

# THE RIDGEWAY, RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS.

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Steven Austin Residents' Services Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Heathcote Way, West Drayton asking for a Parking Management Scheme.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Eastcote & East Ruislip and Manor

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

**Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in The Ridgeway.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for future informal consultation.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

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

None at this stage.

## **Policy Overview Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **3. INFORMATION**

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 21 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents who live in The Ridgeway, Ruislip under the following heading "*We the undersigned are in favour and are proposing to have parking restrictions as per 2 options. This is in view of our previous request as to the parking hazards posed by commuters causing congestion and accidents.*"
2. The Ridgeway is a predominantly residential road with most of the properties benefiting from off-street parking provision. The Ridgeway falls within two wards, Eastcote & East Ruislip to the north of Hawtrey Drive and Manor Ward to the south of Hawtrey Drive. All of the petitioners with the exception of one live in Manor ward and are most likely to be affected by non-residential parking as they live closest to Ruislip Manor town centre with its shops, Underground Station and local amenities.
3. In the petition residents mention two options they have considered, the first is a limited time waiting restriction (single yellow line) and the second is a Parking Management Scheme. The residents have also helpfully included some photographs to the petition that clearly show traffic congestion caused by vehicles parking on both sides of the road.
4. The Council's powers to control on-street parking are either to prohibit it with the introduction of yellow lines or to include it within a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme which is two options which residents have mentioned in their petition. However, it is not clear whether there is a particular strength of feeling either way.
5. As the Cabinet Member will recall, an informal consultation was previously undertaken in the part of The Ridgeway as well as College Drive, Hawtrey Drive, The Uplands and Westholme Gardens. The results were reported to the Cabinet Member who after careful consideration of the responses received and discussions with Local Ward Councillors, decided that no further action be taken to install parking restrictions at that time.
6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their on-going concerns and if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the parking scheme programme for future informal consultation on options to manage the parking in a possible area agreed in consultation with Ward Councillors.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

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

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

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

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

None at this stage.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications outlined above.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request for a Parking Management Scheme at The Ridgeway and to consider recommendations 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**

None.