

PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN SEFTON WAY, VERONA CLOSE AND FERNES CLOSE, COWLEY

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 introduced in the area around, Sefton Way, Verona Close and Fernes Close, Cowley.
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', Education and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge South

2. RECOMMENDATION

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

- 1. Listens to their request for the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in Sefton Way, Verona Close and Fernes Close area; and**
- 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.**

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.

Part I - Public

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 34 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting the introduction of a residents only permit parking scheme for the area around Sefton Way, Verona Close and Fernes Close, Cowley. A location plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
2. In an accompanying statement submitted with the petition the residents' concerns are summarised as: *"Request for residents permit parking in Sefton Way/Verona Close/Fernes Way area. This is due to both construction workers and also commuters parking in the streets Mon-Fri between 07:00-18:30, having the effect of preventing residents and visitors parking outside their homes, both during the day and after work. Additionally, once completed, the Union Park development will draw more cars than spaces, as well as the proposed development of the Packet Boat public house land later this/next year. This will also lead to additional cars parking in our streets.*
3. Petitioners have also helpfully suggested that they would like to see the following outcome: *"Permit parking areas/bays for residents and their visitors, (in the areas on the attached map) Mon-Fri. Permits free for the first car, £40 for second car annually, £5 per sheet for 10 vouchers for visitors".* Additionally, residents submitted a plan with the petition indicating the areas on the highway where they would like to see bays marked. On the plan they have suggested *"Permits to be made available to affected households in Sefton Way (1-13) and residents on 1-47 Verona Close who park in Sefton Way".* In effect the petitioners are asking for a Parking Management Scheme but it appears for just a small number of households.
4. Sefton Way, Verona Close and Fernes Close is a mixed residential development comprising of apartments and town type houses and is accessed from High Road, Cowley (A408). The access roads in the development are adopted highway and there are private off-street parking areas. The area is well served by the 222 and U5 bus services and a short walk away is a small parade of local shops.
5. The petition appears to suggest that the possible on-street parking areas that they have identified on their plan should be restricted for use of certain properties in Sefton Way and Verona Close only. The Council's powers to control on-street parking are either to prohibit it with the introduction of yellow lines or to include it within a residents parking scheme. The Council does not however, have the powers to allocate parking bays on the highway to a select few individuals and if a residents' permit parking scheme were to be recommended then it will need to be considered over a viable area.
6. Therefore 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 to see if residents would like to reconsider proposals for a parking scheme in Sefton Way, Verona Close and Fernes Close. 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 Sefton Way, Verona Close, Fernes Close, Cowley 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 Sefton Way, Verona Close, Fernes Close, Cowley 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 financial implications associated with 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.