

TAYFIELD CLOSE, ICKENHAM - PETITION REQUESTING PARKING MEASURES

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Catherine Freeman Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A - Location plan Appendix B - Consultation response table

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting parking controls in Tayfield Close, Ickenham.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
Financial Cost	There are no direct costs associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	West Ruislip Ward

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Considers their concerns regarding parking issues in Tayfield Close;**
- 2. Notes the results of the informal consultation undertaken in response to this petition;**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above considers either:**
 - a) Asks officers to add the petitioners' request to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation or;**
 - b) Takes no further action based on the results of previous consultations**

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.

PART I – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 21 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *"I/We support in principle the need for further parking controls in Tayfield Close, Ickenham"*.
2. Tayfield Close is a residential road located within West Ruislip Ward. A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. In a covering letter, the lead petitioner has raised concerns with all day commuter parking in Tayfield Close due to the following summarised reasons:-
 - Narrow carriageway width,
 - Access difficulties for refuse vehicles and emergency services,
 - Damage to the footway possibly caused by vehicles mounting the pavement,
 - Vehicles potentially mounting the pavement compromising pedestrian safety particularly on the bend,
 - Parked vehicles on the bend restricting sightlines,
 - Vehicles parking close to or opposite dropped kerbs restricting vehicle movements.
4. The covering letter also includes suggestions to help resolve the parking issues in Tayfield Close including options for waiting restrictions and resident permit holder parking bays.
5. As a result of discussions with local Ward Councillors and the lead petitioner, the Cabinet Member asked officers to informally consult with the residents of Tayfield Close on options to address the parking issues. An informal consultation letter and questionnaire was posted to every property in Tayfield Close which sought residents' views on the following five options:-
 - Single yellow lines on the unrestricted sections (operational "9:30am to 10:30am and between 3:30pm to 4:30pm Monday to Friday),
 - Double yellow lines (operational "at any time") on the unrestricted sections,
 - Combination of single and double yellow lines on the unrestricted sections,
 - A Parking Management Scheme (resident permit holder bays),
 - No Change to the existing parking arrangements.
6. The Council received 15 responses from the 36 properties consulted and these have been tabulated and included as Appendix B to this report. The informal consultation results have been shared with the Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors. The results indicated a balanced view on the following two options:-
 - Combination of single and double yellow lines on the unrestricted sections;
 - No Change to existing parking arrangement.

7. In response to the petition and informal consultation results, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets the petitioners and listens to their concerns and decides if this request should be added to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further investigation as previous consultations showed no overall support for managing parking by the wider community.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If after further investigation any measures are subsequently approved by the Council, 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 an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking issues in Tayfield Close, Ickenham, 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.