

# PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN ST DAVID CLOSE, COWLEY

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<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 requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced in St David Close, Cowley.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Brunel

## 2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Listens to their request for the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in St David Close, Cowley;**
- 2. Notes that the creation of a formalised parking scheme will result in an overall reduction of parking capacity, in comparison with the present unregulated situation; and,**
- 3. Subject to further discussion with petitioners, asks officers to investigate further the request for a Parking Management Scheme in St David Close and to report back to the Cabinet Member and Local Ward Councillors on the feasibility of a scheme.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

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 11 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in St David Close, to address issues with inconsiderate parking. Although the petition has less than 20 signatures, it has the support of at least one of the local Ward Councillors who has requested that it be formally considered by the Cabinet Member.
2. The location of St David Close is indicated on Appendix A of this report, also shown on the same plan is the current extent of the Cowley Parking Management Scheme. As this road is on the periphery of an existing scheme, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.
3. The signatures in this petition represent a total of six properties within St David Close and one nearby property on St Peter's Road. In total, there are 26 properties within St David Close consisting of a mixture of semi-detached properties and maisonettes.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that, previously, residents in this area were consulted to see if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme. However, proposals to introduce parking restrictions in St David Close were subsequently deferred due to the evident lack of support indicated by residents, shortly before the Council was due to install the scheme.
5. The main reasons why a scheme was not acceptable to residents previously was due to the fact the scheme would not provide sufficient parking space. From this petition it would appear that some of the residents of St David Close now feel the parking situation has deteriorated where they feel a Parking Management Scheme would now be of benefit. The lead petitioner has requested that if a scheme is considered in the road, the current arrangement of partial footway parking is maintained to maximise the number of parking spaces that can be provided. It should be advised to petitioners that the formalising of any parking will inevitably result in the overall loss of amount of parking that residents may currently utilise.
6. Therefore, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners in detail 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 reconsider proposals for a parking scheme in St David Close. As is common practice, investigations could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may 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 St David Close, Cowley, 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 have to address these concerns.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in St David Close, Cowley, and the surrounding area, 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 concurs with the financial implications noted above.

### **Legal**

The report suggests that the Cabinet Member meet with residents in order to discuss their concerns with regard to the petition submitted.

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their petition requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme to be introduced at St David Close, Cowley 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.

If further advice is required, please feel free to contact legal services.

## **Corporate Property and Construction**

None at this stage.

## **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received - 3 August 2017