

# PETITION REQUESTING ALLOCATED PARKING IN WITHY LANE, RUISLIP

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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 allocated parking be introduced in Withy Lane, Ruislip.
<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 Ruislip

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Listens to their request for parking controls to be introduced in Withy Lane, Ruislip**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a parking scheme should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation 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 seven signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Withy Lane which represents six out of the 21 households in the road. In an accompanying letter with the petition the lead petitioner outlines the problem and suggests some solutions:

*"You will be aware that for numerous years the residents of Withy Lane have suffered continual difficulty with parking and this matter has been raised on numerous occasions with the London Borough of Hillingdon but to no avail.*

*Historically parking during weekdays has always been challenging with numerous employees of several local firms parking all day in this cul-de-sac. This has been further impacted by clients of Jafvans using the road to leave their vehicles or indeed to return lorries and vans. We also suffer with the car sales companies on Breakspear Road parking vehicles too.*

*The arrival of summer sees the weekends also become untenable with a constant stream of visitors to the nearby Lido parking in Withy lane and the entire situation is intolerable and cannot be allowed to continue.*

*We the residents of houses 3,4,5,16,17, 18 and 19 all support the concept of having one allocated parking bay per property outside our homes. We have signed this petition to evidence our desire to participate in a trial of this arrangement and we hope you will be able to support us in this objective.*

2. Withy Lane is a residential cul-de-sac close to many local businesses, Breakspear Crematorium and as mentioned in the petition, the popular Ruislip Lido attraction which draws thousands of visitors during the Summer months. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. The lead petitioner mentions in their covering letter that the problem of parking in Withy Lane has been brought to the Council on "numerous occasions but to no avail". The Cabinet Member will recall a formal consultation on a detailed design for Parking Management Scheme was undertaken in 2007. During this consultation a petition signed by 16 households of Withy

Lane, which at the time represented 84% of the properties in the road, was submitted opposing the scheme.

4. The petition is asking that each of the properties mentioned is allocated a parking bay outside of their property. The Council's powers to control on-street parking are either to prohibit it with the introduction of yellow lines or to include it within a residents parking scheme, it does not however, have the powers to allocate parking bays on the highway to any individual, company or property.

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 Withy Lane. 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 although there has been some significant local opposition to controlled parking in the area in the past.

### **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 Withy Lane 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 has to address these concerns.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Victoria Road, Ruislip and the surrounding area, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No financial implications at this stage.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking scheme in Withy 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**

None at this stage.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received - 24<sup>th</sup> November 2015.