

PETITION REQUESTING A RESOLUTION TO THE NOISE AND TRAFFIC NUISANCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF HARVEY ROAD, NORTHOLT

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 from residents of Harvey Road, Northolt requesting measures to address noise and traffic issues associated with the nearby Shree Kutch Leva Patel (SKLP) Sports and Community Centre.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls and road safety.
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	South Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. listens to their request for measures to address traffic nuisance associated with the SKLP Community Centre.**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to investigate options to address residents' concerns for possible further future consultation.**
- 3. advises petitioners that the SKLP Community Centre is in the London Borough of Ealing who would be responsible for taking action against possible noise nuisance associated with the Centre. However, asks officers to contact colleagues in Ealing Council to inform them of the residents' concerns.**

Reasons for recommendations

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and, if appropriate, add their request to the parking and road safety forward 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 69 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

"We the undersigned, request help from Hillingdon Council to stop the SKLP Club in West End Road, South Ruislip causing noise and traffic nuisance to the residents of Harvey Road and neighbouring streets during their annual religious festivals".

Of the 69 signatures on the petition, 22 are residents of Harvey Road which represents 14 of the 70 properties in the road. Attached as Appendix A is a location plan showing Harvey Road.

2. Harvey Road is a mainly residential no through road at the eastern extremity of the borough. Harvey Road is bounded on the north and east side by the SKLP Sports and Community Centre which is located just over the Borough boundary in Ealing.

3. Although the SKLP Sports and Community Centre has on-site parking, it is apparent from the petition that Harvey Road suffers from traffic issues at particularly busy times as this is one of the closest unrestricted roads to the community centre. It is not, however, clear from the petition what exactly the "traffic nuisance" is that they are referring to so the meeting provides an ideal opportunity to discuss with the Cabinet Member their specific concerns and possible options that residents may find acceptable to mitigate these.

4. The Cabinet Member will recall that, in October 2010, the Council consulted residents of Harvey Road and other roads in the South Ruislip Ward on possible options to manage the parking in their road. An information leaflet and questionnaire was delivered to every property in Harvey Road and, of the 70 delivered, 36 responses indicated they were happy with the existing parking arrangements, one supported yellow line restrictions and there was no support at the time for the option of a Parking Management Scheme. In accordance with Council practice, it was decided that parking arrangements in Harvey Road remain as existing.

5. Petitioners have raised the noise issue from SKLP. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the premises are located within the London Borough of Ealing. On Ealing Council's website it states that the Council deals with *"noise from entertainment premises such as pubs, bars and clubs"*. It is therefore suggested that, if residents have not already done so, the Cabinet Member

asks officers to liaise with colleagues in Ealing Council on the concerns of noise nuisance from SKLP expressed by residents.

6. To summarise, it is therefore recommended that, subject to discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member asks officers to add this request to the future parking and road safety scheme programme for further investigation on possible options to address their concerns.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of measures in Harvey 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 or road safety measures in Harvey Road, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support. A previous informal consultation on options to manage parking in the road was undertaken in October 2010.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications noted above.

Legal

There are no specific legal implications arising from the recommendation, which amounts to an information discussion and consultation with residents. A meeting with the petitioners is legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where the substance of the request, consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues with regard to traffic and noise nuisance are still at a formative stage.

In considering any informal consultation responses, decision makers must ensure that there is full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendations. Accordingly, the Council must balance the concerns of the petitioners with its statutory duty to secure the safe and expeditious and convenient movement of vehicular and other traffic. Should the outcome of the informal discussions with petitioners require that officers add the request to the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation, there will be a need to consider the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984,

the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. Legal Services can provide legal advice on any traffic regulation scheme if so required.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.