

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING IN WINDMILL WAY AND GREEN WALK, RUISLIP

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	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 Windmill Way and Green Walk, Ruislip.
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 none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Manor

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for residents' only parking in Windmill Way and Green Walk, Ruislip.**
- 2. Decides if a scheme for Windmill Way and Green Walk, Ruislip can be added to the Council's Parking Programme for further investigation when resources permit.**

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate to add their request to the parking schemes 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 42 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

“We the undersigned support measures to restrict commuter parking. We proposed a Residents Parking Scheme whereby between the hours of 11am-12pm and 2pm-3pm only residents and their visitors may park in Windmill Way and Green Walk, Ruislip. We do not support all day resident parking, however, we feel this measure would be a fair compromise.”

2. Windmill Way and Green Walk are residential roads situated between Ruislip and Ruislip Manor town centres. Due to the close proximity to Ruislip and Ruislip Manor Underground Stations and local amenities these roads form an attractive area for non-residents to park. The location of Windmill Way and Green Walk is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

3. This petition has been signed by 18 households of Windmill Way and 16 households of Green Walk which represents 55% and 40% of the total number of households in each road respectively. The petition has also been signed by a resident who lives nearby in Manor Way. Petitioners have indicated they would like to see a residents' parking scheme implemented in Windmill Way and Green Walk operational 11am to 12pm and 2pm-3pm. Petitioners have suggested these times of operation instead of an all day parking scheme.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council has previously considered parking restrictions in Green Walk following a petition from residents in November 2008. On this occasion several parking stress surveys were carried out which revealed that the majority of parking in taking place appeared to be residents. Following consideration of the results of the parking stress survey the Cabinet Member subsequently decided not to progress a scheme in the road at the time but instead to keep the area under review.

5. This petition from residents is an indication that the parking situation may have worsened since the last parking survey was carried out in 2010. Due to the resources required for a parking stress survey to be carried out it is 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 Windmill Way and Green Walk 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 Windmill Way and Green Walk, 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 Windmill Way and Green Walk, 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 concurs with the financial implications set out above, noting that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

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

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil