

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS' PARKING IN VICTORIA 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 residents' parking to be introduced in Victoria 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 Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in Victoria Close, Hayes**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Victoria Close and possibly roads in 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.

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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 22 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council signed by residents of Victoria Close and represents 12 out of the 14 properties in the close (86%). In an attached statement the lead petitioner sets out residents' concerns as:

"Vehicles blocking the road at the entrance to the close, meaning ambulances and delivery vehicles are unable to enter. Vans and cars parked on the grass area thereby ruining it. Vehicles left for 1-3 weeks instead of parking at the airport in the holiday season. Elderly residents unable to park near their homes or in the close even."

2. Attached as Appendix A is an area plan showing Victoria Close. Petitioners have helpfully attached some photographs to their petition and have specifically requested *"yellow lines and a Parking Management Scheme"*. (Appendix B)

3. Victoria Close is a residential cul-de-sac comprising mainly of bungalows that do not appear to benefit from access to off-street parking. The lead petitioner has indicated that non-residential parking in the close is associated with the airport. However, it is not immediately obvious why Victoria Close would be an attractive place to park for the airport as the nearest direct bus route is the A10 which is approximately a 10 minute walk away. Site observations undertaken by Council officers have shown that parking in the roads surrounding Victoria Close is at or near capacity.

4. 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 Victoria Close. 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 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

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Victoria Close 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, 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 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.