

KNOLL CRESCENT, NORTHWOOD – PETITION REQUESTING PERMISSION TO PARK ON THE FOOTWAY

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	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 of 21 signatures has been received from residents requesting footway parking to be permitted on the southern section of Knoll Crescent
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications to this report
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Northwood Ward

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Meets with the petitioners and considers their request for a footway parking scheme in Knoll Crescent
2. Subject to (1) asks officers to add this request to the Council's Footway Parking Programme for subsequent investigation and the development of possible options when resources permit

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These can be discussed in greater detail with petitioners

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *“We, the undersigned residents of Knoll Crescent 68 – 137, Northwood, wish to petition to give legal authority for the parking of motor vehicles with wheels on the pavement of Knoll Crescent. With the increased number of vehicles, this is essential for access by emergency vehicles and delivery lorries and vans”*
2. Knoll Crescent is a residential road in Northwood which is divided into two sections and is indicated in Appendix A. The southern end of Knoll Crescent is isolated from the rest of Knoll Crescent by the rear gardens of properties in The Drive. The petition is from residents solely from the southern section of Knoll Crescent and represents 95% of households.
3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council previously received a petition from residents living in the northern section of Knoll Crescent requesting permission to park with two wheels on the footway on one side of the road. In August 2011, following a feasibility study, the Council carried out an informal consultation with residents, seeking their views on a proposed footway parking scheme outside Nos. 35 – 83. Although analysis of the consultation results indicated balanced views for and against the proposed footway parking scheme, the majority of directly affected residents were opposed to the proposal. As a result, the Council has not progressed these proposals and is keeping this section of Knoll Crescent under review.
4. It is suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners to discuss in greater detail their concerns with parking issues in their section of Knoll Crescent. However, it would appear from initial investigations that this section of Knoll Crescent conforms to the Council’s criteria for footway parking which may provide sufficient flexibility for residents and retain access for emergency and delivery vehicles. It is therefore recommended that the request is added to the footway parking scheme programme for detailed site inspection.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. The investigation of feasible measures can be carried out with in-house resources. However, if measures are introduced in Knoll Crescent, a budget will need to be identified but the cost will not be known until the final details have been agreed.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will allow further consideration of the petitioners' concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Consultation with local residents would be carried out if suitable measures could be identified to address the petitioners' concerns.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the recommendations outlined above.

Should there be a decision, following further investigation as per recommendation 2, that a footway parking scheme is 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.

Corporate Property & Construction

The Head of Corporate Property & Construction is in support of the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition requesting a footway parking scheme on a section of Knoll Crescent, Northwood, received 15th June 2011.