

YEADING GARDENS, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING A BARRIER

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living in Yeading Gardens, Hayes requesting a barrier.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Barnhill

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for the installation of barriers in detail on Yeading Gardens, Hayes and possible options which would be acceptable to residents.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks Officers to include the request and possible options in the Road Safety Programme.**
- 3. Asks Officers to liaise with the Barnhill Safer Neighbourhood Team as part of further investigations and to identify any appropriate enforcement actions.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

It is not clear from the petition exactly what the issues are in Yeading Gardens. The discussion with petitioners will help identify suitable options to address petitioners concerns.

Alternative options considered

These can be identified from the discussions with the petitioners.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 22 signatures has been received from residents living in Yeading Gardens, Hayes which represents 43% of households in this part of the road under the following heading:

'We the undersigned would like a barrier on Yeading Gardens.'

2. Yeading Gardens is a mainly residential road that links Yeading Lane and Shakespeare Avenue. The location is shown on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report. There is a width restriction half way along Yeading Gardens to deter large vehicles from using this road.

3. The petitioners have requested barriers on Yeading Gardens, Hayes but the precise details of the petitioners' request is not known. Barriers can be introduced on roads through traffic orders to prohibit the passage of all vehicles (allowing access for emergency vehicles only) irrespective of whether they are associated with local residents or non-residents, but unfortunately Highway legislation does not allow Local Authorities to introduce barriers to prohibit particular classes of road users.

4. It is thought that perhaps residents are requesting a barrier as a solution to decrease the volume of traffic on Yeading Gardens; however a barrier could push the problem on to surrounding residential roads which are not designed for high volumes of traffic whilst at the same time inconveniencing other residents in the area.

5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns, and subject to the outcome, asks officers to consider options to address residents concerns under the Council's Road Safety Programme. The Cabinet Member may in particular value the knowledge and views of the local Ward Councillors on the likelihood of wider community support in the surrounding roads for such a measure, bearing in mind the likelihood of traffic displacement to these other roads.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if suitable options are identified to address residents' concerns, funding will need to be identified.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns and explore possible options that could be introduced to address their issues.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation. 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.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

In considering any informal 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 are conscientiously taken into account.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received – 8th February 2011