

ABBOTSWOOD WAY, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING CONTROLS

Cabinet Member	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Abbotswood Way and Abbey Close, Hayes requesting the introduction of parking controls.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of <i>Our People</i> . The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee.
Relevant Ward	Wood End.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their requested parking controls in Abbotswood Way and possible surrounding roads; and**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council's extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation and possible informal consultation in an area agreed with Ward Councillors.**

Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1) A petition with 45 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Abbotswood Way and Abbey Close, Hayes signed under the following heading:

“We the undersigned call on Hillingdon Council to take action to deal with the parking chaos in Abbotswood Way, Hayes and adjoining roads caused by parents dropping off and picking up their children who cross Minet Country Park on their way to and from the Guru Nanak Sikh Academy in Springfield Road. This occurs between 7.30 am and 9 am and between 2.30pm and 4pm on most weekdays during term time and results in the following problems for residents:

- *Gridlock when vehicles going in the opposite direction are unable to pass.*
- *Queues of stationary cars up to 100 yards long.*
- *Delays of as long as 30 minutes for residents going about their business.*
- *Incidents of verbal abuse between parents and residents.*
- *Potential hold-ups for ambulance and fire engines*

We therefore request consideration of the introduction of a suitable form of parking control to deal with these problems as a matter of extreme urgency.”

Although little additional information has been provided, it is assumed that petitioners are requesting the possible introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme, but this can be clarified through discussions with residents.

- 2) Abbotswood Way, and its continuation Priory Close, is a cul-de-sac (there is a gate at the junction with Stirling Road) within a mainly residential area, with a mixture of semi-detached, terraced houses, maisonettes, and blocks of flats. Some properties benefit from off-street parking provision but, from site observations, there is a demand for the available kerbside parking spaces. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) From Abbotswood Way, there is a cycle path and footway which provides access to Minet Country Park via an underpass beneath The Parkway (A312) and the nearby Guru Nanak Sikh Academy. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, Guru Nanak Sikh Academy is located on Beaconsfield Road and can only be accessed via Springfield Road. As a result, at school drop-off and pick-up times, Springfield Road becomes very congested, so Abbotswood Way and the surrounding roads have clearly provided an alternative location for parents to park and walk to school.
- 4) In view of the concerns raised in the petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for *“a suitable form of parking control”* and, if appropriate, asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation. 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 unrestricted roads close by.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking on Abbotswood Way, the cost of the scheme will be contained within the approved 2022/23 Parking Management Schemes Programme capital budget.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities:

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

Consultation carried out or required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above, noting that if the managed parking scheme on Abbotswood Way were introduced, the costs will be contained within the approved 2022/23 Parking Management Schemes Programme capital budget.

Legal

Legal Services confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan