

# PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME IN PART OF WEST MEAD, RUISLIP

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Kevin Urquhart, Residents Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Location Plan

## **HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in the section of West Mead, Ruislip near the junction with Victoria Road.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents, Education and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Cavendish and South Ruislip.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- 1. discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in the section of West Mead, Ruislip close to the junction with Victoria Road;**
- 2. notes the results of the previous consultation with residents of the area on a possible Parking Management 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.**

### **Reasons for the 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.

## **INFORMATION**

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 23 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of West Mead, Ruislip with the following request:

*"To make West Mead (top end) residents only parking.*

*"The road is getting busier as most motorists are parking on West Mead - leaving residents with nowhere to park we believe this is because people are going to South Ruislip station."*

2. West Mead is a residential road just a short walk away from local shops, amenities and South Ruislip Station. The road is on the periphery of the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone SR which is likely to make the road attractive for commuter parking. Attached as Appendix A is a location plan showing the location of West Mead in relation to the existing Parking Management Scheme. The signatures within this petition originate from residents of West Mead living between the junctions with Victoria Road and Bideford Road.

3. As the Cabinet Member will recall, the Council has previously proposed a Parking Management Scheme within this section of West Mead as part of the previous proposed extension to the South Ruislip Parking Management Scheme. However, responses received to this consultation from residents of West Mead and Victoria Road indicated residents were concerned that the proposed scheme layout would result in an overall reduction in the number of parking spaces.

4. As parking spaces are typically marked between 0.5 and 1 metres away from the end of the dropped kerbs and must be a minimum of 4.5 metres in length, the Council was only able to propose a limited number of parking spaces within West Mead. The majority of residents who took the opportunity to reply to the formal consultation indicated they did not support the introduction of a scheme in that form. As the Council was unable to propose alternative options, it was recommended at the time that the parking arrangements in both Victoria Road and West Mead should remain as existing.

5. However, some time has passed since the previous formal consultation was carried out and it is possible the views of the local residents may have changed. It is, therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, to add the request to the future parking scheme programme for further investigation and consultation with residents. It is also suggested that, subject to the outcome of the petition evening, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable consultation area because, as the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that it is likely parking could easily transfer to the unrestricted roads close by.

## **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 part of West Mead, Ruislip, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

## **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 the 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 West Mead, Ruislip, informal consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

## **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.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received - September 2019