

BOUNDARY ROAD, EASTCOTE – PETITION REQUESTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living near Cannon Lane First School, Pinner asking the Council to introduce controlled parking outside the school.
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	Eastcote and East Ruislip

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking on Boundary Road, Eastcote.**
- 2. Subject to 1 above, asks officers to add the request to either the Council's overall parking programme or the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation.**

Reasons for recommendation

To give the Cabinet Member the opportunity to discuss the petitioners concerns.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 30 signatures has been received from residents living on or around Boundary Road, Eastcote under the following heading:

'I/We would like a controlled parking zone outside the school entrance on Boundary Road'.

2. Boundary Road is a residential road with junctions with Boldmere Road and North View. The location is indicated on Appendix A and lies on the periphery of the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme Zone E and the Borough boundary.

3. Cannon Lane First School is located in the London Borough of Harrow. However, there is an entrance on Boundary Road which falls within the London Borough of Hillingdon.

4. There are two accompanying letters with the petition, one from the lead petitioner and another from the Head Teacher of Cannon Lane First School, which indicate that there has been previous dialogue between the school, parents and residents regarding the parking problems that arise during school opening and closing times.

5. Therefore, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking and subject to the outcome asks officers to add the request either to the Council's Parking Programme or the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To give the Cabinet Member the opportunity to discuss the petitioners concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications as stated.

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 add the request to either the Council's overall parking programme or the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation, 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

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.