

<b>TITLE: BEDFORD ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING PARKING CONTROLS</b>	
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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A
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## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received asking for the introduction of parking controls in Bedford Road, Ruislip to address “All day” commuter parking.
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<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request will be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking controls.
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<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
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<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents’ and Environmental Services
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<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	South Ruislip
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## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking to determine the most appropriate options to address their concerns.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

It is not clear what the petitioners are asking the Council to do and this can be clarified in discussion between the Cabinet Member and petitioners in accordance with their request.

### Alternative options considered

These can be determined as a consequence of discussions with the petitioners.

### Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 31 signatures has been submitted to the Council predominately from residents of Bedford Road but also includes residents living in Trevor Crescent and roads further away. It is not clear from the petition if residents are requesting a Permit Parking Scheme or waiting restrictions but it would appear their main concern is for measures to prohibit "All day" commuter parking. Bedford Road and Trevor Crescent are the roads closest to West End Road and Ruislip Gardens Underground Station.
2. The location of Bedford Road is indicated on Appendix A. It has a junction with West End Road and is the only access into a large residential area of Ruislip Gardens. It is close to the Ruislip Gardens Underground Station which has central line services to inner London. The area therefore is attractive to commuters who want to park as close as possible to the Underground Station and consequently, the eastern end of Bedford Road and possibly Clyfford Road together with Trevor Crescent experience the highest competition for on-street parking.
3. For the Cabinet Member's information, waiting restrictions have been introduced in the eastern end of Bedford Road, Clyfford Road and Trevor Crescent to overcome problems from obstructive parking and these were determined in liaison with a Ward Councillor. During consultations for these proposals, objections and concerns were raised by residents living in the most eastern section of Bedford Road and The Point. They were concerned that they would not be able to park close to their homes and consequently, the extent of waiting restrictions installed took their needs into account and may not be sufficiently extensive to deter commuter parking.
4. As the petitioners request is not clear, it is suggested the Cabinet Member discusses with them their concerns which could lead to potential options to address "All day" commuter parking and give priority for local residents to park on street. Clearly, whatever measures are introduced in this end of Bedford Road could have the affect of transferring commuter parking further west and cause issues for residents who currently do not experience such competition with "All day" non-residential parking.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if suitable options are identified to address the residents concerns, it would need to be investigated in detail and funding would require a bid to be made from the Parking Revenue Account surplus.

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

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

To allow the Cabinet Member to establish the issues with on-street parking faced by residents in this area of the Borough and determine what measures would be accepted by the majority of those directly affected.

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

If suitable measures can be identified to address residents concerns, consultation will be undertaken with residents living in the area.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

N/A

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal for an informal consultation.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009