

RUTTERS CLOSE, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING 'AT ANY TIME' WAITING RESTRICTIONS.

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 advise the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from the majority of households living in Rutters Close, West Drayton asking for 'At any time' waiting restrictions.
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	West Drayton

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for the installation of 'At any time' waiting restrictions.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners asks officers to include the request as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

It is clear that petitioners have given considerable thought to the introduction of parking controls that would help access and egress to Rutters Close. The suggestion put forward can be investigated in detail and reported back to the Cabinet Member on the feasibility.

Alternative options considered

None as residents have made a specific request for 'At any time' waiting restrictions.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 80 signatures has been received from households in Rutters Close under the following heading:

"The residents from Rutters Close have for some time now, been asking for double yellow lines at the start of the Close. It would seem like all our requests via our Councillor Anita MacDonald have gone unheard and now in a statement from your office it is stated that we should supply a petition asking for this. The petition was our original intention but our Councillor said that it was not necessary.

We enclose a petition and diagram of where we would like the double yellow lines if at all possible as this is a dangerous blind corner.

We also note your comments that it is the residents of Rutters Close that are parking where we are asking for the Double Yellow Lines. This is NOT the case but more overspill from Mulberry Crescent and Builders Vans and Cars from the new houses being built on the old Garage site. Once these houses are completed and have residents living in them this corner will be much more dangerous."

Of the signatures received, 79 were from residents of Rutters Close (which represents 72% of the households) and one signature from a resident in Central Avenue, Hayes.

2. Rutters Close is a cul-de-sac with 3 arms just off Mulberry Crescent, West Drayton. The location is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. In October 2010, a request for 'At any time' waiting restrictions was suggested by a local Ward Councillor who was concerned that the footway parking arrangements were being ignored. Following this request, a Civil Enforcement Officer attended Rutters Close and ticketed vehicles that were contravening the parking regulations, which included residents' vehicles. This appeared to result in some degree of local tension and the suggested 'At any time' waiting restrictions were subsequently deferred.

4. However, in light of this petition the request would appear justified and it is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking and asks officers to include the request as part of the Road Safety Programme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, should statutory consultation take place, implementation of the proposed waiting restrictions is estimated to cost

£950 which can be funded from an allocation from the Council's Road Safety Programme, subject to the normal release protocols.

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 with parking on the junction of Rutters Close and Mulberry Crescent, West Drayton.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

The Council's power to make orders imposing waiting restrictions are set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Following consultation with local residents and petitioners and, where necessary, further officer investigation, if it is deemed necessary to implement the restriction, the relevant consultation and order making statutory procedures must be followed in this case as set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 means that the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

Decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation, where relevant. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.