

PRINCES WAY, SOUTH RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' ONLY PARKING SCHEME

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 asking for a residents' only parking scheme to be introduced in Princes Way, South Ruislip.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	South Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Princes Way, South Ruislip.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further investigation in an area agreed with local Ward Councillors.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition in two parts with a total of 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents who live in Princes Way, South Ruislip under the following heading:

“Petition from residents of Princes Way, South Ruislip requesting this road be a parking for residents only zone 9am to 5pm not including weekends”.

2. Princes Way is situated is a predominantly residential road in South Ruislip Ward just off of Victoria Road. There are 12 properties in Princes Way of which 10 have signed the petition and one the Council has been advised is waiting to be sold.

3. The existing South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme currently finishes at Queens Walk which is approximately 350 metres to the east of Princes Way along Jubilee Drive. Residents in the current scheme associated all day non-residential parking in their roads with commuters using South Ruislip Station. It is not clear from the petition whether station parking has transferred or whether customers and employees of the near-by busy retail park on Victoria Road find this an attractive place to park. However, it is clear from the petition that residents see a possible solution to be the introduction of a residents’ only permit parking scheme similar to the one that exists in the near-by South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.

4. While all of the residents who have signed the petition live in Princes Way the competition for on-street parking is likely to affect the surrounding roads. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking and subject to the outcome of these discussions, adds the petitioners’ request to the Council’s Parking Scheme programme in an area to be agreed with Local Ward Councillors

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendation and concurs with the financial implications set out above, noting that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations set out above.

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, 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 non-statutory consultation.

In considering any informal 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. 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 and other possible options in the Road Safety Programme there will need to be consideration of Highways Act 1980, 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