

## **TITLE: HILL LANE/HILL RISE, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING LIMITED TIME WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

**Cabinet Portfolio**

Planning and Transportation

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**Papers with report**

Appendix A

### **HEADLINE INFORMATION**

**Purpose of report**

To advise the Cabinet Member that the Council has been sent details of consultation undertaken by residents of Hill Lane and Hill Rise on concerns with commuter parking and their preferred course of action to prohibit it.

**Contribution to our plans and strategies**

The petitioners request will be considered in accordance with the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.

**Financial Cost**

There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy Overview Committee**

Residents and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

West Ruislip

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Cabinet Member**

- 1. Notes the residents concerns with "All day" commuter parking in their road and the request for limited time waiting restrictions.**
- 2. Asks Officers to carry out a Council consultation with residents of Hill Lane and Hill Rise to point out that waiting restrictions will apply to themselves as well as visitors and if a scheme is still acceptable what are the preferred hours of operation.**

### **INFORMATION**

#### **Reasons for recommendation**

It is clear residents of Hill Lane and Hill Rise are concerned with the level of commuter parking which they report has increased in recent months. The proposed Council consultation will ascertain the level of support for their preferred choice of limited time waiting restrictions with the knowledge that restrictions will also apply to residents.

## Alternative options considered

The residents have carried out their own consultation on the options available to address “All day” commuter parking and their preferred choice is limited time restrictions.

## Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage

## Supporting Information

1. A local Ward Councillor for Hill Lane and Hill Rise presented to the Council questionnaire returns from residents indicating responses to a number of questions about concerns with “All day” commuter parking. The questionnaire responses have been treated as a petition and accordingly are presented to the Cabinet Member for consideration. The petition organiser who is understood to be a resident of Hill Rise or Hill Lane circulated a questionnaire asking residents to indicate their views regarding “All day” commuter parking and a preference for measures that are available to address the issue. A further optional question asked residents if they wished to include their name and address.
2. The location of Hill Lane and Hill Rise is indicated on Appendix A. It is close to West Ruislip Station and consequently is attractive to commuters for parking. Although the plan attached as Appendix A would indicate there is a vehicular connection between Ickenham Road and Hill Lane, it is closed to vehicle traffic, a short distance south west of Hill Rise when it becomes a pedestrian and cycle path only. Nevertheless, Hill Lane and Hill Rise would appear to be a convenient place for commuters to park and walk to West Ruislip Station along Hill Lane.
3. Twenty nine consultation responses were handed to the Council of which only half indicated the respondents address. All those that did came from either Hill Lane or Hill Rise and it is assumed the other half which are essentially anonymous also came from residents of Hill Lane and Hill Rise.
4. The results have been analysed by the petition organiser and briefly are as follows:
  - 90% of responses find commuter parking is a problem, if only sometimes.
  - 83% have found a significant increase in commuter parking in the past few months.
  - Nearly two-thirds have had difficulty accessing drives because of parked vehicles.
  - 88% of responses want limited time waiting restrictions to deter “All day” parking
  - Over three-quarters of responses indicate they do not want a Residents Permit Parking Scheme.
5. It is clear from the results there is concern with the level of commuter parking in these roads and that it appears to be increasing. The residents were offered by the questionnaire two options to address this parking. One was a one-hour waiting restriction which was supported by 88% of responses and the other was a Residents Parking Scheme of which 77% were against. Unfortunately, however the petition organiser when addressing the question of a restricted waiting time scheme, informed residents that this would not apply to themselves. This is not possible and those who replied may have been misled on one of the options to deter commuter parking. Although in the past the Council has introduced one-hour waiting restriction schemes in

roads close to this part of West Ruislip, since that time the Parking Manager has pointed out that experience with a one-hour period in which to carry out affective enforcement is providing difficult and that a minimum 2 hour period is much preferred. The Cabinet Member will recall petitions from residents in the roads close to Hillingdon Underground Station where the preferred times for restricted parking is 2 hours in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon. This would appear to be affective and has not been the cause of complaints from residents.

6. It is clear the residents of Hill Lane and Hill Rise are concerned with commuter parking and that it is steadily increasing to the extent it interferes with suitable access to their off-street parking. In view of the unfortunate information supplied to residents that waiting restrictions for one-hour a day are practical and would not apply to themselves, it is recommended to the Cabinet Member that the Council undertakes its own consultation to point out waiting restrictions will apply to residents and ask if they wish to continue with their request for these measures. It can also be pointed out to residents that a minimum 2 hour period, and preferably one morning and one afternoon, would be needed to effectively deter "All day" parking.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with recommendations to this report as the Council consultation would be carried out utilising in-house resources.

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

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

To determine the level of support for limited time waiting restrictions in Hill Lane and Hill Rise after residents had the opportunity to be informed they would apply equally to themselves.

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

One of the recommendations is that the Council carries out his own consultation.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Corporate Finance**

#### **Legal**

There no are no special legal implications for the proposal for an informal consultation.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Responses received 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009