

<b>TITLE: MYRTLESIDE CLOSE, NORTHWOOD – PETITION REQUESTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR NON-RESIDENTS</b>	
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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A
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## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been organised by the Management Company of flats in Myrtleside Close asking for parking restrictions that will prevent “All day” parking by non-residents. This request is considered within the council’s strategy for on-street parking schemes.
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<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the council’s strategy for on-street parking controls.
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<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
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<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services
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<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Northwood Ward
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## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Cabinet Member**

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners the parking issues of concern and the options available to the council for improvement.**
- 2. Asks Officers to carry out informal consultation with all households in Myrtleside Close to establish the support for a Parking Management Scheme.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

The petitioners represent a small number of the total households in Myrtleside Close and although they have requested a Parking Management Scheme, it would be necessary to establish if there was overall support within the road for the installation of a scheme.

## **Alternative options considered**

Limited time waiting restrictions would prevent "All day" parking but also apply to residents during the hours of operation.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 21 signatures has been organised by the Management Company of Nos. 1 to 59 Myrtleside Close. The petitioners "Request that parking restrictions are introduced to prevent all day parking by non-residents". In a covering letter with the petition, the Management Company point out parking problems are caused by commuters and others who park all day, as this is the only road in Northwood without parking restrictions.
2. The petitioners would like restrictions that would prevent all day parking by other than residents and point out that many are elderly and have frequent visitors and carers who find great difficult in finding suitable parking within the road.
3. Myrtleside Close is a long cul-de-sac with a junction on to Green Lane close to Rickmansworth Road. It is indicated on Appendix A and lies just outside the Northwood Parking Management Scheme. Currently, there are no parking controls within the Close.
4. It would appear the Close was developed in two stages. The first close to the Green Lane junction is a flat development from which the petition was submitted. South of this is a later stage which consists of high density housing development. Overall there would appear to be about 150 households within the Close of which 60 are in the flats.
5. Within Myrtleside Close, there are a number of parking lay-bys which are part of the public highway and therefore available to all motorists. There are garage compounds in the Close and these are assumed to be associated with the flats at the northern end.
6. It would seem residents living close to the Green Lane junction find difficulty with convenient parking provision and consequently, have petitioned the council for measures to prevent non-residents parking. The petition was not signed by households from the housing development and it is not clear if these residents consider there are parking problems caused by non-residents.
7. The council's powers to control on-street parking are either to prohibit it with the introduction of yellow lines or to allow it within a Residents Permit Parking Scheme. It would appear from the petition and accompanying letter the petitioners are requesting a Residents Permit Parking scheme and consequently, to be included within the Northwood Scheme. The Cabinet Member however, will be aware that when these controls are introduced, non-residential parking transfers and it may be prudent to consider the whole of Myrtleside Close rather than one section for the introduction of a Residents Permit Parking scheme. To establish the level of support this would receive from all residents, it is recommended to the Cabinet Member that the council carries out informal consultation and report back.

## **Financial Implications**

If the Cabinet Member decides the council should undertake informal consultation, it would be undertaken within existing staff resources and budgets.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To establish the level of support from all households in Myrtle Close for the introduction of parking restrictions.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Informal consultation is one of recommended actions.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

None at this stage

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for this informal 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 the 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 16<sup>th</sup> June 2009