

SADOW CRESCENT, HAYES - PETITION ASKING FOR ALLOCATED PARKING FOR RESIDENTS

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 - Location plan

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition asking for allocated parking on the highway for residents of Sandow Crescent, Hayes
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are none 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. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Sandow Crescent, Hayes.
2. advises petitioners that the parking legislation does not allow the Council to provide an allocated bay on the highway ascribed to an individual resident.
3. notes the results of previous consultations in the area.
4. subject to the outcome of the above, decides if Sandow Crescent should be included in a future informal consultation on options to manage the parking in an area to be agreed with local Ward Councillors.

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 40 signatures has been received by the Council asking for allocated parking spaces for residents of Sandow Crescent only. In a covering letter attached to the petition the lead petitioner has indicated that the problem of parking in their road is associated with non-residents using the nearby Hayes and Harlington Station. They go on to say that some vehicles are left for weeks at a time and the parking problem is now causing tension among residents of the road.
2. The lead petitioner has helpfully supplied a number of photographs which show the road is parked to capacity and that some irresponsible and obstructive parking is taking place that would prevent emergency vehicles from accessing the road.
3. Sandow Crescent is a residential cul-de-sac comprising of 16 maisonettes, none of which appear to have access to off-street parking. The road is relatively narrow with a carriageway width of approximately 4.3 metres, bounded on both sides by a footway of 1.4 metres wide. In 2008, the Council extended the existing double yellow lines at the junction with Nestle's Avenue on the northwest side of Sandow Crescent to improve access following concerns raised by local residents through the Council's road safety programme. In July 1996, the Council permitted vehicles to park on one side of Sandow Crescent with two wheels on the footway. A location plan is attached as Appendix A.
4. As the Cabinet Member will recall, Sandow Crescent has been subject to two previous consultations as part of an area wide consultation that took place in February and November 2014. On both occasions only 18% of the residents of Sandow Crescent took the opportunity to respond to the consultation. As the majority of roads in the area were against parking restrictions, combined with the disappointing levels of responses, the Council did not have the mandate to progress a scheme at that time.
5. The Cabinet Member will be aware that two petitions were recently submitted by residents of Black Rod Close and Nestle's Avenue which are both in immediate proximity of Sandow Crescent asking the Council for measures to address their parking problems. It would appear from the petitions that since the previous consultations the parking situation in the area has deteriorated.
6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member listens to the petitioners' concerns and, if appropriate, adds this request to the Council's extensive parking scheme programme for further consultation in an area agreed with local Ward Councillors.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for allocated parking in Sandow Crescent, Hayes 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

None.