

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS IN APPLE TREE AVENUE AND BIRCH AVENUE, YIEWSLEY

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, Residents Services
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 parking permits in Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue, Yiewsley.
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	Yiewsley

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

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

- 1. Listens to their request for the introduction of "residents only parking" in Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue, Yiewsley;**
- 2. Notes the petition submitted previously by residents of Apple Tree Avenue, Yiewsley.; and,**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's parking programme for further informal consultation on options to manage parking in these roads and any other roads in the area which ward councillors may deem appropriate.**

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 131 signatures has been submitted to the Council under the following heading *"the petition for parking permits in Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue so that the local residents may be able to live their lives."*
2. In an accompanying statement submitted, the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following additional information:

"Parking permit restrictions on Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue, Yiewsley. Residents getting fines, others renting the road out to people from the hospital or going to Heathrow for weeks or months. Used car lot. This is disgraceful."

Additionally residents have requested the following:

"The ability to park near my house or indeed anywhere as everyone in the borough or country parks up Apple Tree Avenue and goes all over the world for months."

3. Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue are both residential roads close to Hillingdon Hospital, and local schools. Many of the surrounding roads benefit from a Parking Management Scheme. The Cabinet Member will recall considering a similar petition signed by residents of Apple Tree Avenue and this request was added to the extensive parking scheme programme.
4. Apple Tree Avenue and Birch Avenue have a mixture of semi-detached and terraced properties. Some of the properties appear to benefit from off-street parking while many seem to rely upon on-street parking. In Apple Tree Avenue, the on-street parking is accommodated within lay-bys in front of the properties. Within Birch Avenue, parking is permitted with four wheels on the wide footways, but in both cases, the parking areas are unrestricted so residents will be in competition from non-residents for these spaces which are just a short walk from Hillingdon Hospital. The U1 bus service which runs between West Drayton Station and Ruislip Station and the U3 service which runs between Uxbridge Station and Heathrow Central Bus Station is also close by.
5. 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 Birch Avenue to Apple Tree Avenue which is already in the future parking scheme programme. It is suggested that any 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 no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area, 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 managed parking in the 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 the time.

Corporate Property and Construction

None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.