

MASSON AVENUE – PETITION REQUESTING TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SOUTH RUISLIP PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Cabinet Member

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Cabinet Portfolio

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Papers with report

Appendices A and B

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Masson Avenue asking to join other roads in the most recent extension to the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone SR.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

The residents' request will be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.

Financial Cost

There are none associated with the recommendation to this report.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents and Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

South Ruislip

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Masson Avenue, Ruislip.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to include the request in a subsequent review of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and inform them that the Council intends to include Masson Avenue in the next review of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.

Alternative options considered / Risk Management

None, because the petitioners have made a request to be included within the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone SR.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 41 signatures signed by some of the residents of Masson Avenue has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

“The following residents of Masson Avenue request to be included in the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone with access to residents driveways at the same time as Mahlon Avenue.”

2. This petition has been signed by 33 of the 50 households located on Masson Avenue. Attached as Appendix A is a plan indicating the location of Masson Avenue.
3. In September 2010 a review of the existing South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme took place. At the same time residents living in roads on the periphery of the scheme in an area agreed in liaison with local Ward Councillors, were consulted to determine if they would like to consider parking restrictions in their road. Masson Avenue was included in this consultation and of the 50 questionnaires delivered, 25 were returned representing a response rate of 50%. From the responses received 14 indicated they wanted no change to the current parking arrangements and 10 indicated support for a residents parking scheme. It was therefore decided that in line with usual Council practice, Masson Avenue should not be included in the next stage of statutory consultation on a detailed design.
4. Statutory consultation was carried out between 11th May to 1st June 2011 on a detailed design for an extension to the scheme in the roads that demonstrated support during the informal consultation period. This area is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix B to this report. Included in this design was Mahlon Avenue which shares a junction with Masson Avenue. During this consultation period some residents of Masson Avenue who live in the section between Mahlon Avenue and West End Road asked to be included in the scheme. These comments were subsequently reported to the Cabinet Member in

September 2011. Following consideration of these comments the Cabinet Member decided that the residents of Masson Avenue should be included in the next review of the South Ruislip Scheme which will be scheduled to take place 6-12 months after the extension to the scheme becomes operational.

5. However, in the meantime residents have also petitioned asking for their road to become part of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme at the same time as nearby Mahlon Avenue, which became operational on 6th February 2012. Unfortunately it will not have been possible to consider the inclusion of Masson Avenue within this extension to the scheme at this late stage, as this would have required further detailed design and statutory consultation and would have seriously delayed implementation of the approved scheme.
6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, includes Masson Avenue within the next review of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme which is scheduled to take place within 6 - 12 months of the most recent extension coming into operation or sooner if resources allow.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendation to this report.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request and available options the Council has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Informal consultation has been carried out in Masson Avenue when residents were asked if they wanted to be part of an extension to the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme. Due to a negative response Masson Avenue was not included in a subsequent statutory consultation on a detailed design for a possible extension to the scheme. When the extension to the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme comes into operation there will be further consultation, as part of a review.

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 particular the Council's power to make orders creating residents permit parking arrangements are set out in Part IV, Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

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 Property and Construction

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

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 15th November 2011

Decisions sheet published by Democratic Services on 14th October 2011

South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme – Results of statutory consultation a proposed extension to the scheme – Report 22nd September 2011

Decisions sheet published by Democratic Services on 11th February 2011

South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme – Possible extension – Report 31st January 2011