

PETITION REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE PROPOSALS FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE ICKENHAM PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN A SECTION OF BONIFACE ROAD, ICKENHAM OUTSIDE THE BUNTINGS

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| Cabinet Member(s) | Councillor Keith Burrows |
| Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling |
| Officer Contact(s) | Kevin Urquhart Residents Services |
| Papers with report | Appendices A and B |

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| Summary | To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting changes to the proposals for parking restrictions in a section of Boniface Road, 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 recommendations of this report. |
| Relevant Policy Overview Committee | Residents' and Environmental Services |
| Ward(s) affected | Ickenham |

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their request for parking restrictions in the section of Boniface Road outside The Buntings.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, approves for residents of The Buntings to be informally consulted on proposals for limited time waiting restrictions.**

Reasons for recommendation

Residents have made a request for changes to be made to the current proposals for 'at any time' waiting restrictions in part of Boniface Road outside The Buntings.

Alternative options considered / risk management

The Council could decide to proceed with the double yellow lines proposed for this part of Boniface Road.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 32 signatures from residents of the Borough has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

“We the tenants at The Buntings Sheltered Housing Scheme in Boniface Road, Ickenham would like a single yellow line with restricted parking for a few hours per day or permit parking to stop outsiders parking all day.

Having double yellow lines is not appropriate because there are carers in and out all day, plus some tenants have family who care for them.

The TeleCareLine Service is also located at The Buntings and double yellow lines would put covering emergency calls in jeopardy.”

2. The Buntings is located on the western arm of Boniface Road, Ickenham and is situated to the north of Swakeleys Road, close to Ickenham Village shopping parade. Attached as Appendix A is a location plan which also indicates the extent of the recently proposed extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme and additional roads which the Cabinet Member has approved for formal consultation. As these roads and other roads in the vicinity have no parking restrictions they form an attractive parking area, especially for those working in the nearby shops. These roads are a short distance from Ickenham Underground Station so they may also suffer from commuter parking.
3. In August 2012 statutory consultation was carried out with the residents of The Buntings and other roads in the area for a possible extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme. The extent of the proposals for the section of Boniface Road outside The Buntings is indicated on Appendix B. Due to the road layout outside The Buntings, the Council was unable to propose any permit holder parking bays within this part of Boniface Road. It was also noted that during a previous consultation some of the residents of The Buntings had raised concerns with vehicles obstructing their private off-street parking areas. Therefore ‘at any time’ waiting restrictions were proposed in this entire section of Boniface Road to ensure clear access remains at all times.
4. As residents do not appear to be in support of the current proposals it is possible to recommend that alternative restrictions be considered in this section of Boniface Road. As it is not possible to recommend any permit holder parking bays due to the road layout the only other practical alternative is a limited time waiting restriction.
5. Petitioners have identified waiting restrictions as a viable option but they have not indicated their preferred times they would like the restriction to operate. Therefore it is possible to

recommend, if the Cabinet Member feels it is appropriate that an informal consultation be carried out with residents of The Buntings to establish the overall level of support for limited time waiting restrictions and to identify the times that residents feel are most appropriate.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implication relating to the recommendations of this report, however, if a waiting restriction is subsequently implemented in the section of Boniface Road outside The Buntings, funding could be vired from an unspent allocation from the Parking Revenue Account surplus for the Ickenham Village Stop and Shop-Scheme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

The recommendation will provide residents with the opportunity to consider the limited time waiting restrictions and determine the times that these should operate.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Both informal and statutory consultations have been previously carried out with the residents of The Buntings. Subject to Cabinet Member approval, further informal consultation will need to be carried out to establish if alternative proposals for parking restrictions outside The Buntings should be developed.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications included above. If approved, there is scope to fund measures set out in this report from existing Parking Revenue Account resources.

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