

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING IN COPTHALL ROAD EAST, ICKENHAM INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

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Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendices A and B

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting residents' parking to be introduced in Copthall Road East, Ickenham instead of proposals to introduce limited time waiting restrictions along a section of the road.
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 no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Ickenham

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for a residents' parking scheme in Copthall Road East, Ickenham.**
- 2. Approves informal consultation with the residents of Copthall Road East and other roads in the vicinity on options to address parking issues with the extent of this consultation to be agreed in liaison with the local Ward Councillors.**
- 3. Defers the previously proposed waiting restriction in Copthall Road East, Ickenham until the outcome of the informal consultation with residents is known and has been reported to the Cabinet Member.**

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate 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 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“For the Council to reconsider the proposed single yellow lines and implement an alternative traffic calming measures i.e Residents Parking.”

2. Copthall Road East is a residential road off Swakeleys Road, Ickenham. Due to the close proximity to Ickenham Village town centre and extent of the nearby Ickenham Parking Management Scheme, Copthall Road East would appear to be an attractive area for non-residents to park. The location of Copthall Road East and the extent of the nearby Ickenham Parking Management Scheme is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

3. The Council recently proposed single and double yellow lines along a section of Copthall Road East following concerns raised by a resident through the Council's Road Safety Programme with regard to obstructive parking. The proposed restrictions were intended to improve traffic flow as vehicles parking on both sides of the road caused vehicles to back up on Swakeleys Road and along Copthall Road East when there is no established right of way. When officers investigated the concerns, the problem was most apparent in the daytime especially during the school pick up and drop off times as vehicles try to enter and exit the estate at the same time. Therefore, following discussions with Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member, it was decided that statutory consultation be carried to introduce a Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm waiting restriction along one side of the road between the junctions of Swakeleys Road and Hoylake Crescent as shown on Appendix B.

4. During the statutory consultation period for the above proposals the Council received a number of comments relating to the proposed restrictions. The comments received to the proposals are tabulated below.

Responses received to statutory consultation for proposed waiting restriction along a section of Copthall Road East, Ickenham	
COMMENTS	RESPONSES
Supports restrictions as proposed.	1
Feels the road would benefit from no changes.	1

Would like a parking restriction operational for just an hour or two a day to be considered along the entire length of Copthall Road East.	2
Would like parking restrictions to be considered throughout the surrounding streets to help improve Safety.	2
Parking over driveways is becoming a problem.	1
Would prefer a residents' parking scheme.	4
Would like a yellow line to also be considered on the opposite side of Copthall Road East between Swakeleys Road and Hoylake Crescent.	1
The Ickenham Parking Management Scheme should be removed from Eleanor Grove to help resolve the problem.	1

5. The response received to the consultation indicates that generally residents would prefer to see further restrictions considered along Copthall Road East and the surrounding area. Several residents expressed the view that there would be more benefit if the road was included in an extension to the nearby Ickenham Parking Management Scheme. The same view is expressed in this petition and although this is only signed by just a small number of households on Copthall Road East, it appears to reflect the general consensus of representations submitted during the statutory consultation.

6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member asks officers to informally consult residents on options to address parking in their street including an extension to the Ickenham Parking Management. Other roads in the vicinity that the local Ward Councillors feel would also benefit from parking restrictions could be included in this consultation. It is also recommended that the previously proposed waiting restrictions in Copthall Road East are deferred until the outcome of the informal consultation with residents is known at which point the Council will review the situation again.

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 Copthall Road East, 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

The Council has previously carried out statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on Copthall Road East, however it is recommended as part of this report that these proposals are

deferred. It is recommended as part of this report that residents of Copthall Road East be informally consulted on options to address parking as whole in their street. Should the Council propose further parking restrictions formal consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support for a scheme.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

None at this stage.

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 add the request to either the Council's overall parking programme or the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation 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 required the Council must ensure that it undertakes a further statutory consultation in relation to the further amendments of the proposed Parking Management Scheme. The Council must ensure that the following exercise is undertaken prior to making a traffic regulation order:

- notice of the proposed order must be published in a local newspaper;
- the Council must take such other steps as it may consider appropriate for ensuring that adequate publicity about the order is given to persons likely to be affected by its provisions including where appropriate publicising the order in the London Gazette, display of notice in roads or other places affected by the order or the delivery of notices or letters to premises, or premises occupied by persons which appears to the Council to be likely to be affected by any provision in the order. It is also advisable to display adequate notices in the vicinity of the roads affected by the order.

In considering any consultation responses, the Council must balance the concerns of any objectors with the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984).

If specific advice is required in relation to the works, Legal Services should be consulted.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil