

CHESIL WAY, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTIAL PARKING

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Catherine Freeman Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition with 25 signatures has been received from residents requesting residential parking in Chesil Way, Hayes.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications to this report
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Charville

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for residential parking in Chesil Way.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners and if appropriate, asks officers to add the request to the Council's overall parking programme so subsequent investigations can be carried out when resources permit.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear petitioners' concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These can be discussed in greater detail with petitioners

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 25 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting residential parking in Chesil Way, Hayes. In a covering letter the lead petitioner stated the following:-

"I am submitting this petition on behalf of the residents in Chesil Way UB4 who are subjected to vehicles parking in Chesil Way blocking the access way for the older residents and emergency vehicles from gaining access to the properties.

Therefore we are requesting a hearing with the Cabinet Member for a traffic management system to be introduced in Chesil Way".

2. Chesil Way lies parallel to Kingshill Avenue in Hayes and is a 'no through' road consisting of 30 residential properties. The location of Chesil Way is shown in the plan attached as Appendix A to this report. There is currently unrestricted parking on both sides of Chesil Way except for 'At any time' waiting restrictions at its junction with Lansbury Drive and a disabled person's parking bay on the carriageway fronting No. 10 Chesil Way.

3. The petition does not make it clear what type of parking restrictions the residents would prefer to see implemented in Chesil Way but it would appear there is strong support for some type of managed parking. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their concerns in more detail and subject to the outcome asks officers to add the request to the Council's overall parking programme so subsequent investigations can be undertaken.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report. Any measures that are subsequently approved by the Council would require funding from a suitable funding source.

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 with parking in Chesil Way, Hayes.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and confirms that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations set out above.

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

There are no property or construction implications at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition from residents of Chesil Way, Hayes, dated 13 June 2012.