

# PROVIDENCE ROAD, YIEWSLEY - PETITION OBJECTING TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Planning, Transportation & Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendices A & B

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received objecting to proposed parking restrictions in Providence Road, Yiewsley.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications in relation to the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' & Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Yiewsley.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

**Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member agrees to:**

- 1. Consider the issues / concerns raised regarding the proposed waiting restrictions.**
- 2. Ask officers to report the outcome of this meeting and the comments received to the formal consultation of proposed waiting restrictions on Providence Road and to include all these views in a separate report for his consideration.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail matters raised above with petitioners.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

These can be identified from the proposed detailed discussions with the petitioners.

## Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

### 3. INFORMATION

#### Supporting Information

1 The Council has received a petition containing 61 signatures from residents of Providence Road and Edgar Road stating '*We wish to register our objection to the proposed parking restrictions in Providence Road as this would severely restrict the parking available to residents in the street. We would like the proposal to be dropped and a suitable alternative sought.*' The petitioners do not set out any alternative options for consideration.

2 Providence Road is a residential road within Yiewsley Ward running parallel to Horton Road between Colham Avenue and Whitethorn Avenue. There are existing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on Providence Road at its junction with Edgar Road and with Colham Avenue, which were installed following previous concerns from residents with regard to restricted access. Providence Road is a short distance from Yiewsley High Street and West Drayton Railway Station. Colham Avenue is part of the Yiewsley Parking Management Scheme which is operational Monday - Saturday 9am - 6pm. The carriageway in this section of Providence Road is approximately 6.2 metres wide with approximately 1.6 metre wide footways. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A.

3 The Council received a request from a resident through the Road Safety Programme for measures to remove obstructive parking in the section of Providence Road between Colham Avenue and Edgar Road as their rubbish had not been collected for a number of weeks. The Council's Refuse Team confirmed they had not been able to collect the rubbish from the flats on the corner of Providence Road and Colham Avenue for a three week period. The Refuse Department confirmed they would support the removal of the parked cars in the section of road and as a consequence a detailed investigation took place.

4 Officers visited the site and parking was observed taking place on both sides of the road, reducing the available carriageway width significantly. Some of these vehicles are large minibuses from a local business, who is no longer able to park in Colham Avenue since the parking scheme was introduced at the end of September 2014. Access down Providence Road is consequently restricted to one lane, which forces vehicles to reverse back up the road and into Colham Avenue. If access is restricted to the refuse lorries, the same problem may occur with emergency service vehicles.

5 In view of this, a proposal was developed to install 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on the north side of Providence Road between Edgar Road and Colham Avenue, whilst still allowing parking outside residential properties on the south side of the road. The proposed restrictions are shown on the plan attached as Appendix B of this report.

6 The proposals were then taken through the statutory consultation process, which involved the placing of advertisements in the local press and the display of public notices on site and it was during this period that the Council received the present petition along with seven other letters objecting to the proposed waiting restrictions on Providence Road.

7 The Fire Brigade has been consulted and they have confirmed that their site checks show significant difficulties accessing the road. They would support the proposed scheme.

8 It is suggested therefore, that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their specific concerns and establishes what alternatives the residents would support and for the outcome of this meeting to be reported with the other objection comments received in a separate report for his consideration.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

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

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

The recommendations will identify the extent of the petitioners concerns and look at possible solutions to mitigate these.

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

Consultation has been carried out on this proposal through a notice on site and in the local press. Local Ward Councillors have also been consulted.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and confirm that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations

### **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 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. 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 at that time.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

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

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Petition received
- Statutory consultation