

# WESTACOTT, HAYES - PETITION OBJECTING TO PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Planning, Transportation & Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Map detailing location of Westacott, Hayes Appendix B - Proposed Waiting Restrictions

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received objecting to proposed parking restrictions in Westacott, Hayes.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications in relation to the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents & Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Charville

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

### **Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Considers the issues / concerns raised regarding the proposed waiting restrictions;**
- 2. Notes that although the waiting restrictions concerned are in Westacott, the vast majority of signatures to the petition are from another road;**
- 3. Subject to the above, asks officers to seek the views of the emergency services; and,**
- 4. Ask officers to report the outcome of this meeting and the comments received to the formal consultation of proposed waiting restrictions on Westacott and to include all these views in a separate subsequent report for his consideration.**

### **Reasons for recommendations**

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail matters raised above with petitioners.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

These can be identified from the proposed detailed discussions with the petitioners.

## Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

## 5. INFORMATION

### Supporting Information

1. The Council has received a petition containing 40 signatures from 37 residents of Park Lane and three from Westacott, under the following heading *'We the undersigned wish it to be known that we are opposed this application being allowed to proceed, the idea of allowing double yellow lines to exceed by another 10 metres might benefit a few but will cause problems for the majority and therefore we request the idea be abandon and more thought be given to stop commercial vehicles parking in the area.'*
2. Westacott is a residential road within Charville Ward. The road has 44 properties and links Park Lane with Park Road. Off Westacott is Cavendish Close, a cul-de-sac with 19 properties. The carriageway in this section of Westacott is approximately five metres wide with approximately two metre wide footways. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A.
3. The Council received a request from a local resident through the Council's Road Safety Programme asking for the existing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on the junction of Westacott with Park Lane, to be extended further into Westacott to remove obstructive parking. As a consequence, a detailed investigation took place.
4. Officers visited the site on numerous occasions and parking was observed taking place alongside No.14 Park Lane. These parked vehicles reduced the available carriageway width to one lane, thus forcing vehicles entering Westacott to drive on to the opposite side of the road to pass these parked vehicles. This could lead to possible conflict with oncoming traffic.
5. In view of the above, a proposal was developed to extend the existing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions a further ten metres on both sides of Westacott, whilst still allowing parking in the rest of the road. There are no proposals to alter the parking arrangements on Park Lane. The proposed restrictions are shown on the plan attached as Appendix B of this report. The local Ward Councillors were consulted on the proposal and supported it in principle.
6. The proposal was then taken through the statutory 21-day consultation process, which involved the placing of advertisements in the local press and the display of public notices on-site, and it was during this period that the Council received this petition objecting to the proposed extension to the waiting restrictions on Westacott.
7. The petitioners are concerned with the loss of parking for residents. The proposed yellow lines would remove parking for approximately two vehicles. The petitioners are also concerned with commercial vehicles parking in the road. Hillingdon Council is part of the London-wide overnight lorry ban on vehicles over five tonnes maximum gross weight parking in residential roads. Vehicles under this weight are not restricted from parking in residential roads where it is safe to do so, or where waiting restrictions are not operational.
8. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their specific concerns and establishes what alternatives the residents would support, and for the

outcome of this meeting and other comments received to the formal consultation to be reported in a separate subsequent report for his consideration.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.

## **4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendations?**

The recommendations will identify the extent of the petitioners concerns and look at possible solutions to mitigate these.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Consultation has been carried out on this proposal through a notice on site and in the local press. Local Ward Councillors have also been consulted.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

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

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their objections to the proposed waiting restrictions in Westacott, 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 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**

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Petition received
- Statutory consultation