

PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN PIELD HEATH AVENUE, UXBRIDGE

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 the introduction of parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue, Uxbridge.
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:

1. listens to their request for the introduction of parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue, Uxbridge.
2. subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request to introduce parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue 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 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading

'Currently there are no formal Council parking controls in our street Pield Heath Avenue UB8 3PB. The street is very close to various amenities; Hillingdon Hospital, shops, transports links etc. As a consequence, the street is being used by passing motorists as free car parking space without any consideration to residents. Mostly, cars were badly parked on both side of the road, on footpath and street causing obstruction to resident private driveways, vehicular access, footpath become restricted and road narrowed. This is a daily problem especially on a working week. It is a challenge to get car in and out of one's home. It's stressful and unacceptable, we the resident are powerless to this untenable parking fiasco on our street. God forbid if there is an emergency.

We want a Council formal parking control implemented without further delay. Our street problem is long overdue and overlooked. Time for change.'

2. Pield Heath Avenue is a residential road situated between Pield Heath Road and Harlington Road and consists of approximately 43 properties, some of which have access to limited off-street parking facilities. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a plan indicating the location of Pield Heath Avenue and the nearby extent of the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme.

3. Petitioners are effectively asking for the Council to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue to prevent all day non-residential parking. As the majority of roads in the vicinity benefit from parking restriction and Pield Heath Avenue is relatively close to Hillingdon Hospital, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park. The road is also on the periphery of the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme which encompasses most of the roads to the west of Pield Heath Avenue that surround the hospital.

4. The lead petitioner cites in their petition that as a possible solution the Council could consider introducing limited time waiting restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue, operational 'Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm'. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the introduction of waiting restrictions would apply to residents and non-residents alike and therefore this option is not always supported by the majority especially by those that live in the street who rely upon the on-street parking provision.

5. Previously, residents in this area were consulted to see if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme. However, proposals to introduce parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue 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 parking restrictions have since been introduced in neighbouring roads, residents' opinions may well have changed.

6. 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 parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue. As is common practice, if there are any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from such measures then these could also be included in the Council's consultation.

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 Pield Heath Avenue, Uxbridge 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 recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and available options the Council has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Pield Heath Avenue, Uxbridge 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 a parking scheme in Pield Heath Avenue, 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.