

## LITTLE ROAD, HAYES – PETITION OBJECTING TO THE PROPOSED PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning, Transportation & Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendices A & B

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that residents of Little Road have organised a petition objecting to the proposed Parking Management Scheme within their road.
<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.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated to the recommendation of this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Townfield

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their concerns regarding the proposed parking scheme in their road.
2. Asks officers to include the petition request and the outcome of discussions with petitioners in the forthcoming report incorporating all representations received from statutory consultation on the proposed Parking Management Scheme in Austin Road, Little Road and Silverdale Road.

### INFORMATION

## **Reasons for recommendation**

Following statutory consultation on parking proposals, all comments received must be considered by the Council before a final decision is made. A report will subsequently be drafted detailing these comments which can include this petition together with the outcome of discussions with the Cabinet Member at the petition evening.

## **Alternative options considered / risk management**

These will be discussed with petitioners.

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

None at this stage.

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 28 signatures has been received from residents of Little Road objecting to the proposed extension to the Hayes "HY1" Parking Management Scheme in its present form.
2. The Cabinet Member will recall hearing a petition from residents of Little Road requesting a residents' parking scheme which would only be available to residents of Little Road. At the time it was pointed out that one road in isolation would not be considered for a Parking Management Scheme as it is likely the problem would transfer into neighbouring roads. Consequently, it was decided that neighbouring roads which may also suffer with all day non-residential parking, would be included in a subsequent consultation.
3. Following the previous petition from residents of Little Road and residents of Blyth Road/Clayton Road, the Council proposed an extension to "Zone HY1" of the Hayes Parking Management Scheme in Austin Road, Blyth Road, Clarendon Road, Clayton Road, Little Road and Silverdale Road, as indicated on plan attached as Appendix A. Statutory consultation was conducted over a three week period from 25<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2011 where residents were given the opportunity to inspect plans of the proposed scheme and asked for their comments. During this period the Council received a number of responses, including the petition being presently considered from residents of Little Road specifically objecting to the proposed scheme being extended to Austin Road and Silverdale Road as well as Little Road.
4. In order for the rest of the scheme in Blyth Road, Clarendon Road and Clayton Road not to be delayed, the responses to the consultation from these roads have been included in a separate report to the Cabinet Member which will be considered in due course. Therefore, it is recommended that the proposals for Austin Road, Little Road and Silverdale Road be deferred until residents of Little Road have had the opportunity to discuss in detail their concerns with the Cabinet Member.
5. In a covering letter to the petition the organiser raised a number of concerns residents have with the proposed scheme. The first concern suggests that residents of Austin Road and Silverdale Road will park their vehicles in Little Road due to the lack of on-street parking available in these other two roads. The petitioners suggest that at present residents of Little Road have great difficulty finding safe and convenient parking and that to include residents of Austin Road and Silverdale Road will, they feel, exacerbate the parking problem. They also raised concerns with the continuous bay layout proposed; their fear was that residents from

neighbouring roads would park across dropped kerbs obstructing access for Little Road residents to their off-street parking.

6. The letter also indicates that residents would prefer Little Road to have its own independent scheme with longer hours of operation. This suggestion was raised during the previous petition hearing for a residents' parking scheme in Little Road and the Cabinet Member will recall that he explained – with the support of a local Ward Councillor - that one road in isolation would not be considered for a residents' parking scheme and that consequently surrounding roads, which also experienced parking problems, would be included in the consultation.

7. The latest petition also highlights concerns with the proposed layout of the parking bays in Austin Road. The existing restrictions include “at any time” restrictions in the turning head and on the southeast side of Austin Road which runs adjacent to the rear of the even numbered properties in Little Road. The proposed scheme in Austin Road included relocating the existing “at any time” restrictions to the northwest side of Austin Road and introduce residents' parking places on the southeast side, as shown in the plan attached as Appendix B, to optimise the number of parking places in Austin Road. Petitioners believe that having the parking places which run adjacent to the rear of the even numbered properties in Little Road could encourage anti-social behaviour and provide an opportunity for intruders to access their properties. They also suggest the restrictions were installed to provide access to the rear of these properties if required by the Fire Brigade.

8. As it is not clear if petitioners are asking for the proposed scheme to be amended or for the proposals to be deferred altogether, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns to determine a possible course of action and incorporate this in the forthcoming report outlining all representation received from residents of Austin Road, Little Road and Silverdale Road during statutory consultation.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

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

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

To allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand the petitioner's concerns with the proposed parking scheme. The petition can be considered in relation to all other representations received from statutory consultation for a proposed parking scheme.

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

Statutory consultation was carried out for a three week period between 25<sup>th</sup> May – 15<sup>th</sup> June inviting residents and members of the public to object to the proposals or make comments or representations.

## **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.

### **Corporate Landlord**

The Corporate Landlord has no comments.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Little Road petition – June 2011

Hayes Parking Management Scheme – Informal consultation results