

PETITION AGAINST THE PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN COPTHALL ROAD EAST, ICKENHAM

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 a petition has been received against the recent introduction of an extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme in Copthall Road East.
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 concerns regarding the recent introduction of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme in part of Copthall Road East, Ickenham.
2. notes that the present measures arose only following consideration of a previous petition, and subsequent extensive investigation and consultation, both informal and formal.
3. subject to the outcome of the above, decides if a review of the Parking Management Scheme should be carried out with the residents of Copthall Road East, as and when resources and programming permit.

Reason for recommendations

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate add their request to review the restrictions on to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered / risk management

Options will be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 162 signatures has been received organised by a resident of Copthall Road East where an extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme has recently been introduced. This petition is against the parking restrictions which have recently been introduced in part of Copthall Road East in July this year.
2. A plan showing Copthall Road East and the extent of the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme Zone IC is attached as Appendix A to this report. The Ickenham Parking Management Scheme was introduced in part of Copthall Road East following a petition from residents and after extensive consultation and discussion with the local Ward Councillors which is set out in detail in the background papers listed at the bottom of this report.
3. This petition has been signed by residents from 22 properties in Copthall Road East and of these approximately 16 are situated within the new Parking Management Scheme area boundary. In the covering letter included with the petition the lead petitioner explains that following discussion with some of their neighbours, residents would have preferred a limited time waiting restriction to be installed in the road instead of the Parking Management Scheme. They go on to cite the benefits of a waiting restriction which would still allow some parking for their visitors and the nearby town centre outside of the restricted times of the day.
4. In light of the concerns raised by petitioners, it is possible to recommend that a review of the recently introduced scheme is carried out. Since the scheme has been introduced in part of Copthall Road East, some of the residents of neighbouring roads have also expressed concerns about non-residential parking transferring to their road. Some of these residents do not feel a permit parking scheme such as that implemented in Copthall Road East is the solution, reiterating the views of petitioners that limited time waiting restrictions may be more beneficial for this area. There has also been some concern that restrictions will cause further congestion around Breakspear Primary School and the Cabinet Member has already agreed to a review of the parking in this area within 12 months of the new scheme coming into operation. The roads included in this consultation will be agreed in liaison with the local Ward Councillors.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider changing the current parking restrictions in Copthall Road East, Ickenham then 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently decides to proceed with a review of the Parking Management Scheme in Copthall Road East and the surrounding area consultation will be carried out with residents.

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 petition against the recent introduction of an extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme in Copthall Road East, 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.

The decision makers must ensure that there is full consideration of the representations that have been received and the Council has to consider its statutory duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The statutory duty must be balanced with the concerns raised by any objectors.

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

Capital Release and Cabinet Member Decision Notice – 13 January 2016

Results of Statutory Consultation for the Proposed Extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme - 17 December 2015

Cabinet Member decision sheet published by Democratic Services – 9 April 2015

Ickenham Parking Management Scheme - Results of informal consultation on a possible extension to the scheme - 5 February 2015