

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN WOOD END GREEN ROAD, HAYES

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 requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme to be installed on Wood End Green Road, Hayes.
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	Botwell and Townfield

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their request for the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme on Wood End Green Road, 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 on a possible area agreed with ward councillors.**

Reasons for recommendations

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 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Wood End Green Road. In a covering letter submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner states:

"We the residents of Wood End Green Road, Hayes are having on-going issues with parents who send their children to Rosedale College/Rosedale Primary School/Rosedale Nursery and Parkside

"We are very much distressed and alarmed by the way parents park, with the manner of verbal abuse we constantly get, but also how we are all either being kept as a prisoner within our homes, also not being allowed to park outside our homes due to the lack of cooperation from some parents who abandon their cars in front of our homes. What also makes this issue hard, is for the elderly and disabled but also for our children, this is all due to the lack of respect for the Highway Code. The health and safety of all even parents who send their children to the school as mentioned.

"Due to this some parts of the pavement on this road have been damaged due to this neglectful way of use, you also have some parents who block the school entrance and also park on the zig-zag lines right by the school, even in peoples' personal drives and allocated parking spaces for some residents."

The petition then helpfully goes on to suggest the following:

"What we would all like is residential parking spaces for us, our friends and family with the hope to live in harmony but unfortunately this is not happening. There is a CCTV camera by the school which shows the horrendous amount of alarming stress we have to deal with. It is also very concerning as even the bus drivers of the school have to deal with this problem on a daily basis due to no school bus bays not even proper disabled driver bays."

2. Wood End Green Road is a mainly residential road with some local shops, allotments and the educational establishments as mentioned by the petitioners. The location of Wood End Green Road is indicated on Appendix A of this report.

3. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council recently installed double yellow lines on the allotment side of the road between the junctions of Rosedale Avenue to outside No. 80 Wood End Green Road as a result of obstructive parking mainly associated with school traffic. Additionally, most of Wood End Green Road benefits from a 20mph zone and traffic calming measures in the form of speed cushions. Also mentioned in the petition is the Council's initiative in enforcing the "School Keep Clear" markings by the use of CCTV cameras.

4. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, officers in the Road Safety and School Travel Team assist schools in developing their School Travel Plans and offer a range of road safety initiatives to help promote more sustainable modes of transport to and from school. At the present time, the Rosedale Hewens Academy Trust is not engaged with the Road Safety and School Travel Team but officers will be contacting the school to offer assistance in developing a robust School Travel Plan aimed at reducing traffic congestion around the school and improving road safety for all.

5. As a result of the above, 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. 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 no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Wood End Green Road 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Wood End Green Road 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 finance comments - noting that there are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a Residents Only Permit Parking Management Scheme in Wood End Green Road, Hayes 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

Petition received.