

DIAMOND ROAD, SOUTH RUISLIP - PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ASKING FOR A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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 of Diamond Road, South Ruislip, asking for 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 are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	South Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Diamond Road, South Ruislip; and**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation in a possible area agreed with Local Ward Councillors.**

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 52 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Diamond Road. In a covering statement with the petition, the lead petitioner states:

"We have had problems in Diamond Road, South Ruislip ever since most of the surrounding roads have now got restricted parking permits. We have two motor mechanics that work from home in our street who park their (sic) cars they are working on in front of our flats making it impossible to park. We also have several ladies who have to park far away when coming home sometimes late at night. We also have people parking their cars who work in Victoria Road (places like Honda) sometimes we have had a car left for a week outside our flats. Nearly every house has off-road parking with dropped kerbs making it really hard to find places to park especially after 5pm".

2. Diamond Road is a mainly residential road situated within easy walking distance of South Ruislip Station, local shops and amenities. The nearby Victoria Road is host to a number of established national businesses and a busy retail park. As the lead petitioner alluded to in a covering statement submitted with the petition, most of the nearby roads in South Ruislip already benefit from a Parking Management Scheme. As a result, Diamond Road would provide an attractive place for non-residents to park. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. This petition is effectively asking the Council to consider proposals for a residents' parking scheme along Diamond Road. Many of the properties along this section of road, but mainly the flats, appear to have limited or no off-street parking facilities. As a result, residents are sometimes competing with non-residents to find somewhere to park.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the existing Parking Management close to South Ruislip Station has been successful in preventing all day commuter parking in the nearby residential streets. It could be possible that an extension to this scheme could be offered to residents along this part of Diamond Road and other unrestricted roads in the nearby vicinity.
5. 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 consider proposals for a parking scheme in this section of Diamond Road. As is common practice, this could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from parking controls.

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 concur with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme in Diamond Road, 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.