

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME IN ST PETERS WAY AND ST PAULS CLOSE, HARLINGTON

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| Cabinet Member(s) | Councillor Keith Burrows |
| Cabinet Portfolio(s) | Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling |
| Officer Contact(s) | Steven Austin, Residents Services |
| Papers with report | Appendix A |

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

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| Summary | To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received requesting the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in St Peters Way and St Pauls Close, Harlington. |
| Contribution to our plans and strategies | The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls. |
| Financial Cost | There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. |
| Relevant Policy Overview Committee | Residents' and Environmental Services |
| Ward(s) affected | Heathrow Villages |

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their request for a residents' permit parking scheme to be introduced in St Peters Way and St Pauls Close, Harlington.**
- 2. decides if the request for a permit parking scheme in the above roads should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**

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 50 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading: *"We the undersigned residents of Woodforde Court and the street properties on St Pauls Close in Harlington, UB3 5AB agreed that we would like to see some parking controls, such as permit parking installed in the area.*

"We have been experiencing some anti-social behaviour like dumping of rubbish and indiscriminate peeing by car owners like Addison Lee drivers who are not residents, also we have security concerns as some of them just sit in their cars all day "

2. Most of the signatures on the petition are from residents of Woodford Court which is a residential development built in the early 1970's. St Peters Way and St Pauls Close are mainly residential roads, although there is also a Health Centre and Church on St Peters Way. Just around the corner from Woodforde Court on High Street, Harlington there are two hand car washes and car repair businesses. A location plan of the area which also shows the current Parking Management Scheme is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. The Cabinet Member will recall that, in July 2010, the Council undertook an area wide informal consultation with residents on options to manage the parking in their road. At the time, the responses received from residents of St Peters Way and St Pauls Close indicated that they were happy with the current parking arrangements.

4. As other nearby roads that were consulted indicated support for managed parking, experience in other Parking Management Schemes has shown that often there is a transfer of non-residential parking to just outside the new scheme and, as a result, these roads then experience parking problems. As St Pauls Close and St Peters Way were probably going to be some of the last roads in the area that were not going to benefit from a parking scheme, the Council undertook a further informal consultation in January 2011 with residents offering them a further opportunity to consider options on the basis that nearby roads would join the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme. Again, the residents of St Pauls Close and St Peters Way who responded to this second consultation did not support managed parking. Additionally, representatives from the Church said they were completely opposed to any parking restrictions.

5. As a result of the above, and in line with Council policy, it was agreed not to progress a parking scheme in either St Pauls Close or St Peters Way at that time.

6. However, as some time has elapsed since the last consultation, 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 and to carry out a further informal consultation with the residents of St Peters Close and St Pauls Way, in order to

establish the overall level of support for these roads to be included in a possible residents' permit parking scheme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider introducing a Parking Management Scheme, then 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Before the Council can consider introducing parking controls such as a Parking Management Scheme consultation will need to be carried out.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents on parking restrictions. Informally consulting residents 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.

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's recommendations. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

If the decision maker recommends officers undertake a statutory consultation, the procedures that should be followed in this case are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

If specific advice is required, Legal Services should be instructed.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.