

# TITLE: WEST END ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING 24 HOUR OPERATION OF RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents living in a small section of West End Road which recently has become part of the South Ruislip Residents Parking Scheme asking for it to operate at all times.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request will be considered as part of the Council's strategy for residents on-street parking schemes.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	South Ruislip

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

1. **Notes the petition request and discusses with petitioners their concern with parking in the area of West End Road where they live.**
2. **Asks Officers to take the petitioners request into account within the subsequent review of the South Ruislip Parking Scheme.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

To further consider the petitioners request in the light of actual operational aspects of the scheme and if issues arise to consider these within the review along with other issues that may also arise.

## **Alternative options considered**

The petitioners have made a specific request for the scheme to operate at all times, however other operational times may address the issues residents incur and these can be considered along with other comments received from residents during the subsequent review of the scheme.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council, predominately from residents of West End Road living between Nos. 205 and 223. This section of West End Road is located on the east side north of the junction with Station Approach. In front of the houses is a small service road which allows parking outside the properties. The petitioners are asking for the extension of the South Ruislip Parking Scheme which includes this section of West End Road to operate at all times rather than the proposed hours of Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm.
2. The location of these properties is indicated on Appendix A which also shows the layout of the residents parking scheme within the service road. The residents point out that within the last 5 years, 3 flat developments have been built and are now occupied. These developments provide off-street parking for their residents but it would appear this has also caused competition for the available on-street parking within the service road. The residents concern is that there is insufficient parking for themselves when other residents not living between Nos. 205 and 223 West End Road also park outside their houses.
3. The petitioners are effectively asking for a parking scheme solely for the residents living alongside the service road. The Cabinet Member however, will be aware the main objective of these parking schemes is to address parking issues suffered by residents over a suitable area that removes 'all day' commuter parking but gives some flexibility for residents to park in other roads if the available on-street parking in their road is taken. By introducing schemes over suitable areas, helps to reduce street clutter and provides a consistent parking policy which avoids confusion to motorists, residents and visitors. The introduction of different times within an area wide scheme could lead to problems and would inevitably require a large number of signs in order to ensure motorists are aware of the particular operational circumstances within that road or section of a road.
4. The Cabinet Member will also be aware and is the Council's practice to review schemes within 6 to 12 months following operation. As the scheme is already in operation, it is suggested to the Cabinet Member that the petitioners request is taken into account during the forthcoming review so that actual issues that arise can be addressed. The operation of the scheme will be monitored and if necessary the review can be brought forward in order to address acute problems that arise.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. A funding allocation for a review of the South Ruislip Parking Scheme is subject to a bid from the Parking Revenue Account surplus.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To address residents concerns and their request during the review of the parking scheme when other issues that arise can also be addressed.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Prior to the introduction of the extension of the South Ruislip Parking Scheme, statutory consultation was carried out with the public. The residents will be further consulted during the subsequent review of the scheme.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

### **Legal**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 12<sup>th</sup> August 2009