

HAZELWOOD DRIVE, NORTHWOOD HILLS - PETITION REQUESTING 'AT ANY TIME' WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Gordon Hill – Resident Services
Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To advise the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living near Hazelwood Drive requesting the extension of the 'at any time' waiting restrictions in Hazelwood Drive at the junction with Pinner Road
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Northwood Hills

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for the extension of the 'at any time' waiting restrictions.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to add it to the Council's Road Safety Programme.**

Reasons for recommendation

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand the concerns and whether it is considered appropriate to add the request to the Council's Road Safety Programme.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 42 signatures has been received from residents of Hazelwood Drive, Maycroft and Woodford Crescent, under the following heading:

“We, the undersigned, local residents request that Hillingdon Council improves the safety of the junction of Hazelwood Drive and Pinner Road by re-instating and extending the double yellow lines in Hazelwood Drive on both sides of the road. This junction is the only access/exit for traffic for approx 200 dwellings on the estate.”

2. Hazelwood Drive is the only access road to an estate of about 200 mainly residential properties, located between Pinner Road and the Metropolitan underground railway line. The location is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. Hazelwood Drive exits onto the Pinner Road (A404) which is part of the borough’s Strategic Road Network and is the main route between Pinner and Northwood town centres. Despite this being a high volume road with a high volume of traffic there are no police reported personal injury accidents in the three year period ending June 2012 at this junction.
4. There are existing ‘at any time’ restrictions 10m into Hazelwood Drive from the junction with Pinner Road and double yellow lines for 10m each side of the junction on the Pinner Road. Council Officers have visited the location and observed vehicles parking just beyond the extent of the existing restrictions. These vehicles could cause congestion at this junction especially at busy times.
5. The request would appear justified and it is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking and subject to the outcome of these discussions, adds the petitioners’ request to the Council’s Road Safety Programme.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required suitable funding will need to be identified within the road safety programme.

4. 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.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

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.

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 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

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received April 2012