

HILL LANE – PETITION REQUESTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS	ITEM #
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Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact	Kevin Urquhart Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services
Papers with report	Appendix A
NOT FOR PUBLICATION This report contains confidential or exempt information	N / A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that residents of Hill Lane have requested waiting restrictions to be installed in the road.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in relation to the Council’s strategy for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	There are none associated to the recommendation of this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	West Ruislip

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their concerns regarding all day commuter parking in their road and the request for limited time waiting restrictions.
2. Subject to the outcome of 1. above decides if residents should be further consulted on proposals for limited time waiting restrictions on a section of Hill Lane.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

Residents have specifically asked for a one hour waiting restrictions to be installed along a section of Hill Lane.

Alternative options considered

These will be discussed with petitioners

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 44 signatures has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

“For a number of years the incidence of commuter parking by those using West Ruislip Station has increased to the point where it is becoming impossible for those living in Hill Lane to go about their normal lives.

Commuter cars are regularly parked across the residents driveways preventing normal access and in such a way as to prevent proper access to the road by Social and Emergency Services.

The Residents do therefore petition the Hillingdon Borough Council that waiting restrictions are put in place for one hour per day from Monday to Friday in order to deter the casual parking of commuter cars; it is proposed that these restrictions be imposed on the area of Hill Lane on both sides of the road stretching from number 22 Hill Lane down to the children’s playground.”

2. The Cabinet Member should be aware that a separate petition has been received from residents in Hill Rise, which is the subject of a separate report for his consideration.

3. The Cabinet Member will remember hearing a petition in February 2010 from residents of Hill Lane & Hill Rise asking for the introduction of waiting restrictions. After listening to their concerns the Cabinet Member asked officers to include this area on the Council’s Parking Programme for subsequent consultation at the earliest opportunity.

4. In liaison with local Ward Councillors a viable consultation area was agreed which included Field Close, Field Way, Hill Lane and Hill Rise. In April 2011 informal consultation was carried out with residents of the above roads to see if they would support the introduction of waiting restrictions. Overall the Council received a 70 % response rate to the consultation which indicated that the majority of residents in all roads consulted did not support waiting restrictions. Therefore no further action was taken to progress these proposals as residents did not appear to support parking restrictions.

5. However it is apparent from the recent petition, which represents 85% of properties on or adjacent to the section of Hill Lane between Orchard Close and the children’s playground that residents have genuine concerns over all day non-residential parking. It is therefore possible to recommend that residents are informally re-consulted on proposals as the previously received responses indicated that residents would not support waiting restrictions on Hill Rise.

6. As the separate petition from residents in Hill Rise covers an adjacent road, the Cabinet Member may wish to hear both petitions at the same petition evening.

Financial Implications

If the residents of Hill Lane indicate support for waiting restrictions along part of road the estimated cost to carry out subsequent statutory consultation will be approximately £1,000. If the restrictions

were subsequently implemented it is estimated to cost approximately £1,000 which subject to Cabinet Member approval can be funded from an allocation made from the Council's Road Safety Programme for the introduction of measures to reduce accident risk.

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.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

It is recommended that resident be informally consulted on proposal for waiting restrictions along part of Hill Lane.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Landlord

None at this stage.

Legal

Should the Cabinet Member decide that an informal consultation will be carried out as recommended in the officers report the applicable legal principles are no different from those which apply to statutory consultation; that is to say fairness and natural justice require that there must be no predetermination of the outcome, there must be a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation and the decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

If following the informal consultation, the Cabinet Member decides that formal parking and traffic controls are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be followed.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received by Democratic Services – 21st July 2011