

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME AT THE GREEN, WEST DRAYTON

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 a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced at The Green, West Drayton.
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 direct no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	West Drayton

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced at The Green, West Drayton.
2. subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme for The Green should be added to the forthcoming informal consultation on options to manage parking in the local area 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 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council signed by residents of The Green, West Drayton. In an attached statement, the lead petitioner states:

"The ability to park your vehicle in the street where we live is becoming impossible to achieve during the day or night. The Council/Police have attached towing information to several vehicles that have been parked for months."

2. Attached as Appendix A is an area plan showing The Green which is divided into main sections, the first being the main carriageway that links Swan Road and Mill Road and the second is the quieter narrower section located behind the green itself. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A of this report.

3. The Green is a mainly residential area with some commercial premises, office space, a medical centre and church. The historic nature of the area means that most of the properties around The Green have little or no off-street parking provision.

4. West Drayton town centre, with its varied shops, businesses and West Drayton Station which will soon benefit from the Elizabeth Line Services starting in 2019, are all just a short walk away so The Green may be an attractive place for non-residents to park. The busy U3 bus route between Heathrow and Uxbridge also runs along The Green.

5. The Cabinet Member will be aware that some other roads in the area have also petitioned the Council and are concerned with non-residential parking in the area. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns over parking. Subject to the outcome of this discussion, and if considered appropriate, the Cabinet Member may be minded to combine this request along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from parking controls.

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 The Green 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 The Green and the surrounding area, an informal consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial implications outlined above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to listen to petitioners on their petition requesting a Parking Management Scheme at The Green, West Drayton 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.