

# LANGWORTH DRIVE, HAYES - PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ASKING FOR A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Langworth Drive, Hayes 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>	Barnhill

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:**

- 1. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Langworth Drive, Hayes.**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation in a possible area agreed with Local Ward Councillors.**

### **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 24 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Langworth Drive, Hayes. In a covering letter submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner states:

*"Please find enclosed a petition that is signed by my residents. We are trying to alleviate the problems of people parking outside the flats, stopping residents and visitors being able to park on site.*

*In the past we have had double yellow lines placed outside our communal area but this seems to have made the parking issue a lot worse."*

In an additional statement, the petitioner stated:

*"Inconsiderate parking by people leaving their cars here all day to go to work in the local shops and often leaving their cars here while they go on holiday from Heathrow. Residents and visitors are unable to park on the estate on the public highway outside their own properties."*

A suggestion put forward is to *"make the road residents' permit only"*.

2. Langworth Drive is a development of approximately 80 mainly retirement properties constructed in the early 1980s. The development is close to local shops and amenities but also a major retail park that hosts a number of national businesses. The area is well served by a number of bus services, including the 140 route that terminates at Heathrow. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. This petition is effectively asking the Council to consider proposals for a residents' parking scheme in Langworth Drive. Many of the properties in the road, appear to have limited or no off-street parking facilities. As a result, residents are suggesting that sometimes they are competing with non-residents to find somewhere to park.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that there is an existing Parking Management Scheme close by in the service road off Coldharbour Lane. Residents here had been experiencing similar parking problems and the parking scheme has been successful in preventing all day non-residential parking. It could be possible that a similar parking scheme to this scheme could be offered to residents of Langworth Drive and other unrestricted roads in the nearby vicinity.
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 consider proposals for a parking scheme in

Langhworth Drive. As is common practice, this could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from parking controls.

### **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**

### **Strategic Finance**

Strategic Finance has reviewed the report and concurs 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 in Langworth Drive, 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.