

SUSSEX ROAD, ICKENHAM - PETITION OPPOSING THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING 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 relating to the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Sussex Road, Ickenham. This petition is broadly opposed to the introduction of the 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	Ickenham

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns relating to parking in Sussex Road, Ickenham;**
- 2. Notes the comments made by petitioners who broadly oppose the introduction of the Parking Management Scheme in Sussex Road, Ickenham;**
- 3. Notes that a separate petition has been submitted by residents in support of the introduction of parking restrictions, which was considered at the previous petition meeting;**
- 4. Notes the decision of the previous petition hearing and the subsequent consultation conducted with residents of Sussex Road; and**

5. **Discusses both petitions with Ward Councillors and Council officers, and decides if a Parking Management Scheme should be implemented in Sussex Road or deferred at the present time.**

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from petitioners and listen to 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. Two petitions have been received from residents of part of Sussex Road, Ickenham, relating to the introduction of an extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme. One petition is in support of the scheme whilst the other is broadly opposing the scheme.
2. The petition which is the subject of this report has 51 signatures and has been organised opposing the introduction of the scheme. The petition has been submitted to the Council with the following request *"Regarding the proposed residents parking in Sussex Road. This is a request for an exemption in the 'cul-de-sac' end of Sussex Road (from where it turns into Burnham Avenue / Tavistock Road up to the field / dead-end end of the road)."*
3. An extension to the Ickenham Parking Management Scheme in Austin's Lane, Sussex Road and Tavistock Road, become operational from 9 October 2017. In light of this petition, the Council decided to put the scheme on hold in the section of Sussex Road where this petition originated, so that these residents concerns could be considered before the signs and road markings for the scheme were applied.
4. In total, there are 59 properties along this section of Sussex Road and this petition has signatures from 32 different households. It would appear that 13 households have signed this petition as well as the petition supporting the introduction of the scheme.
5. Clearly from the recent petitions received, parking in this part of Sussex Road continues to be a highly contentious and on-going concern. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets and listens to petitioners both for and against a Parking Management Scheme, and seeks the input and guidance of the local Ward Councillors before deciding on how officers should proceed.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.

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 broadly opposing the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Sussex Road, Ickenham, 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 - 22 August 2017