

PETITION TO EXTEND THE PERMIT OPERATIONAL TIMES IN PART OF HEWENS ROAD, HAYES

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting an extension to the operational hours of eight parking bays between Nos. 2 and 20 Hewens Road.
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 none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Charville & Hillingdon East

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1) considers the request to extend the hours of the Parking Management Scheme in part of Hewens Road.**
- 2) subject to discussion with petitioners and Local Ward Councillors, decides if the request for extended operational times should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation with all residents of Hewens Road 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

The Cabinet Member could decide to only consult with residents in part of Hewens Road.

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Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading: *"This petition is to extend the operational times on 8 bays only from number 2 to 20 Hewens Road only, from present operational times, Monday to Friday 8-10am & 2.30-4.30pm to proposed operational times Monday to Friday 8am-8pm and Saturday 8am-1pm. This petition is signed by the residents 2-20 Hewens Road, Hayes UB4 8JR"*.

2. In a covering letter, the lead petitioner states: *"On Monday 20th March 2017, a permit management scheme was introduced to prevent all day non-residents parking (operational times Mon-Fri 8-10am and 2.30-4.30pm).*

"This scheme has had some effect on non-residents parking but the residents from number 2 to 20 Hewens Road are still having non-residents parking problems during the rest of the day. These residents are at the front end of the road before the school and are experiencing non-residents parking from Uxbridge Road residents and pub (Carpenters Arms) customers.

"There are 8 parking bays in total from number 2 to 20 Hewens Road which are sufficient for residents only (or visitors) but we are still experiencing high volume of parking by non-residents".

3. As the petition alludes, the existing Parking Management Scheme was implemented in March 2017. This was as a direct result of a petition received from residents concerning obstructive parking, which they associated with the school and from representations made by Transport for London (TfL), the bus operating company and colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service. A plan of the existing scheme is attached as Appendix A of this report.

4. The times under which the exiting parking scheme operates were agreed with the Local Ward Councillors and the scheme was designed to address the particular problem of non-residential parking associated with the school and college. As the Cabinet Member will recall, Hewens Road was heavily congested at school pick-up and drop-off times. On several occasions, the bus service was reported as being delayed and colleagues in the Metropolitan Police Service attended the area to deal with traffic issues.

5. However, from the petition it would appear that the residents who live in the section of Hewens Road closest to local businesses and the Carpenters Arms public house also have a particular issue with non-residential parking outside of the current restricted hours. As the Cabinet Member is aware, if a small number of bays in Hewens Road are considered for a possible extension to the times the scheme operates, a likely consequence will simply be a transfer of parking further up the road. Within a Parking Management Scheme, it is generally accepted that the operational times of the parking places and waiting restrictions are consistent where practical. Variations on the times that some bays operate within a Parking Management Scheme can be confusing to drivers who are generally not expecting any restrictions, other than double yellow lines, to apply outside the control times of the zone.

6. It is therefore 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 for a further informal consultation. It is suggested that officers liaise with the Local Ward Councillors and seek their views on what properties in Hewens Road should be included in a possible further informal consultation and report back to the Cabinet Member.

Financial Implications

There are no 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 to consider the petitioners' request and available options the Council has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

The Council has previously undertaken a formal consultation on the existing Parking Management Scheme.

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 request for an extension to the operational hours of eight parking bays between Nos. 2 and 20 Hewens Road 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.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.