

WALTHAM AVENUE AND COLBROOK AVENUE, HAYES - 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 Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue, Hayes 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	Pinkwell

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue, Hayes.**
- 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 on options to manage parking in an 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 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue, Hayes under the following heading:

"We the undersigned residents of Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue petition the Council to provide residents only car parking.

"Currently we are experiencing significant amounts of "Fly Parking" from people using Hayes and Harlington Station; Heathrow Airport and from adjacent roads where parking is already constrained.

"We note that the parking situation has been exacerbated by the number of uncontrolled properties in multiple accommodation and the growth in the number of very large vehicles and mini cab operators.

"Waltham Avenue is just one of the streets on our estate that attracts large numbers of learner drivers which adds to the congestion and prevents residents from parking".

2. Waltham Avenue and Colbrook Avenue are mainly residential roads situated close to Hayes and Harlington Station, Hayes town centre shops and nearby local amenities. As the lead petitioner alluded to in the petition, some of the nearby roads in the area already benefit from managed parking and those close to the former Nestlé site have recently been informally consulted on options to manage parking. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, Hayes and Harlington Station will soon connect into the Crossrail 'Elizabeth' Line, providing improved links to London. There has already been a great deal of change in Hayes, with substantial developments providing new homes and jobs. Hayes Town Centre is also subject to significant improvements that will inevitably attract more visitors to the area and possibly increase the demand on the available kerb-side space in nearby roads.

4. As the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that, when a parking scheme is implemented for one or two roads in an area, non-residential parking could transfer more widely. It is therefore suggested that, subject to the outcome of the petition meeting, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable wider informal consultation area when resources permit.

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 recommendation?

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 this report and confirms that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations 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 Waltham Avenue and Colbrook 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.
