

TITLE: THE GROVE, ICKENHAM - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS.

Cabinet Portfolio	Planning and Transportation
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To advise the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from local residents of The Grove, requesting the installation of waiting restrictions on both sides of the road, between House nos. 21 – 46.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on- street parking.
Financial Cost	The estimated cost of the recommended proposed waiting restrictions is £1350.
Ward(s) affected	Ickenham

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Acknowledges the petition and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in The Grove.
2. Subject to the above, gives approval to
 - i. Commence statutory order making procedures for the introduction of waiting restrictions in The Grove, Ickenham on both sides of the road to operate between the hours of 8:30am to 10:30am and 3:30pm to 4:30pm.
 - a. From a point 10 metres southwest of the southwestern kerbline of Swakeleys Drive and a point 10 metres northeast of the northeastern kerbline of The Chase and Grove Close.
 - b. From a point 10 metres southwest of the southwestern kerbline of The Chase and Grove Close to the southwestern extremity of The Grove.

- ii. **Commence statutory order making procedures for the introduction of 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions at the junction of The Grove, Grove Close and The Chase to extend 10 metres from respective kerb lines as shown on Appendix A.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The proposed waiting restrictions are requested by the residents of The Grove, which prohibit all day commuter parking. The proposed 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions will improve motorists and pedestrian visibility, improve safer access for emergency services and reduce congestion making it easier for vehicles to enter / exit The Grove.

Alternative options considered

These can be discussed with the petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A petition has been submitted to the Council with 24 signatures requesting the installation of waiting restrictions on The Grove. The petition states: -
“We the undersigned, residents of The Grove, Ickenham request for single yellow line restriction on both sides of the road, between nos. 21-46. For restrictions to be in line with neighbouring roads, we would accept restrictions to be Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 10.30am and 3.30pm – 4.30pm”.
2. In a covering letter the petition organiser also states that: -
“The area affected in The Grove is from the junction of Halford Road to the end nearest the A40. This comprises 24 houses from No 21 to No 46”.
3. The petitioners are concerned that all day parking in The Grove will prevent emergency vehicles gaining access and that the use of waiting restrictions is needed because commuters are parking in The Grove early in the morning till late at night due to parking fees at Hillingdon Station being too expensive. The situation according to the petitioners seems to be getting worse, with vehicles parking on the grass verges for weeks at a time.
4. The Grove is in the Ickenham ward. There are 46 properties on this street, which is residential with significant off street parking facilities. The Grove has a junction with Swakeleys Drive at its northeastern end, a junction with The Chase at its southwestern end and a junction approximately midway with Halford Road as shown in Appendix A. The petition has come from residents in the section southwest of Halford Road.
5. The Cabinet Member will remember hearing petitions in the past from residents of adjacent roads also complaining of problems with commuter parking because of the proximity to Hillingdon Underground Station. Following discussion with these petitioners, waiting restrictions have been introduced operational between Monday to Friday between 8:30am – 10:30am and 3:30pm – 4:30pm. As these restrictions were introduced to combat commuter parking, it transferred to other roads, which in turn led to petitions from these residents. These restrictions have subsequently now become common in this area of Ickenham and consequently formed the basis of the petition to this report.

6. In addition to the proposals for single yellow line waiting restrictions on The Grove, it is proposed to install double yellow lines on the junction of The Grove with The Chase and Grove Close for 10 metres from each kerbline. Section 243 of the latest version of The Highway Code 2007 (section 217 in older editions of the code) recommends that vehicles should not be parked 'opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction'. The Council attempts to balance the desire of residents to park on streets with the need not only for drivers to safely make turning movements at junctions but also for pedestrians to be able to cross there with safety. Ten metres is considered the minimum length of double yellow lines that could be installed to achieve the safety benefits.
7. In view of the residents support for the single yellow line it is recommended that the Cabinet Member gives approval to undertake the normal statutory consultations together with those for double yellow lines. If objections are received, they will be reported to the Cabinet Member before a final decision is made.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to install the recommended waiting restrictions is £1350, which can be funded by a budget allocation from the Parking Revenue Account surplus for the introduction of waiting restrictions.

INFORMATION

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will address the petitioners concerns and prohibit parking to increase road safety and reduce accident risks.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Cabinet Member approves the proposal to install waiting restrictions, statutory consultation will be undertaken in accordance with normal regulations.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Legal

The relevant consultation and order making statutory procedures will be followed by officers if the recommendation is agreed by the Cabinet Member. These are set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (the Act) and its related secondary legislation.

Corporate Property

Relevant Service Groups

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received, dated 18 March 2009

PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners 16 September 2009