

PINEWOOD AVENUE, UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING INCLUSION INTO THE HILLINGDON HOSPITAL PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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 of Pinewood Avenue, Uxbridge, effectively asking for the road to be included in an extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Yiewsley

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Pinewood Avenue, Uxbridge;**
- 2. Notes the results of the previous consultations with residents of the area on a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme; and**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for consultation, to provide residents with another opportunity to consider being included in an extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

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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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Pinewood Avenue, Uxbridge with the following heading:

"Residents are protesting against NO resident parking on Pinewood Avenue, Hillingdon when it has been approved on Beechwood and Ashwood. Hospital workers are making it very difficult to park outside our own homes at the present time and this is before you make the changes, making it impossible to park. Would you please inform us as to why Pinewood Avenue has not been included in the new scheme".

2. Pinewood Avenue is a residential road situated south of Hillingdon Hospital and consists of approximately 70 properties. A location plan which also shows the nearby extent of the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme is attached to this report as Appendix A.
3. Previously, residents in this area were consulted to see if they would like to consider being included in a possible extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme. However, proposals to introduce parking restrictions in Pinewood Avenue were never progressed due to the evident lack of support indicated by those who responded to the Council's consultations. However, an extension to the scheme was recently introduced in the adjoining roads Ashwood Avenue and Beechwood Avenue, where there was support for a scheme from local residents.
4. 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 Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme has recently expanded, residents on nearby roads may have unfortunately witnessed the transfer of parking and have therefore petitioned the Council.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if it is considered appropriate, adds 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.

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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 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 for Pinewood Avenue to be included in an extension to the Hillingdon Hospital Parking Management Scheme, 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