

# SWAN ROAD, THATCHER CLOSE, SWAINS CLOSE AND CLASSON CLOSE, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Gordon Hill Residents Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Area Plan

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Swan Road, Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon Close asking for a residents' parking scheme.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for parking in residential areas.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	West Drayton

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

**Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Listens to their concerns with the parking situation in Swan Road, Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon Close.**
- 2. Notes the previous outcomes of consultations which have generally not indicated majority support for any proposals.**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's Parking Scheme Programme for future informal consultation.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand 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, signed by 41 residents of Swan Road, Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon Close, West Drayton has been received by the Council under the following heading:

*"We the undersigned, as residents of Swan Road, Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon Close, West Drayton request that the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, formally consults with residents over a resident parking scheme"*

2. This petition represents 36 of the 140 households (25%) within the roads referred to in the petition. These are mainly residential roads that are within easy walking distance of the shops on the High Street and local amenities which makes it an attractive area for non-residents to park. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

3. The Cabinet Member will recall that these roads were last consulted on possible inclusion in a Resident Parking Scheme in 2011/2012. During the informal consultation the responses were balanced with 50% for a scheme and 50% against.

4. Following the informal consultation a detailed design was produced for Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon Close which was subject to a formal consultation. During this formal consultation four households responded from Thatcher Close, three of which were opposed to the scheme. Added to this the two responses from Classon Close were one for the scheme and one against and no responses were received with regard to Swains Close except for a resident of Swans Road that had access to Swains Close. This area is relatively self contained and from the responses to the informal and formal consultation it seemed that there was not a majority in support of a scheme at the time. It was therefore recommended not to implement parking restrictions in Thatcher Close, Classon Close or Swains Close at the time.

5. The petitioners have specifically asked for a Parking Management Scheme and logically this would suggest inclusion within the West Drayton scheme. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if considered appropriate, ask officers to add this to the extensive parking scheme programme.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

## **4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

It will address the concerns of the petitioners.

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

None at this stage.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and notes that there are no financial implications arising from the recommendations above.

### **Legal.**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking situation in Swan Road, Thatcher Close, Swains Close and Classon 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**

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received

West Drayton - Results of Statutory Consultation - Feb'13