

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN HARLINGTON ROAD, HILLINGDON

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 "residents only" permit parking scheme to be installed on Harlington Road.
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	Brunel

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their request for the introduction of a residents' only parking scheme on Harlington Road, Hillingdon.**
- 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 under the following heading: *"This is a petition to have a "Residents Only" parking installed on Harlington Road."* In a covering statement with the petition, the lead petitioner states: *"This is a petition to have residents only parking installed on Harlington Road. Over the last year there has been some vandalism of cars and an increase in the traffic due to the opening of the restaurant at the Prince of Wales pub. Residents of the terraced houses in particular are being forced to park a long way from their homes as they seem to be the target of criminal damage. We would like for the whole of Harlington Road to be residents only parking to minimise the disruption for residents at busy times and so that all residents will be aware that cars with residents badges are entitled to park their cars within the zone."*

In addition, the petitioner helpfully goes on to suggest: *"We would like for Harlington Road to be made "Residents Only", for extended periods including weekends. We would like to be given temporary permits for visitors of the residents"*.

2. Harlington Road (A437) is a major route that links Hillingdon/Uxbridge in the north to Hayes in the south and is classified as a Borough main distributor road. Harlington Road also forms part of the A10 bus route. The location of Harlington Road is indicated on Appendix A of this report.

3. The signatures in this petition are mainly from the northern section of Harlington Road between Hillingdon Hill and Southfield Close. On the western side of Harlington Road, there is a service road adjacent to main carriageway that provides access to Nos. 26-82 Harlington Road and to Temple Park.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that previously residents in nearby Turks Close also submitted a petition asking for measures to address all day non-residential parking and a permit holders only parking scheme is being developed for this road. It would appear from this petition that parking problems in the area is a growing concern for residents.

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 none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Harlington 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 Harlington 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 that there are no direct implications associated with the recommendations in the 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.