

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN WESCOTT WAY, UXBRIDGE

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 Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Wescott Way, Uxbridge.
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	Uxbridge South

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Wescott Way, Uxbridge.
2. Decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Wescott Way and Bettles Close should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation with residents when resources permit.

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 33 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting a Parking Management Scheme to be considered in Wescott Way, Uxbridge. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that residents are experiencing with long term non-residential parking, in particular commercial vehicles, due to the road being effectively surrounded by the existing Uxbridge South Parking Management Scheme.
2. The location of Wescott Way and the boundary of the nearby Uxbridge South Parking Management Scheme are indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A. As this road is on the periphery of an existing Parking Management Scheme and is close to nearby businesses, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.
3. This petition has been signed by 26 properties of Wescott Way which represents approximately 43% of the total number of households in the road.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that over the past few years the residents of Wescott Way have been consulted on several occasions to consider being included in a possible extension to the Uxbridge South Parking Management Scheme, within operational reviews of the existing parking scheme. The most recent of these consultations was carried out in September 2010 where the majority of residents that responded to the consultation indicated they would prefer no change to the current parking arrangements. As a result no proposals for parking restrictions were developed for Wescott Way and parking has remained unrestricted.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme and to carry out a further informal consultation with the residents of Wescott Way, in order to establish the overall level of support for parking restrictions. It is also recommended at the same time that residents of Bettles Close be included in the consultation as they are likely to be experiencing the same problems as the residents of Wescott Way, Bettles Close is the only other road in the vicinity which does not already benefit from parking restrictions. The outcome of this consultation would then be reported back to Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member to assist the Council in making a decision on how best to proceed.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council was to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Wescott Way and Bettles Close, 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

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Wescott Way and Bettles Close, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications above, noting that there are currently no cost implications for the Council associated with these recommendations.

Legal

The Council's power to make an order creating a parking management scheme such as that proposed in this report for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Wescott Way, Uxbridge is set out in Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

There are no specific legal implications for the proposal of an informal consultation with residents of Wescott Way and Bettles Close to ascertain if there is support for a Parking Management Scheme. A meeting 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.

Before an Order is made, the Council should ensure that the statutory procedures set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure)(England & Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) are complied with. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic signs and road markings.

In exercising any of the powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Council have to consider their statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (Section 122 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984). This statutory duty

must be balanced with the concerns raised by any objections that have been received from the residents in or around the surrounding areas and as detailed in the report. In considering the responses received during consultation, the Council must ensure that there is full consideration of all representations arising and do not accord with the Officers recommendation. The Council must be satisfied that the objections from the public were taken into account.

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. 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.

If specific advice is required, Legal Services should be consulted.

Corporate Property and Construction

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

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.