

PETITION REQUESTING PERMIT HOLDER PARKING IN A SECTION OF HILL LANE, RUISLIP

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 requesting a permit holder parking to be introduced in the unrestricted section of Hill Lane, Ruislip.
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	The estimated cost to carry out the recommendation of this report is negligible as consultation can be carried out with internal resources.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	West Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for permit holder parking in a section of Hill Lane, Ruislip as indicated on Appendix A.**
- 2. Approves for informal consultation to be carried out with the residents of the unrestricted section of Hill Lane, Ruislip to see if the majority would support permit holder only parking.**

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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting that the Council considers implementing permit holder only parking in a section of Hill Lane, Ruislip to prevent all day commuter parking.
2. Hill Lane is a residential road situated to the west of Ruislip town centre. Part of Hill Lane benefits from limited time waiting restrictions operational Monday to Friday 11am to Midday. This petition refers to the unrestricted section of road between the junction of Sharps Lane and just beyond the junction with Orchard Close. Due to the close proximity to West Ruislip Underground Station and Ruislip town centre, the remaining unrestricted section of Hill Lane forms an attractive area for non-residents to park. It is also one of the nearest sections of road to the West Ruislip Underground Station in terms of walking distance which has no form of parking restrictions in place. The relevant section of Hill Lane is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.
3. This petition has been signed by 21 households of Hill Lane which represents approximately 55% of the total number of properties within the unrestricted section of the road.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council recently conducted an informal consultation with the residents of this part of Hill Lane along with part of Sharps Lane and Manor Road to see if they would like to consider some form of parking controls. The majority of responses from Hill Lane and Sharps Lane indicated that they would prefer no change to the current parking arrangements, as a result no further proposals for restrictions were developed in these two roads. The majority of responses from Manor Road indicated they would support a permit holder parking scheme therefore the Council is now in the process of developing a scheme for this road.
5. This petition was received after the above consultation had concluded and is effectively requesting for one of the options which was offered to residents. However, in the covering letter that accompanied this petition, the lead petitioner, explains that residents found the consultation papers confusing and were under the impression that it was asking for their views about the

possibility of introducing restrictions in a neighbouring road. It was also suggested that there was also some confusion about the costs relating to the permits.

6. It is therefore recommended, that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request and if he considers it appropriate instructs officers to arrange for a further consultation to be carried with all of the residents that live along this unrestricted part of Hill Lane. As part of this consultation, residents could simply be asked if they would like to consider permit holder parking in this part of Hill Lane. The results of the consultation will then be reported back to the Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member for further consideration.

7. If a scheme is subsequently progressed, the times of operation for the scheme could reflect those already chosen for the scheme being developed nearby in Manor Road of Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm. It is also suggested that an individual bay be adopted as following an initial investigation this scheme layout is best suited for this section of Hill Lane.

Financial Implications

The estimated cost to carry out the recommendation of this report is negligible as informal consultation could be carried out with internal resources. However, if a scheme is subsequently progressed to the next stage of statutory consultation this will be subject to a further Cabinet Member report at which stage funding from a suitable source will need to be identified.

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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

It is recommended that informal consultation be carried out with the resident of part of Hill Lane, Ruislip. If the Council subsequently decides for statutory consultation to be carried out this will be subject to a future Cabinet Member report and decision.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance have reviewed the report and concur with the financial implications above, noting that funding would need to be identified from the existing parking scheme programme before implementing changes to the current parking scheme resulting from the consultations.

Legal

There are no special legal implications regarding the Cabinet Member meeting with the petitioners regarding their request for a permit holder parking on Hill Lane in Ruislip, 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 responses to the petition hearing, 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 are conscientiously taken into account.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations in this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.