

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME IN BLACK ROD CLOSE, HAYES

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 a residents' parking scheme to be introduced in Black Rod Close, Hayes.
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	Botwell

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a residents' parking scheme to be introduced in Black Rod Close, Hayes.**
- 2. Notes the results of the previous informal consultations with residents of the area.**
- 2. Decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Black Rod Close should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation with 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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting a residents' parking scheme to be considered in Black Rod Close, Hayes which represents 20 out of the 78 households (26 %) of the road.
2. The location of Black Rod Close is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A. Black Rod Close is a residential cul-de-sac close to Hayes Town Centre with a busy shopping area, many local amenities and station which provides easy access to Central London making it an attractive place to park.
3. As the Cabinet Member will recall, the Council has previously informally consulted Black Rod Close and the surrounding roads on options to manage parking. These consultations were undertaken in February 2014 and again soon after in November 2014. Responses from both consultations were disappointingly low and from Black Rod Close, initially only 14% and subsequently just 19% of residents replied to the consultations. On both occasions residents of Black Rod Close indicated support for the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme. However, as the responses were so low and the surrounding area did not support the introduction of managed parking, after discussions with local ward councillors the decision was taken not to progress a scheme at that time but to keep the area under review.
4. As residents of Black Rod Close have submitted a further petition, it would seem that parking is an on-going local concern. It is therefore 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 and to carry out a further informal consultation with the residents of Black Rod Close, in order to establish the overall level of support for parking restrictions.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council was to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Black Rod Close 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

Two previous informal consultations have been undertaken in February and November 2014.

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 Black Rod Close, 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.