

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS' PARKING IN VICTORIA ROAD, RUISLIP BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF WEST MEAD AND BRAINTREE ROAD

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced along the section of Victoria Road, Ruislip between the junctions of West Mead and Braintree Road.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in this part of Victoria Road and possibly 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 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 31 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following heading:

"We the undersigned residents request that the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling gives consideration for a Parking Management Scheme to be installed on Victoria Road between the junctions of West Mead and Braintree Road.
2. Attached as Appendix A is an plan showing the area of Victoria Road petitioners are referring to and extent of the nearby South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme. As this road is relatively close to South Ruislip Station, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park as the nearby roads already benefit from a Parking Management Scheme.
3. This petition is effectively asking the Council to consider proposals for a residents' parking scheme along Victoria Road. As many of the properties along this section of road have limited or no off-street parking facilities, residents are sometimes competing with non-residents to find somewhere to park.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the existing Parking Management close to South Ruislip Station has been successful in preventing all day commuter parking in the nearby residential streets. It could be possible that an extension to this scheme could be offered to residents along this part of Victoria Road and other roads in the nearby vicinity.
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 Victoria 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 Victoria Road, Ruislip 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 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

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking schemes programme in Victoria Road, Ruislip between the junctions of West Mead and Braintree Road, 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 - 9th November 2015