

# MAYGOODS LANE AND MAYGOODS CLOSE, COWLEY - PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ASKING FOR A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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| <b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>    | Councillor Keith Burrows                                  |
| <b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b> | Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling |
| <b>Officer Contact(s)</b>   | Steven Austin, Residents Services Directorate             |
| <b>Papers with report</b>   | Appendix A  |

## 1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| <b>Summary</b>                                  | To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Maygoods Lane and Maygoods Close asking for a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. |
| <b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b> | The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.  |
| <b>Financial Cost</b>                           | There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.  |
| <b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>       | Residents' and Environmental Services   |
| <b>Ward(s) affected</b>                         | Brunel and Uxbridge South   |

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

**Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Maygoods Lane and Maygoods Close, Cowley.**
- 2. notes the results of the previous consultations with residents of the area on a possible Parking Management Scheme.**
- 3. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation.**

### **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 34 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of the area around Maygoods Lane, Cowley. In a covering letter with the petition, the lead petitioner states:

*"The current problem is the lack of space for residents' parking, due to the students from Brunel parking down our roads (Maygoods Lane & Maygoods Close) then heading into university for the day and, on many occasions, for weeks at a time. Also, the parking being limited during school pick-up and drop-off times due to the influx of parents leaving their cars and blocking the views when turning the corner.*

*"This is becoming a constant problem for residents, residents' friends and family when visiting. The parking is becoming so restricted where people are leaving cars at junctions making them blind and almost impossible to navigate, as well as people parking on to the pedestrian pathways (in order to get a space in the road) that people with buggies, wheeled shopping baskets and wheel chairs are finding it near impossible to park.*

*"As residents, this is becoming a constant battle with parking, where some residents are even having to park two roads away in order to get parked for the evening."*

2. Helpfully, residents have suggested the following possible solution :

*"Our main goal is to have double yellow lines placed in the areas of the street (such as junctions and corners) where it is unsafe for people to park. Also for it to become a permit holders only area for residents only to reduce the congestion in the road caused by non-residents and aid the residents in finding a safe place to park their vehicle overnight in close proximity to their property."*

3. Maygoods Lane and Maygoods Close are mainly residential roads just a short walk to local shops, Cowley St Laurence Church of England School and Brunel University. As the Cabinet Member will recall, in 2015 the Council undertook an informal consultation with residents of Worcester Road and Maygoods Green which adjoin Maygoods Lane and Maygoods Close, on options to manage the parking in their road. A location plan is attached to this report as Appendix A.

4. Responses to this consultation were mixed so, as a result, in November 2016 an extension to the Parking Management Scheme "Zone C1" was implemented in part of Worcester Road from High Street to the entrance to the school.

5. It has often become apparent where parking schemes have been introduced that the residents in adjoining roads, which perhaps do not suffer unduly from non-residential parking,

decide not to be included when consulted on possible options. However, following inclusion of nearby roads, residents experience parking transfer and approach the Council to be part of the scheme. As the Cowley Parking Management Scheme has recently expanded, residents on nearby roads may have unfortunately witnessed the transfer of parking and have therefore petitioned the Council.

6. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if it is considered appropriate, to add the request to the future parking scheme programme. It is also suggested that, subject to the outcome of the petition evening, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable consultation area because, as the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that it is likely parking could easily transfer to the unrestricted roads close by.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required and agreed, suitable funding can be identified within the existing 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 agrees with the financial implications set out above.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their petition requesting a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme at Maygoods Lane and Maygoods Close 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.