

TITLE: EDINBURGH DRIVE, ICKENHAM – PETITION REQUESTING A “RESIDENTS PERMIT PARKING SCHEME”

Cabinet Portfolio	Planning and Transportation
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents of Edinburgh Drive, Ickenham requesting a “Residents Permit Parking Scheme”
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 is none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Ickenham

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Edinburgh Drive.**
- 2. Subject to No. 1 decides if all households of Edinburgh Drive, Edinburgh Close and The Paddock should be informally consulted regarding support for a Residents Permit Parking Scheme.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand their concerns and if it is considered appropriate consult residents in this area of Ickenham, bounded by a railway line, a major road and a school.

Alternative options considered

None at this stage, as the petitioners have requested a Residents Permit Parking Scheme. However, further options could arise from the discussion with petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

Supporting Information

1. A Petition with 20 signatures, all from residents of Edinburgh Drive, has been submitted to the Council requesting a Resident Parking Scheme. The petition was signed by just over one-fifth of households of Edinburgh Drive which were spread uniformly along the road.
2. Edinburgh Drive is parallel to Long Lane in Ickenham and has a junction at its northern end with Glebe Avenue and with Long Lane at its southern end. It is indicated on Appendix A and although not shown on the plan just to the south of the properties in Edinburgh Drive, there is The Douay Martyrs Secondary School which has a vehicular entrance from Edinburgh Drive. At the northern end, Ickenham Underground Station is on Glebe Avenue, a short distance from the junction with Edinburgh Drive. Consequently, at either end of the road, there appears to be two traffic attractors and motorists may consider Edinburgh Drive a convenient road for parking which would mostly be long term throughout the day.
3. The request of residents is acknowledged but the Cabinet Member will be aware the Council's policy is only to consider the introduction of Residents Permit Schemes where they will be supported by the majority of residents within a feasible area. The latter is required to avoid undue transfer of parking to other roads. In general therefore, it would not be recommended to the Cabinet Member that a single road such as Edinburgh Drive could be considered for a Residents Permit Parking Scheme. However, with its location, it could be considered a relatively self contained area as it has Long Lane, a major road, to its west, the Underground Railway Lines on the west, The Douay Martyrs Secondary School to the south and waiting restrictions on Glebe Avenue in the north.
4. The Cabinet Member will recall, a similar request in the form of a petition from residents of Willow Tree Close which is on the northern side of Glebe Avenue, a short distance from the junction with Edinburgh Drive. As this road is a cul-de-sac, it could be considered for a Residents Permit Scheme and subsequently, the Cabinet Member approved consultation with residents. It is suggested to the Cabinet Member that he discusses with petitioners the potential strength of support for a Residents Permit Parking Scheme in this area of Edinburgh Drive which would need to include Edinburgh Drive and The Paddock. There may be potential to join with Willow Tree Close for an area wide Residents Parking Scheme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with recommendations to this report. However, if subsequently the Council were to consider installation of a Residents Permit Scheme in this area of Ickenham, a

funding source would need to be identified, and this would usually be from an allocation of the Parking Revenue Account surplus.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the petitioners to discuss directly with the Cabinet Member their concerns with parking in Edinburgh Drive so that the Cabinet Member can give due consideration to whether to proceed with the Council's own consultation.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Before proceeding with the consideration of a detailed parking scheme, all residents in the potential area are consulted for their views.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Legal

There are no specific legal implications, the Cabinet Member has discretion as to whether he thinks an informal consultation is required.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated 29th October 2009