

PETITION REQUESTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN THE SECTION OF HALFORD ROAD, ICKENHAM BETWEEN THE JUNCTIONS OF THE GROVE AND SWAKELEYS DRIVE

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
NOT FOR PUBLICATION This report contains confidential or exempt information	N / A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Halford Road asking for waiting restrictions in line with other roads in the surrounding area.
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	Ickenham

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. Listens to their request for parking restrictions to be introduced in the remaining unrestricted section of Halford Road, Ickenham between the junctions with The Grove and Swakeleys Drive.

2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for parking restrictions in this section of Halford Road should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation with residents.

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 57 signatures has been received from residents living in the section of Halford Road between the junctions of Grove Road and Swakeleys Drive. Petitioners have requested that the Council installs waiting restrictions along this section of road which is the only remaining part of Halford Road without parking restrictions.
2. The section of Halford Road referred to in this petition is indicated in Appendix A. The majority of roads in the surrounding area benefit from parking restrictions which have gradually been extended in recent years. As this is now one of the nearest sections of road to Hillingdon Underground Station without parking restrictions it forms an attractive parking area for commuters to park.
3. Petitioners are effectively requesting for the remaining section of Halford Road to have waiting restrictions akin to with the surrounding roads. The Cabinet Member will recall the residents of this section of Halford Road were last consulted on such proposals in 2010 but at the time as the responses for and against restrictions were balanced, no further action was taken to progress a scheme.
4. As this latest petition appears to be supported by a greater number of residents and as additional waiting restrictions have recently been installed nearby in The Grove, it is likely that residents' views may have changed since the previous consultation was carried out. 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 to conduct informal consultation for waiting restrictions with the residents of this part of Halford Road. The results of the consultation can then be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors for further consideration.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider the introduction of waiting restrictions in this part of Halford Road, 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 this part of Halford Road, 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 to discuss with petitioners their request for waiting restrictions in Halford Road, Ickenham between the junctions of The Grove and Swakeleys Drive, 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated 20th March 2016