

BROOKSIDE ROAD / DORCHESTER WAY, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING 'AT ANY TIME' WAITING RESTRICTIONS

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 requesting 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on the junction of Brookside Road with Dorchester Way, Hayes.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendation to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Yeading

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking on the junction of Brookside Road with Dorchester Way;
2. notes that a request for 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions on the junction of Brookside Road with Dorchester Way was previously investigated in 2016; and
3. subject to the outcome of the above, decides if officers should undertake an informal consultation on possible waiting restrictions on the junction of Brookside Road with Dorchester Way, Hayes.

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.

4. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 25 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of the area, requesting double yellow lines on the corner of Brookside Road where it turns into Dorchester Way. In a covering email submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner states:

"I have attached a completed petition form requesting the Council to have yellow lines drawn on the corner of Brookside Road turning into Dorchester Way. The majority of people who have signed this petition live on Dorchester Way, as it affects them the most, I have listed a number of reasons for the petition but it mainly focuses on the safety of motorists and pedestrians.

- *The corner of Brookside Road and Dorchester Way is a big hazard as when motorists turn into Dorchester Way from Brookside Road they are blindsided as there's a bend and having vehicles parked on the corner makes it more harder for them to see the road ahead.*
- *A number of vans are parked on the corner of the road, even on the white lines which are the markings to illustrate where the two roads meet.*
- *Most pedestrians when crossing the road would cross from the end of the road. Parked vehicles force pedestrians to go into the road to see approaching vehicles.*
- *Though I live at 15 Brookside Road, I'm actually located on the other side of the white lines which falls into Dorchester Way, so I'm right at the corner of these two roads and when I'm pulling out I cannot see any vehicles turning in from Brookside Road and last year I have had two minor accidents hopefully no one was hurt, but its only a matter of time and if no action is taken by the Council, this application acts as proof that a request was made but the Council ignore the welfare and safety of the Hillingdon borough residents even though they quote they put the residents first."*

The petitioner also states: *"If this petition is not agreed to, my next step would be to make a formal complaint and escalate this matter to the Local Government Ombudsman as I would like this matter to be looked at from an independent point of view which I believe the Hillingdon Council do not consider as they prefer to ignore matters even if it affects the welfare and after of residents as they're just reluctant to do any more work than they are required do so".*

2. Brookside Road is a residential road within Yeading Ward. Brookside Road is the principal access road in and out of the estate which comprises nine roads in total. There is one other access to the area via a slip road off the Uxbridge Road, but does not carry the same volume of traffic as vehicles are not able to turn right across the Uxbridge Road, which is a

dual carriageway. At the end of Brookside Road, there is a community centre. A plan of the area is shown on Appendix A.

3. The Council received a request in 2016 from the lead petitioner requesting 'At Any Time waiting restrictions on the south side of the junction of Brookside Road with Dorchester Way to remove parked vehicles which he suggested were restricting their visibility when exiting their driveway. An investigation took place and site observations showed this property has another dropped kerb at the back of the property further down in Dorchester Way. Vehicles were parking on the south side of the junction either side of the dropped kerb at the front of the property. However, these vehicles were not restricting access in or out of Dorchester Way, as the junction splay is 44 metres wide. At the time there was not sufficient evidence to justify installing double yellow lines on the south side of the junction.
4. Many of the properties on Brookside Road, at its junction with Dorchester Way, do not have access to park within the property frontage as they are set back behind a semi-circular area of grass at the junction. The local community and residents have strongly objected to waiting restrictions in this area previously through a petition considered by the Cabinet Member. The local Ward Councillors also have not supported waiting restrictions in this area previously.
5. Prior to the receipt of the petition, the Council received through the Road Safety Programme a request from the lead petitioner asking the Council to reconsider his previous request for double yellow lines on this junction to improve safety when exiting their driveway. An investigation was undertaken and a site visit took place. The Cabinet Member and the local Ward Councillors were subsequently consulted and the initial response from Councillors indicated that the directly affected residents still do not support waiting restrictions in this area. Officers have also checked the most recently available police reported personal injury data at this junction, which shows that there have been no incidents in the last three years ending 31 October 2016. The investigation has been placed on hold to allow for the petition to be considered.
6. It is, therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, subject to the outcome of this, decides if officers should undertake an informal consultation with the directly affected residents into possible waiting restrictions on the junction of Brookside Road and Dorchester Way, Hayes.

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 with petitioners their concerns in detail.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Strategic Finance

Strategic Finance has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial implications outlined above.

Legal

The Council has to consider its statutory duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The statutory duty must be balanced with the concerns raised by any petitioners or objectors.

In considering the petition received, the Council must ensure that there is a full consideration of all representations arising, including those which do not accord with the officer's recommendation. The Council must be satisfied that the petition and any objections from the public have been taken into account.

The Council's power to make an order creating a waiting restriction is set out in Part I of the Road Traffic Act 1984.

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 govern road traffic signs and road markings. If an Order is made, the Council should ensure that the statutory procedures set out in the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489) are complied with. The attention of the decision makers is drawn to Section 18 of said Regulations.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL.