on the London Borough of Hillingdon to implement a Residents only Parking Management scheme for the benefit of residents, together with a 20mph speed limit. A prompt consultation exercise to confirm this request would be appreciated"

Further analysis of the petition revealed that the signatures were gained from residents in various parts of Hilliard Road, which would indicate that the parking problems and speeding issues affect the whole road.

2. Hilliard Road runs parallel to High Street, Northwood and has a junction at its southern end with Pinner Road, and at its northern end with Emmanuel Road. The road is in close proximity of two parade of shops located on High Street and Pinner Road. Hillside Infant & Junior School and Emmanuel Church are also a short walk away. It is possible that employees and people visiting the local facilities may find Hilliard Road a convenient place to park. Its location is indicated on the map attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. Residents were consulted on the possibility of becoming part of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme in 2005. The majority who responded to the consultation indicated they wanted no change to the current parking arrangements. However it is clear from the petition that the residents views may have changed so it is suggested that the request be included to the Council's parking programme
4. Previous investigations on the speed of vehicles were carried out in August 2006 and June 2010, following requests from residents. The results of the investigation showed that the majority of vehicles travelled at or near the speed limit. As a result no further action was taken to implement traffic calming measures in the road at that time. However, in light of the petition it is suggested the Cabinet Member discusses in detail with petitioners their ongoing concerns with speeding traffic and endeavour to determine with them acceptable options that officers could investigate in detail as part of the Road Safety Programme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with recommendations in this report. However, if the Cabinet Member approves the inclusion of these requests in the Council's parking and road safety programme, the appropriate funding and approvals would need to be obtained.

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and possible options to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

The Council is required to carry out statutory consultation before a scheme can be introduced, to allow members of the public an opportunity to object make representations.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated 1st April 2010

Appendix A

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