

PETITION REQUESTING RESTRICTED PARKING IN LODORE GREEN, ICKENHAM

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting parking restrictions to be introduced in Lodore Green, Ickenham.
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 no financial implications associated with the recommendation to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Ickenham

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for parking restrictions in Lodore Green, Ickenham and;**
2. **Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if a scheme for Lodore Green can be added to the Council's parking Programme for further investigation when resources permit.**

Reasons for recommendation

Although parking schemes are not generally considered for individual roads, due to the isolated location of Lodore Green, the Cabinet Member may decide that a scheme could be considered in advance of a scheme which took in a wider area.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These will be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“Further to our telephone conversation today, as discussed, I have spoken to all the residents of Lodore Green with the exception of the residents of No Nine Lodore Green whom are unavailable at present, although allegedly in agreement with this petition.

In accordance with the statutory requirement twenty-two residents have appended signatures to this petition, the majority decision appears in favour of a time slot.

ie. Twelve to Fourteen hundred hours

We are aware that until the parking scheme request has been assessed and, considered to be a viable proposals or otherwise, no decision on the Parking Restriction Options by Residents of Lodore Green is necessary.... ”

2. Lodore Green is a cul-de-sac just off the Swakeleys Road consisting of 12 residential properties. The location of Lodore Green is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council’s strategy for the introduction of parking restrictions for an entire street, is to address concerns with non-residential parking. The intention of such schemes is to prohibit all day parking not associated with those living in the road for the benefit of residents and their visitors. It is apparent from previous schemes in the Borough that not all households are in favour of parking restrictions unless they are confident these schemes accommodate residents’ parking needs.
4. In cases like this it is usually recommended that a parking stress survey be carried out in the road to establish parking trends and patterns. However, officers have already undertaken a series of visits at different times of day and week and on those visits very little parking was observed to take place even at the times of day that petitioners have suggested parking restrictions should operate.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their request in detail for a parking restrictions in Lodore Green and, subject to what residents tell him, considers the most appropriate further courses of action.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Lodore Green, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to decide if parking restrictions for Lodore Green can be considered in isolation from the surrounding area and added to the parking programme.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigate the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Lodore Green, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and notes 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 Parking Management Scheme 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 implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL