

PETITION REQUESTING "NO SCHOOL PARENT PARKING" IN BOURTON CLOSE, HAYES AT PICK UP AND DROP OFF TIMES

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	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 from residents of Bourton Close, Hayes requesting "no school parent parking" in Bourton Close, Hayes at pick up and drop off times.
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	Townfield

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Listens to their request for measures to prevent school parent parking in Bourton Close and school pick up and drop off times;**
- 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 options to manage parking in a possible area agreed with local Ward Councillors;**
- 3. Notes that the private parking areas in Bourton Close would not be enforced by the Council's parking enforcement contractor; and,**
- 4. Asks that ward councillors also seek to engage with the school to encourage them to work with the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Team.**

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 29 signatures has been submitted to the Council signed by residents of Bourton Close, Hayes under the following heading:

"No school parent parking in Bourton Close, Hayes, Middlesex, at pick up and drop off times"
2. In an accompanying statement submitted, the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following additional information:

"We the residents of Bourton Close, Hayes have set up this petition about school parents parking at pick up and drop off times of the Minet Junior and Infant school on Avondale Drive, Hayes. The parents parking abusive, inconsiderate, dangerous parking in the residents allocated parking spaces damaging residents' cars and parking barriers, also leaving their litter behind.

We have approached the Minet Junior and Infant School, Avondale Drive, Hayes and we were told there is nothing they can do about parents parking and it's their culture to drive to school, if this is so, therefore the school needs to provide proper parking spaces on the school premises to be plenty of space for them to do this."
3. Bourton Close is a residential cul-de-sac comprising of 24 properties. When the development was constructed, the Council adopted the carriageway and footways and, as such, are responsible for their maintenance. However, adjacent to the carriageway there are off-street parking areas which were never given up for adoption by the developer and remain private.
4. With the exception of double yellow lines at the junction of Bourton Road where it meets Avondale Drive, which were implemented approximately ten years ago, the rest of the close remains unrestricted. The Council, as the highway authority has powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act to make a Traffic Management Order to manage parking and traffic in the highway but it should be noted that these powers do not extend to the private parking areas which the lead petitioner mentions in their covering statement.

5. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the problem of inconsiderate parking is common around most of the schools across the Borough and the lead petitioner makes reference to the fact that the school has indicated that it is unable to take action about this issue. Whilst this may be true, many schools across Hillingdon work with the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Team on developing the school travel plan. There are many ways in which the school, working in partnership with the Council's team, can promote more sustainable modes of transport to and from school. This has successfully worked in other areas and some schools have adopted the Parent Parking Pledge which has a positive impact on reducing parking issues caused by some parents/guardians around schools. At the present time, the school has not taken up the invitation to work with the Road Safety and School Travel Team who will still continue to try to engage with them. The Cabinet Member may wish to ask the local ward councillors to also approach the school and encourage them to work with the Council on the Sustainable Travel: Active, Responsible, Safe (STARS) programme.
6. In view of the on-going concerns raised by petitioners, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses the problem of non-residential parking and, if appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the extensive parking scheme programme.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider the introduction of managed parking in Bourton Close 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

None.

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. 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'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.