

CHICHESTER AVENUE, RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME & TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

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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 Chichester Avenue, Ruislip asking for the introduction of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme and traffic calming measures.
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	West Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking and vehicles speeds in Chichester Avenue, Ruislip.
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request to introduce a residents' permit parking scheme in Chichester Avenue, Ruislip 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.

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3. Asks officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners and then report back to the Cabinet Member and considers this in conjunction with a similar petition submitted by residents of the area.

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 26 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Chichester Avenue, Ruislip. In a covering statement with the petition the lead petitioner states:

"As discussed with Cllr Philip Corthorne, there have been ongoing parking issues on Chichester Avenue for a few years. Waitrose staff and station commuters park their cars inconsiderately by either blocking driveways or taking up two parking spaces and not allowing a second car to park. On a number of occasions residents have raised this with Waitrose directly and have in the past had a meeting with them with no resolution or improvements.

Some commuters leave their cars parked for a few days before returning to collect their car. This is a nuisance when they do not consider residents who also need to park their car on the street.

Parking permits should be introduced on Chichester Avenue to allow residents to live peacefully without having to stress about parking. Permits should be divided into two separate restrictions e.g. 10am to 12 noon and 3pm to 5.30pm (this should apply Monday to Friday) and Saturday should also have a restriction from 10am to 2pm. The Council should remove the yellow line outside number 9-7a to accommodate for spaces we have recently lost on the street due to crossways being agreed. The overflow from Hamble Close falls onto Chichester Avenue just after number 17. This does cause problems and perhaps they should be asked to park further up to the left of their road where the post box and bench is. The Council should look at creating zones for them to park which takes the burden off Chichester Avenue residents (including visitors to the properties) without driveways. Obviously, Chichester Avenue residents should be allowed to park anywhere on the street.

There is also a health and safety issue with commuters using Chichester Avenue as a short cut to get to West Ruislip. Cars come at a high speed and the local traffic is of a high during

peak hours. It is difficult for residents to cross the road, and to get to their cars or even move away from being stationary. The council should implement some road bumps in particular at the corners to prevent vehicles coming at speed."

2. Chichester Avenue, Ruislip, is a residential road situated to the south of Wood Lane. Parking is already restricted on some parts of Chichester Avenue to help prevent obstructive parking, although most of the road is currently unrestricted. Attached as Appendix A to this report is a plan indicating the location of Chichester Avenue and the nearby extent of the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme.

3. Petitioners are asking for the Council to consider the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme to prevent all day non-residential parking. As a large percentage of roads in the vicinity now benefit from waiting restrictions or are included in a Parking Management Scheme, the road could be an attractive area for non-residents to park, especially commuters, due to the proximity of Ruislip and West Ruislip stations and other nearby amenities.

4. As the road forms a route through to Ickenham Road from Wood Lane, it is an attractive means of avoiding queuing traffic at the White Bear Roundabout. Petitioners have suggested that traffic calming measures be placed on the corners to help reduce vehicles speeds. However, as the Cabinet Member will be aware the positioning of traffic calming measures is mostly determined by the existing layout of the road. The Cabinet Member will also be aware of a similar petition received from residents asking for traffic calming measures for Chichester Avenue, Bembridge Gardens, Lysander Road and Lymington Drive and a no-entry restriction.

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 proposals for parking restrictions in Chichester 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. In addition, the Cabinet Member could agree to commission independent speed and traffic surveys at locations to be agreed with the petitioners to address concerns of vehicle speeds which could be considered with the request dealt with in a separate report.

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, noting that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a Residents Permit parking scheme and traffic calming measures in Chichester Avenue Ruislip, 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

None.



Chichester Avenue, Ruislip - Location plan

Appendix A

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