

PETITION REQUESTING INSTALLATION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT THE JUNCTION OF WICKHAM CLOSE AND NORTHWOOD ROAD, HAREFIELD

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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 requesting for the installation of waiting restrictions on the junction of Wickham Close and Northwood Road, Harefield.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The petition will be heard by the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation in accordance with the Council's usual procedures.
Financial Cost	£200. Subject to the Cabinet Member's decision.
Ward(s) affected	Harefield

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Acknowledges the petition.
2. Subject to the discussion with the petitioners, ask officers to progress with the installation of 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions as shown on Appendix A.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The proposed waiting restrictions will improve road visibility, improve safer access for emergency services and reduce congestion making it easier for vehicles to enter / exit Wickham Close.

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.

Alternative options considered

There are no alternative options.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

A petition organised by a resident of Wickham Close has been presented to the Council with 27 signatures with the following statement:

“Parked cars at this junction are blocking the pavements and vehicles entering and leaving the close are forced to compete, using poor sight – lines, for a small area of road”.

Request to install double yellow lines at the top of Wickham Close is:

“To improve safe access for emergency vehicles and to reduce hazards to pedestrians and vehicles. The Council is asked to promptly install double yellow lines, on both sides of the road at the top of Wickham Close, with its junction with Northwood Road, Harefield”.

Wickham Close and Northwood Road are in the Harefield ward. Wickham Close is a cul de sac with 20 properties and has a junction with Northwood Road on its northwestern end.

Proposing to install ‘At Any Time’ waiting restrictions on this junction for 10 metres would appear a sufficient length to deter vehicles from parking on the junction.

It is suggested to the Cabinet Member that the petitioners concerns are discussed to determine if the proposal shown in Appendix A would address the concerns they have identified and subject to approval they are installed as quickly as possible.

Financial Implications

Subject to the approval of the Cabinet Member the estimated cost to install the restrictions as indicated on Appendix A would be approximately £200. This can be funded from an allocation from the parking revenue account for the installation of traffic orders

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 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions, statutory consultation will be undertaken in accordance with normal regulations.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

N/A.

Legal

The proposals for waiting restrictions at the junction of Wickham Close and Northwood Road, Harefield can be achieved by exercising powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980. On the basis of the information contained in this report, it does not appear there are special legal implications for this particular matter. The client will be required to be mindful of the statutory procedures imposed upon the traffic authority for the making of Traffic Management Orders which spring from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Officers are familiar with these procedures. In cases of doubt Legal Services will be instructed. The decision maker must balance the relevant considerations to best give effect to the discharge of the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

In considering any 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 were conscientiously taken into account in finalising the officer's recommendation.

Corporate Property

N/A.

Relevant Service Groups

N/A.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 17th June 2008.

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Project
Proposed Waiting Restrictions
Wickham Close junction with
Northwood Road, Harefield

Description		
Scheme Plan		
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