

PETITION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL PERMIT HOLDER PARKING PLACES IN THE RUNWAY, SOUTH RUISLIP

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 additional permit holder parking places to be introduced in The Runway, South Ruislip replacing the existing waiting restrictions.
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	South Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for additional "Zone SR" permit holder parking places to be introduced in The Runway, South Ruislip.**
- 2. Decides if the request for additional permit holder parking in The Runway 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 with the following covering statement:

'This is a petition I was asked to put together in order to obtain residents parking in The Runway, South Ruislip. There are 16 flats and new ones being build with only 2 parking spaces allocated for residents.

We would like the yellow line to be changed to residents parking only.'

2. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a detailed plan showing the existing parking scheme layout in The Runway.

3. Currently there is just one residents' parking place at the beginning of The Runway which can accommodate two vehicles. As The Runway comprises mainly business units, there is currently a single yellow line operational throughout the rest of the road which operates 'Monday to Friday, 11am to Middy' to prevent the all day commuter parking due to the close proximity of South Ruislip Station.

4. Petitioners are effectively asking for additional "Zone SR" permit holder parking places to be installed in The Runway, replacing the existing 'Monday to Friday, 11am to Middy' waiting restrictions. Although residents are able to park within other "Zone SR" permit holder parking places in the roads to the south of Station Approach, this petition is specifically requesting additional parking places in The Runway.

5. It is uncertain if some of the businesses in The Runway will support residents' parking throughout the rest of The Runway as currently the short term waiting restriction provides some flexibility for deliveries, customer and employee parking. It is also likely that some of the employees in the nearby shops on Station Approach may also use The Runway as a convenient place to park outside of the restricted times.

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, possible detailed design and subsequent consultation with residents and local businesses on additional "Zone SR" permit holder parking places in The Runway.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider changing the current parking arrangements in The Runway 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 proposes any amendments to the parking arrangements, consultation will be carried out with residents and businesses 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 with the Cabinet Member meeting and discussing with petitioners their request for additional permit holder parking places to be introduced in The Runway, South Ruislip replacing the existing waiting restrictions 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.