

PETITION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE COWLEY PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN NEW PEACHEY LANE, COWLEY

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting an extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in New Peachey Lane, Cowley.
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	Brunel

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. Listens to their request for the inclusion of New Peachey Lane, Cowley, into the Cowley Parking Management Scheme; and**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for an extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme in New Peachy Lane, Cowley, and the surrounding area, should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**

Reasons for recommendations

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and, if appropriate, add their request 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 55 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading '*We the undersigned wish to join the Cowley Parking Management Scheme*'. All of the signatures which form this petition are from residents who live on New Peachey Lane, Cowley, so the request is assumed to be specifically for the inclusion of this road into the parking scheme.
2. The location of New Peachey Lane in relation to the current extent of the Cowley Parking Management Scheme is indicated on Appendix A of this report. As the road is on the periphery of the existing scheme, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park. This petition has been signed by almost half of the total number of households in the street.
3. The Cabinet Member will be aware that, previously, residents in this area were consulted to see if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme. However, proposals to introduce parking restrictions in New Peachey Lane were never progressed due to the evident lack of support indicated by those who responded to the Council's consultations. Given that the previous consultations in this area were carried out several years ago and the parking scheme has since expanded, residents' opinions are likely to now have changed.
4. Therefore, 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 to see if residents would like to reconsider proposals for a parking scheme in New Peachey Lane. As is common practice, investigations could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may benefit from parking controls.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in New Peachey Lane, Cowley, or any other of the surrounding roads, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendations?

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

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in New Peachey Lane and the surrounding area, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for an extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme (New Peachey Lane), 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, 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

NIL.