

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN RYEFIELD AVENUE, 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 in Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon.
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 direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents', Education and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Hillingdon East

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. listens to their request for the introduction of a residents' only parking scheme on Ryefield Avenue, 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 or include this in the wider area study currently being undertaken.**

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 21 signatures has been submitted from residents of Ryefield Avenue, Hillingdon under the following heading:

"We the undersigned would like Hillingdon Council to consider installing a Residents Parking scheme in Ryefield Avenue.

"The number of vehicles parking outside residential properties have increased recently following installation of the Stop and Shop Parking Scheme in Ryefield Avenue."

2. Ryefield Avenue is one of the main access roads on the Oak Farm Estate. The road is mainly residential but also benefits from local amenities including a church, a local shopping parade, school and green spaces. The location of Ryefield Avenue is indicated on Appendix A of this report. The 21 signatures represent 12 households all close to local businesses.

3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the local shopping parade has recently benefitted from significant Council investment in improving the public realm including the installation of new pavements, private forecourt upgrades, new street furniture and lighting, the implementation of a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme and a central median strip to deter double parking. In addition, seven local businesses took advantage of the popular shop front grant to transform their shop's frontages.

4. In November 1997, the Parking Sub-Committee decided that following a petition submitted by residents of Windsor Avenue and Ryefield Avenue, the enforcement of footway parking should be suspended to allow residents to park where the pavements are at their widest. In the section of Ryefield Avenue where the petitioners live, the footways vary in width of between 2 metres and 2.8 metres. As a result, parking generally takes place on the carriageway at this point.

5. As the lead petitioner has alluded to, the recent "Stop and Shop" parking scheme that was implemented along Ryefield Parade has been well received by businesses, the residents' association and local Ward Councillors. Officers from the Council's Town Centre Improvements and Community Engagement Team have observed a greater turn-over of parking spaces and improved parking compliance. However, some motorists that may have chosen to previously park in front of the parade all day may now have moved to other areas along Ryefield Parade.

6. 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. As the Cabinet Member is aware, the Council has recently commissioned an independent area wide study by the Council's specialist Transport Consultants, Project Centre Ltd, who is currently preparing a report on the results of some informative dialogue with businesses, residents and other organisations. Subject to the

outcome of the discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded to include the request for Residents' Parking in the wider study.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider the introduction a Parking Management Scheme in Ryefield Avenue or any other of the surrounding roads, funding will 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 have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Ryefield Avenue 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 arising from the recommendations contained within.

Legal

There are no specific 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.