

## CANDOVER CLOSE, HARMONDSWORTH – PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

**Cabinet Member**

Councillor Keith Burrows

**Cabinet Portfolio**

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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Appendix A

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living in Candover Close, Harmondsworth asking the Council to introduce 'resident only parking' in their road. This request can be considered in relation to the Council's programme for the introduction of managed parking schemes.

**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 with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy Overview Committee**

Residents and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

Heathrow Villages

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member;

1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Candover Close, Harmondsworth.
2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to include the request in a subsequent review of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme.

### INFORMATION

**Reasons for recommendation**

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate to include Candover Close in a subsequent review of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme.

**Alternative options considered / Risk Management**

None at this stage

## **Policy Overview Committee comments**

None at this stage

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 35 signatures has been received from residents of Candover Close, Harmondsworth, which represents 54% of household in the road under the following heading:  
  
*'We the undersigned wish to apply for residents parking in Candover Close, Harmondsworth. Parking within the Close has become almost impossible at times, it is a potential hazard to emergency vehicles and residents alike.'*
2. Candover Close is a residential cul-de-sac situated east of Hatch Lane, Harmondsworth with 39 properties. Attached as Appendix A is a plan indicating the location of Candover Close.
3. In December 2006 residents of Candover Close were consulted on options to control parking in their road as part of a previous review of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme. Responses received during this consultation indicated little support to change parking arrangements in their road. However, the Cabinet Member will be aware, it has often become apparent where parking schemes have been introduced that adjoining roads that do not perhaps suffer unduly from non-residential parking decide not to be included. The Heathrow Parking Management Scheme has been extended over the years and following inclusion of nearby roads, residents may now be experiencing parking transfer and therefore have approached the Council to part of a scheme.
4. Candover Close currently has a footway parking exemption which was requested in a petition from residents in January 1997, as a result parking enforcement has been suspending pending installation of a formal scheme. There have recently been proposals for 'at any time' restrictions on the junction, however objections have been received to these proposals which will be reported to the Cabinet Member in a separate report for his consideration.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns and subject to the outcome asks Officers to add the request to the subsequent review of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report. However if subsequently the Council were to consider the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Candover Close as requested, an allocation would be required from a surplus of the Parking Revenue Account to fund the consultation and subsequent implementation.

## **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 in Candover Close, Harmondsworth.

## **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.

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. Accordingly, the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

Should the outcome of the informal discussions with petitioners require that Officers include the Petitioners request in a subsequent review of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme there will need to be consideration of Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, which govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings. If specific advice is required in relation to the exercise of individual powers Legal Services should be instructed.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

Corporate Property and Construction is in support of the recommendations in this report

### **Relevant Service Groups**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Petition received – January 1997