

PETITION REQUESTING WEST END ROAD, RUISLIP TO BE INCLUDED IN THE SOUTH RUISLIP PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| Summary | To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting part of West End Road, Ruislip to be included in the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme. |
| 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 | The estimated cost to carry out detailed design and statutory consultation on a proposed extension to the South Ruislip Parking Scheme is £1,000. |
| Relevant Policy Overview Committee | Residents' & Environmental Services. |
| Ward(s) affected | South Ruislip |

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in West End Road, Ruislip.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners, asks officers to formally consult the residents of West End Road, Ruislip on a detailed design for an extension to the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.**

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate to add their request to the parking scheme programme.

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 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“We the residents of West End Road strongly request to be included into the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme and to be issued with parking permits so that we can park within the controlled zones.”

2. The section of West End Road petitioners are referring to is between the A40 and Station Approach, South Ruislip. The location of West End Road and the extent of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A. Also indicated on Appendix A is the area recently approved by the Cabinet Member for statutory consultation on a proposed extension to the scheme.

3. This petition has been signed by 13 households of West End Road which represents approximately 13% of the total number of households in the road between Masson Avenue and Station Approach junctions. The petition has also been signed by an individual resident of nearby Wingfield Way. Petitioners have indicated they would like to be included in the parking scheme so they can park within the nearby controlled parking zone in Mahlon Avenue and Edwards Avenue.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that a review of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme was carried out in August 2012. As part of this review the Council informally consulted the residents of West End Road between the A40 and Station Approach. As only a quarter of the residents of the road responded to this consultation, it was not possible to recommend that the road be included in the next stage of statutory consultation on a detailed design for a scheme.

5. West End Road is categorised as a main distributor road linking Ruislip to the south of the Borough. Due to the amount of traffic using the road on street parking is not desirable and may potentially cause an obstruction to traffic flow. Along this section of the road there are two service roads that allow some on street parking to take place. However, many properties have little off-street parking facilities and consist of maisonettes and converted flats meaning parking is at a premium in these areas.

6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate because of the exceptional circumstances, asks officers to develop a possible detailed design for a scheme along West End Road. It is hoped that if a scheme is progressed to this next stage of consultation, more residents would take the opportunity to comment on the Council's proposals. The outcome of this consultation can then be reported back to Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member for further consideration.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to carry out detailed design and statutory consultation on a proposed extension to the South Ruislip Parking Scheme is £1,000. Subject to Cabinet Member approval a detailed design for West End Road could be developed at the same time as other roads that the Cabinet Member has already agreed to be progressed for detailed design and statutory consultation at no extra cost.

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

Informal consultation was carried out with the residents of West End Road in August 2012, subject to Cabinet Member approval statutory consultation will be carried out with residents on a detailed design for a Parking Management Scheme.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above, noting that the full cost of this scheme will be met from Transport for London grant funding.

Legal

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 statutory consultation.

The Council's power to make orders creating residents permit parking arrangements are set out in Part IV, Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

In considering the 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 set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil