

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING IN CROSIER ROAD, 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 residents' parking to be introduced in Crosier Road, Ickenham.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	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. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets with the petitioners and considers their request for parking restrictions in Crosier Road, Ickenham.**
- 2. Decides if a scheme for Crosier Road can be added to the Council's parking scheme programme for further investigation when resources permit.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide the opportunity to hear directly the concerns of the petitioners.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These will be discussed in greater detail with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“Most roads adjacent to Ickenham station are “Residents Only Parking”. The situation in Crosier Road is now becoming intolerable. There is a car park at Ickenham Station, so why do we have to put up with this? Sometimes vehicles are parked so far onto the walkway that it is difficult to get by, especially with a pram.

The addresses submitted herewith are petition for “Residents Only Parking” during times specified Monday to Saturday for the following reasons:

To allow residents to park in their own road

Restriction of pavement, pedestrian movement due to vehicles parked half on pavement

Restriction to large vehicles using road i.e. refuse collection and emergency vehicles

Nuisance due to restricted view and egress when leaving driveways

Wear and tear on pathways due to vehicle parking.

A £40 per annum charge would apply for a second vehicle but visitors would be given a permit.....

It would be advisable to go for Monday to Saturday between 9am to 5pm. This is as for Willow Tree Close on the other side of the railway.

Saturday to avoid parking when events are at Wembley. But if you have any views please indicate.

I have spoken to Councillor Hensley about this who advised this course of action. ”

2. Crosier Road is a residential road between Glebe Avenue and Lawrence Drive, Ickenham. Due to the close proximity to Ickenham Underground Station and local amenities Crosier Road is an attractive area for non-residents to park. The location of Crosier Road and the extent of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

3. This petition has been signed by 36 households of Crosier Road which represents 74% of the total number of households in the road. Petitioners have indicated they would like to see a residents' parking scheme implemented in Crosier Road operational 9am to 5pm Monday to Saturday in line with the scheme nearby in Willow Tree Close.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme has gradually expanded from starting from the basis of an individual road Willow Tree Close, in March 2011. Over time, residents of surrounding roads have identified the benefits of the scheme and consequently other roads have slowly been added to the scheme after going through the usual consultation processes. As the Parking Management Scheme in Ickenham was only installed relatively recently and currently only consists of four roads near Ickenham Station, some residents of other roads in the area may not yet feel that a scheme is needed. Members have previously decided not to impose a comprehensive parking scheme over a wide area in the local vicinity. Instead they agreed to approach the problem in small 'bite-sized' areas, to allow schemes to be progressed in areas where there was an indication of general support, usually by residents petitioning the Council.

5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme and carry out an informal consultation with the residents of Crosier Road to establish the overall level of support for parking restrictions and the possible layout of the scheme. The outcome of this consultation will be reported back to Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member to assist the Council in making a decision on how best to proceed.

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 Crosier Road, 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 consider the petitioners request and available options the Council have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

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

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

None at this stage.

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 On-Street Parking Control 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 implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.