

# PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS PARKING IN AUSTIN ROAD, HAYES AND THE SURROUNDING AREA

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<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 requesting residents parking to be introduced in Austin Road, Hayes and the surrounding area.
<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>	Townfield

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Austin Road, Hayes and the surrounding area.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Austin Road, Hayes 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.**

### 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 23 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following heading:

*"We the undersigned residents of the Austin Road Estate are concerned that the public roads adjacent to our estate are being used for the parking of cars by people not connected with the Estate, often for long periods and sometimes for the storage of vehicles for sale. This reduces the spaces available for residents and causes inconvenience and hardship, particularly for those on low income who cannot afford the rental charges for the covered car parks. We therefore support the idea of a residents parking scheme for Austin Road and Silverdale Road and call upon Hillingdon Council to carry out a full consultation on this proposal as a matter of urgency."*

2. Attached as Appendix A is an area plan showing the location of Austin Road and the surrounding area. As this road is very close to Hayes Town Centre and is only a short walk from Hayes Station, 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 and has been signed by residents of Austin Road and the residential part of Silverdale Road, Hayes. Both of these roads have high density housing with few off-street parking areas. The petition has been signed by a relatively low number of residents, representing less than 7% of the total number of residential properties combined in Austin Road and Silverdale Road.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that previously residents in this area were consulted to see if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Hayes Parking Management Scheme. A detailed design for a parking scheme in Austin Road was subsequently developed but was this was not supported during the formal consultation. In line with the Council's usual practice for parking schemes the Cabinet Member decided at the time that the proposals for the Austin Road should be deferred due to the evident lack of support.

5. Given that the previous consultations were carried out several years ago, residents' opinions may now have changed. Therefore, 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 reconsider proposals for a parking scheme in Austin Road and Silverdale Road. As is common practice, investigations for both roads could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may benefit from parking controls.

## **Financial Implications**

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There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Austin Road, Hayes or 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 Austin Road, Hayes 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 Austin Road 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 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**

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None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received - 18<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Cabinet Member Report - Hayes Parking Management Scheme – Informal consultation results - 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011

Decisions sheet published by Democratic Services - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011

Cabinet Member Report - Hayes Parking Management Scheme Zone HY1 – Results of statutory consultation on a proposed extension in Austin Road, Little Road & Silverdale Road - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2012

Decisions sheet published by Democratic Services - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2012