

WHITETHORN AVENUE, YIEWSLEY - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Gordon Hill, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A - Area Plan

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Whitethorn Avenue asking for a residents' parking scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for parking in residential areas.
Financial Cost	There are no financial costs associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Yiewsley

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners to:

1. Listen to their concerns in relation to the parking situation in Whitethorn Avenue.
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's Parking Scheme Programme for future informal consultation.

Reasons for recommendations

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These will be discussed with the petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

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None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition, signed by 22 residents of Whitethorn Avenue, Yiewsley has been received by the Council which represents 15 of the 209 households (9%) of the road.
2. In an accompanying statement, the Lead Petitioner states:

"Since you have made Colham Avenue Parking Permit it has caused major problems along Whitethorn Avenue us that live here are unable to park due to other people parking their cars and leaving them for the whole day this is at times blocking our driveways and when we have visitors they are unable to get in and out of our spaces they also park on the bend where it is impossible to see past and is going to cause an accident it would be a struggle for emergency services to get down the road due to cars being parked everywhere."
3. Whitethorn Avenue is a mainly residential road that links Yew Avenue to Horton Road. It is a short walk from West Drayton Station and the town centre. As this road is on the periphery of an existing Parking Management Scheme and is also close to many local amenities, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
4. As the lead petitioner mentioned in their covering statement, Colham Avenue, which is close to Whitethorn Avenue, was included in an extension to the West Drayton Parking Management Scheme in September 2014. It is therefore likely that some parking may have transferred to Whitethorn Avenue and other roads in the area. The Cabinet Member has previously heard a similar petition from residents of nearby Edgar Road. This requested a Parking Management Scheme, which is indicative that non-residential parking is an on-going local issue.
5. The petitioners have specifically asked for a Parking Management Scheme. Logically, this would suggest inclusion within the Yiewsley scheme. It is, therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this to the extensive parking scheme programme.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To enable the Cabinet Member to discuss the concerns of the petitioners in detail.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

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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 regard to the proposal for the Cabinet Member to meet with petitioners to discuss their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Whitethorn Avenue 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 that 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.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.