

DAWLISH DRIVE, RUISLIP MANOR - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' ONLY PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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.
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
Ward(s) affected	Manor

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Listens to their request for the introduction of "residents' permit only parking" scheme for Dawlish Drive, Ruislip Manor.**
- 2. Notes previous concerns expressed by some residents about the prospects of such a scheme; and,**
- 3. 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 options to manage parking in a possible area agreed with local 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 32 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Dawlish Drive, Ruislip Manor asking for *"resident permit parking to be installed Monday to Friday between the hours of 0800 and 1600"*. Analysis of the 32 signatures shows that they represent 20 of the 77 residential properties (26 %) in Dawlish Drive.
2. Dawlish Drive is a mainly residential road just a short walk to the busy Ruislip Manor Town Centre, the Metropolitan and Piccadilly Line Underground Station and many other nearby local amenities, which makes it an attractive place for non-residents to park.
3. The Cabinet Member may recall that, late last year, the Council consulted upon limited loading and waiting restrictions in Dawlish Drive in response to concerns about parking that were chiefly associated with the schools in the road. Residents had been concerned about parking congestion caused by parking in the road at a time when coaches were attending the school. The proposed solution was in the form of single yellow lines, operational at the same hours as the existing school keep clear markings. These restrictions would not affect parking for residents and their visitors at other times of the day and night.
4. These measures were subsequently introduced, after due consideration in the normal manner in the form of a Cabinet Member objection report. At the time, there was some disquiet expressed by some residents who were concerned that the Council might have been in the process of introducing a residents' permit parking scheme. These concerns were also raised with Ward Members who advised officers of the local feelings.
5. At that time, the present petition had not been submitted, and so residents were correctly advised that there were no plans at that stage for any measures over and above the yellow lines referred to above. It is clear, however, that there may be a range of views amongst the residents of Dawlish Drive regarding the prospects of further parking controls.
6. The entrances to Lady Bankes Nursery, Infant and Junior School are all located on Dawlish Drive. As is common with many roads around schools, traffic congestion and some irresponsible parking was observed during the school pick-up and drop-off times.
7. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Team works with 91 schools across the Borough on road safety initiatives and school travel plans. Lady Bankes Infant School is one of the most active in Hillingdon. The school has a committed School Travel Champion and six dedicated 'Mini Road Safety Officers' who promote road safety around the school. The school is on track to achieve Gold accreditation for the excellent work they have done on their school travel plan placing it in the top 10% of schools in London and in the top 5%

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of schools in Hillingdon. Other initiatives which the school has promoted is practical pedestrian training for every pupil, the adoption of Hillingdon's 'Parent Parking Pledge' to promote responsible driving behaviour by parents/guardians and to regularly organise 'walking buses'.

8. Lady Bankes Junior School is also actively working with the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Team. Year 6 pupils have received 'Bikeability' training for the last three years and many of the school's practices and policies show that road safety and school travel is embedded in the school's ethos. The junior school has also adopted the 'Parents Parking Pledge' and encourages parents to observe an informal one-way system in Dawlish Drive.
9. Although there is clearly a great deal of good work being done by the school community, it is clear from the petition that residents are concerned with general non-residential parking in their road. At the same time, it is evident from the mixed feedback advised by Ward Members and referred to above, that there may be a range of views amongst residents of Dawlish Drive as a whole.
10. In view 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 Members feel should be consulted on their views.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Dawlish Drive 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.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce residents' parking in Dawlish Drive and possibly 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.

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.