

BLYTH ROAD & CLAYTON ROAD, HAYES – PETITION REQUESTING A “RESIDENTS PARKING ONLY SCHEME”

Cabinet Member

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Cabinet Portfolio

Planning and Transportation

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Papers with report

Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Clayton Road, Hayes requesting the introduction of a “Residents Parking Only Scheme” in Blyth Road and Clayton Road.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

The request can be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking schemes.

Financial Cost

There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents’ and Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

Botwell

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in their roads.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, asks officers to place this request on the Council’s parking programme for subsequent investigation and consultation.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To give the Cabinet Member the opportunity to discuss in detail the petitioners concerns and, if appropriate, consult residents in the area.

Alternative options considered

The petitioners have made a specific request for a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme. However, the initial consultation with residents will provide options for measures to control parking in their roads which will include a residents parking scheme.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition has been received requesting a "residents only parking scheme" for Blyth Road and Clayton Road with 21 signatures under the following heading;

"We the undersigned residents of Clayton and Blyth Road, Hayes request residents parking scheme to be introduced in the two roads mentioned above. The parking by commuters is totally unacceptable."

While the petition represents 50% of the households in Clayton Road, it should be noted that there are no signatures from households in Blyth Road. The area is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

2. Clayton Road is situated close to Hayes Railway Station and Hayes Town Centre with a junction to Station Road. Blyth Road is parallel to Clayton Road and has a junction at the south eastern end with Clayton Road which may result in a transfer of parking. Both roads operate a one way system and are in close proximity to the Warnford Industrial Estate.
3. The petitioners indicate that both roads suffer with commuter parking. It is likely the area is attractive for commuters to seek on-street parking because both Clayton Road and Blyth Road are close to Hayes Railway Station. It is also possible that people visiting Hayes Town Centre or employees of the local industrial estate may also find this a convenient place to park.
4. The Cabinet Member will recall a similar request from residents of Albert Road and Keith Road, which is a short distance from Clayton Road and Blyth Road and is likely to benefit from a residents' parking scheme in the future. Therefore it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking, adds the request to the Council's programme and consults with residents of Blyth Road and Clayton Road on possible options to manage the parking as resources permit.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with this report. However, if subsequently the Council were to consider a Resident Parking Scheme for the area, an allocation would be required any available from the Parking Revenue Account surplus.

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 discuss the available options the Council have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

All residents in the area would need to be informally consulted for their views, before progressing to statutory consultation and detailed design.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

No comments

Corporate Procurement

No comments

Legal

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the issues and potential solutions 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 light of the fact that no residents of Blyth Road were signatory to the petition, it should be ensured that residents of both roads are engaged in the discussions in order to establish the level of support for the proposal and any other options that may become apparent during the meetings. There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

It should be ensured that full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the preferred recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated 31st March 2010.