

**CORDINGLEY ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION
REQUESTING FOOTWAY PARKING TO BE PERMITTED****ITEM 3**

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for 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 has been received from residents of Cordingley Road asking for the permit holder parking places to be relocated partially on the footway
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	West Ruislip

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Cordingley Road.**
- 2. Explains to petitioners that the road does not meet the Council's criteria for footway parking schemes as the footways are too narrow.**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks officers explore options to provide clearer access for HGVs and develop further proposals in liaison with local Ward Councillors and the emergency services.**

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INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate asks officers to seek the views of the emergency services and local Ward Councillors for the possible removal of some of the parking bays in Cordingley Road to ensure that there is clear access through the road.

Alternative options considered / Risk Management

None, as the road does not meet the Council's criteria for footway parking schemes.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 20 signatures signed by some of the residents of Cordingley Road has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

"These neighbours would like to see white lines slightly on our pavement to avoid damage to their vehicles."

2. Cordingley Road forms part of the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme which was introduced in September 2010. This scheme was developed through consultations with residents and before the scheme was implemented all comments received at each stage of consultation were reported to the Cabinet Member for consideration. In September 2011 the Council conducted an operational review of the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme and the majority of residents of Cordingley Road who responded felt that the scheme was working well. Attached as Appendix A is a plan indicating the extent of the parking scheme in Cordingley Road.

3. This petition has been signed by 18 households of Cordingley Road which represents 46% of the total number of households in the road.

4. Cordingley Road has an approximate carriageway width of 6.8 metres with 1.8 metres wide parking bays on both sides of the road leaving 3.2 metres of free space for vehicles to pass in-between. The widths of the footpaths on Cordingley Road vary between 1.4 and 1.7 metres with the widest section in the northwestern most section of the road. For the Council to consider footway parking at least 1.5 metres of unobstructed footpath must remain for pedestrians to pass. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council has a duty to maintain access as far as practicable for people in wheelchairs, parents or guardians with pushchairs and these govern reasonable minimum spaces for pedestrian access. Regrettably, therefore it is not possible to consider footway parking in Cordingley Road as the road does not meet the Council's criteria for footway parking.

5. As residents have raised concerns about the width available for vehicles to pass it would be possible to remove some of the parking bays along the road to provide clearer access.

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However, it is unlikely that these proposals will be supported as residents who have very little access to any off-street parking facilities. The current scheme although providing the very minimal road width for vehicles to pass, maximises the space available for parking.

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 have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Residents were formally consulted in February and July 2010 with plans indicating the proposed layout of the Parking Management Scheme in their road. All comments received to these consultations were reported to the Cabinet Member for consideration.

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 and factual 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.

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 possible options under the Council's Road Safety Programme and a consultation be carried out when resources permit there will need to be consideration of 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

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None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 17th October 2011

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