

# PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS PARKING IN THE SERVICE ROAD OUTSIDE NOS. 20-114 HARMONDSWORTH ROAD, WEST DRAYTON

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| <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>   | Kevin Urquhart, Residents Services Directorate            |
| <b>Papers with report</b>   | Appendix A  |

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| <b>Summary</b>                                  | To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting residents parking to be introduced in one of the service roads adjacent to Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton. |
| <b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b> | The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.   |
| <b>Financial Cost</b>                           | There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.   |
| <b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>       | Residents' and Environmental Services.  |
| <b>Ward(s) affected</b>                         | West Drayton  |

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in the service road fronting Nos. 20-114 Harmondsworth Road.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in this part of Harmondsworth Road and the surrounding area should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**
- 3. Instructs officers to investigate residents' suggestion for the installation of a ramp in the grass verge opposite No. 60 Harmondsworth Road to provide better pedestrian access to the main road.**

### Reasons for recommendations

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 28 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following heading:

*" We, the residents, are writing to ask you to support our application for resident parking permits along the street and install a ramp from outside No. 60 up the bank to the crossing at Wordsworth Way."*

2. Attached as Appendix A is an area plan showing the location of Harmondsworth Road and the surrounding area. As this road is relatively close to Heathrow Airport which can be easily accessed by a bus route from Harmondsworth Road, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.

3. This petition is effectively asking the Council to consider proposals for a residents' parking scheme in the service road outside Nos. 20-114 Harmondsworth Road. As the properties along this section of road have no off-street parking facilities, residents must compete with non-residents to find somewhere to park nearby on-street.

4. Residents have also mentioned in their petition heading that they would like a ramp to allow access up the side of the grass verge bank outside No. 60 Harmondsworth Road. The installation of a ramp up the grass verge will provide better pedestrian access to the main road and it is recommended that Cabinet Member instructs officers to investigate this suggestion separately.

5. It is 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 to see if residents would like to consider proposals for a parking scheme in this section of Harmondsworth Road. As is common practice, this could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from parking controls.

### **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 Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton or any other of the surrounding roads, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

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

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## **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 Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton 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 with the Cabinet Member meeting and discussing with petitioners their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in the service road fronting Nos. 20-114 Harmondsworth Road and to consider recommendation 2 and 3 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. If specific advice is required Legal Services should be consulted.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

None at this stage.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received - 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2015

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