

FIELD END ROAD, EASTCOTE - PETITION ASKING THAT RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ABOVE THE SHOPS IN FIELD END ROAD BE ALLOWED TO PARK IN PERMIT ZONE "E"

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 from residents who live above the shops on Field End Road, Eastcote, requesting permits to park in Zone "E".
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking and road safety.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Cavendish, Eastcote and East Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

1. Discusses with petitioners their request to be entitled to permits to park within the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme Zone "E";
2. Notes that residents who live above business premises are already entitled to zone "E1" permit; and
3. Subject to the outcome of the above, instructs officers to undertake parking stress surveys to establish the amount of spare parking capacity in the roads close to Eastcote Town Centre, then report back to local Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member with results.

Reasons for recommendations

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 24 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents who live above the shops in the northern section of Field End Road, Eastcote, between Meadow Way and The Ascott Public House. In an accompanying statement with the petition, the lead petitioner states *"residents of flats who live above the shops in Field End Road should be allowed to park in Zone E"*.
2. Field End Road is a main north to south route in the Borough and is classified as a Borough Secondary Distributor Road. The main carriageway in the section of Field End Road where petitioners live is bounded on both sides by service roads that provide shared use/pay and display parking for residents and customers to the shops. Eastcote London Underground Station and local bus routes are a short walk away. As a result, many of the surrounding residential roads close to the town centre benefit from a Parking Management Scheme. A plan of the area showing the extent of the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, residents in this section of Field End Road are already entitled to apply for zone "E1" permits. This allows residents the opportunity to park in the shared use pay and display parking without payment until 10 am. Thereafter residents with the E1 parking permit may park in the nearby Devonshire Lodge, Northview and Devon Parade car parks.
4. Currently there are 64 valid zone "E1" parking permits on issue. Whilst the petitioners request is acknowledged, it is not clear if changes to the existing arrangements would be supported by residents of the surrounding roads who will no doubt perceive that they will be unable to find parking close to their homes if changes are made.
5. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with the petitioners in order to understand the detail of their concerns. Subject to the outcome of this discussion the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to undertake a parking stress survey in the roads around Eastcote Town Centre to establish the parking capacity and report back to him and local Ward Councillors with their findings.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendations?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

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 to be entitled to permits to park within the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme Zone "E" 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.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.