

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME FOR EAST AVENUE, 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
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1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting residents' parking to be introduced in East Avenue, 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	Townfield

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in East Avenue, Hayes**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in East Avenue 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.

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 25 signatures has been submitted to the Council signed by residents of East Avenue, Hayes and represents 10 out of the 157 properties in the road. The petitioners are mainly residents living in a section of the road between the junctions of Glebe Road and East Way. In an attached statement the lead petitioner sets out residents' concerns as:

"People parking in front of the houses and residents being unable to get in to or out of their own driveways. Starting from 49A, East Avenue Hayes and extending all the way towards 63 East Avenue onwards.

Parking Management system, maybe residents parking permits plus one guest parking permit per household"

Attached as Appendix A is an area plan showing East Avenue.

2. The southern end of East Avenue where it meets Coldharbour Lane is predominantly made up of commercial premises and provides access to Botwell Green Sports and Leisure Complex. This section of the road already benefits from disabled parking, Pay and Display parking and some double yellow lines. The rest of East Avenue is mainly residential and provides unrestricted parking. As a consequence it is probably an attractive place to park for visitors to the shops and local amenities in Hayes Town Centre.

3. Although the petition has only been signed by residents in a small section of East Avenue, the Cabinet Member will be aware of the sensitivities with the introduction of new Parking Management Scheme in isolation, as there is the risk that solving the parking issues in a single section of road may lead to displacement of the problem into the adjacent area. For this reason Parking Management Schemes are usually more suitable when they cover a carefully defined area with a number of roads.

4. 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 see if residents would like to consider proposals for a parking scheme in

East Avenue. 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 East Avenue 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 East Avenue 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, confirming that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations set out above

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking scheme in East Avenue, 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