

PETITION REQUESTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN OLD ORCHARD CLOSE, UXBRIDGE

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Kevin Urquhart, Residents Services Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting double yellow lines and residents parking to be introduced in Old Orchard Close, 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	The cost to design, consult and implement possible parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close is estimated to be between £2,000 and £3,000 subject to further investigation.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Yiewsley

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1) Considers the concerns raised regarding parking in Old Orchard Close, Uxbridge**
- 2) Subject to discussion with petitioners decides if the request for parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for statutory consultation with residents on a detailed design as soon as 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

A local Ward Councillor has suggested that limited time waiting restriction may be beneficial in Old Orchard Close which can be discussed further with petitioners.

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Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting that double yellow lines and a resident permit parking scheme be considered in Old Orchard Close, Uxbridge. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that residents are experiencing with long term non-residential parking, in particular parking relating to Hillingdon Hospital and local motor vehicle traders.
2. The location of Old Orchard Close and the boundary of the nearby Hillingdon Hospital 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 the Hospital and nearby businesses, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.
3. This petition has been signed by 7 out of the 8 properties in Old Orchard Close therefore representing a clear majority 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 roads close to Hillingdon Hospital have been consulted on several occasions to consider being included in a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme, as part of operational reviews of the existing parking scheme. The most recent of these consultations was carried out in August 2013 where two further roads (Myrtle Close and Moorcroft Lane) were added to the scheme. As a result parking may have now been displaced into Old Orchard Close where the parking remained unrestricted.
5. The views of the local Ward Councillors have been sought and all three are support of the residents' suggestion of introducing parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close. It was also suggested that limited time waiting restrictions or residents parking operational for a couple of hours a day could be an option as this would maintain some parking provisions for local businesses. This suggestion can be discussed in greater detail with petitioners at the petition hearing.
6. 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. Due to the level of support demonstrated by petitioners, it may be possible to recommend that the Council proceeds straight to formal consultation on a detailed design for parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close. 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

The cost to design, consult and implement possible parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close is estimated to be between £2,000 and £3,000 subject to the outcome of a more detailed

investigation. Funding for this scheme would need to be established from a suitable source set out in a future report to the Cabinet Member.

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

If the Council subsequently progresses proposals for parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close formal consultation will be carried out to see if restrictions are supported.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications above, noting recommendations contained therein do not have any direct costs associated, however, proposals to implement parking restrictions in Old Orchard Close will developed if approved.

Legal

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request for on-street parking controls on Old Orchard Close, Uxbridge and to consider recommendation 2 above. 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. 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

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received - 15th April 2015

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