

HARMONDSWORTH LANE, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Harmondsworth Lane asking for a Parking Management Scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are none 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 concerns with the current parking situation on Harmondsworth Lane.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation in an area agreed with local ward councillors.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 29 signatures from residents of Harmondsworth Lane has been received by the Council. In an accompanying statement, the petitioner lead states "*Our stretch of Harmondsworth Lane is being used as off airport parking for workers and holiday travellers from Heathrow. Parking businesses use it too, one car pulls up, two drivers get in separate parked cars and they all drive off and vice versa*". The petition has the support of all three local ward councillors. A location plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.
2. The lead petitioner has kindly provided photographs of the parked vehicles and suggests that the problem mainly occurs between Nos. 62 and 86 Harmondsworth Lane. They also have helpfully indicated that residents support the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme.
3. This section of Harmondsworth Lane is mainly residential and is within short walking distance of the local amenities and as has been alluded to in the petition, provides easy access to Heathrow Airport making this an attractive place to park. Many of the nearby roads already benefit from a Parking Management Scheme so, subject to the outcome of discussions with the petitioners, it may be appropriate to extend the scheme to include this section of Harmondsworth Lane.
4. As the Cabinet Member is aware the installation of a Parking Management Scheme in one road can often have the affect of transferring commuter parking to other nearby roads that currently do not experience issues with non-residential parking. It is therefore suggested that officers liaise with Ward Councillors to establish if there are other roads in the area which could benefit from being included in a wider consultation on options to manage parking.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their concerns regarding the current parking situation on Harmondsworth Lane, 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

There are no corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.