

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN ETON ROAD, HAYES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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 Eton Road, Hayes and other roads in the nearby vicinity.
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	Heathrow Villages

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Eton Road, Hayes and the surrounding area.**
- 2. Decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Eton Road and the surrounding area should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation with 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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting a Parking Management Scheme to be considered in Eton Road, Hayes and other roads in the surrounding area. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that residents are experiencing with non-residential parking and in particular parking associated with Heathrow Airport.
2. Petitioners have also made an allegation that an airport parking business is using Eton Road to park its customers vehicles. Although parking restrictions would ultimately prevent this from happening, these concerns have been passed over to the Planning Enforcement Team and Anti Social Behaviour Investigations Team to investigate separately.
3. A plan showing Eton Road and the surrounding area is attached as Appendix A. Eton Road effectively forms the spine road to a residential estate with in excess of 500 properties situated at the eastern end of the Bath Road near the Borough boundary with Hounslow and the village of Cranford.
4. This petition has been signed by 19 households not just in Eton Road but also from other roads in the immediate surrounding area where parking is currently unrestricted. Most of the other roads in Hillingdon that are in the vicinity of Heathrow Airport already benefit from inclusion in the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme, therefore this group of roads forms an attractive area for non-residents to park close to the airport.
5. 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. It is clear from the petition that residents are requesting a Parking Management Scheme and logically this would suggest inclusion within the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme. The Cabinet Member will, however, be aware that when these schemes are introduced, non-residential parking transfers, as appears to be the case in this instance. As the petition has been signed by residents of various roads in the vicinity of Eton Road, the Cabinet Member may feel it is prudent to ask officers to consult with Local Ward Councillors to determine which roads in this area should be included in a possible future consultation.
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 extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and consultation with residents.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Eton Road or in any other of the surrounding roads, 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 Eton Road and the surrounding area, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a parking management scheme to be introduced in Eton Road, Hayes 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 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

Minutes from the petition hearing with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling - 20 September 2012