

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN COTTAGE CLOSE, RUISLIP

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 - Map detailing Cottage Close, Ruislip.

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Cottage Close, Ruislip.
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	West Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a residents' parking scheme to be introduced in Cottage Close, Ruislip;**
- 2. Decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Cottage Close should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit; and,**
- 3. Instructs officers to pass petitioners' concerns about the condition of the pavements in Cottage Close, Ruislip, on to Highways for further investigation.**

Reasons 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

These will be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting a Parking Management Scheme to be considered in Cottage Close, Ruislip. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that residents are experiencing with non-residential parking, in particular, the parking which has been displaced into their road following the recent introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in the surrounding area.
2. Cottage Close is a residential road on the periphery of the Ruislip Parking Management Scheme. The road mostly consists of residential properties and has a sheltered housing facility at the end of the road which has its own private forecourt for parking. The petition has been signed by eight of the ten households in Cottage Close but not by any of the residents living in the sheltered housing. Attached as Appendix A is a plan showing the location of Cottage Close, the extent of the nearby existing Ruislip Parking Management Scheme and a recently proposed extension to this scheme in part of Sharps Lane.
3. As the road is fairly close to Ruislip Town Centre and has no parking controls in place, it forms an attractive area for workers and visitors to the area to park. Petitioners have asked if Cottage Close could have similar parking controls put in place as nearby Manor Road which forms part of the Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.
4. Petitioners have also raised concern about the condition of footways in Cottage Close and are particularly worried about some of the elderly residents who have started to revert to walking in the road because of the condition of the pavement. In light of these concerns, it is recommended that these concerns are passed on to the Highways team for further investigation and to carry out any footway repairs where required. If available, an update from Highways officers on the footway condition will be provided at the meeting.
5. It is 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 and to carry out consultation with the residents of Cottage Close, in order to establish the overall level of support for the road to be included in a possible extension to the Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider introducing a Parking Management Scheme in Cottage Close 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 have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Before the Council can consider introducing parking controls such as a Parking Management Scheme consultation will need to be carried out.

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 a parking scheme in Cottage Close, 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. 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

NIL.