

# HARMONDSWORTH ROAD, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A “RESIDENTS’ PERMIT” PARKING SCHEME

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Location Plan

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents who live in part of Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities.  This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward(s)</b>	Heathrow Villages & West Drayton

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for a possible Parking Management Scheme;
- 2) Notes the results of the previous consultations with nearby residents of Harmondsworth Road, as detailed in the body of the report; and,
- 3) Subject to the above, considers asking 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 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council by residents who live on Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton signed under the following heading:  
  
*“Request for parking permits to be put in place on the odd numbered side of Harmondsworth Road, West Drayton due to the increase in cars parked here since the implementation of a permit scheme on the even side of the road.”*
- 2) Harmondsworth Road is a mainly residential road close to West Drayton town centre and station. The road forms part of the U3 and 350 bus routes that provides easy access to Heathrow Airport. Also located on Harmondsworth Road is West Drayton Cemetery, local shopping parade and other local amenities. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) The width of Harmondsworth Road is sufficient to allow two-way traffic and at the location mentioned in the petition, there are two service roads adjacent to the main carriageway. As mentioned by the lead petitioner, the service road on the west side of Harmondsworth Road (even numbers) already benefits from a Parking Management Scheme. This was as a result of a petition submitted by residents. After hearing the testimony of petitioners, the Cabinet Member of the time agreed to add this request to the extensive parking scheme programme in an area agreed with ward councillors.
- 4) In discussion with ward councillors and after consideration of the petitions, it was decided that an informal consultation should be undertaken in the service road outside Nos.20 – 130 (evens) only, the latter a decision explicitly made by councillors at time.
- 5) During the above, the Council delivered a letter, plan of the area, a questionnaire and reply-paid envelope to every property in the area agreed with ward councillors. Responses received from residents generally supported the principle of a Parking Management Scheme.
- 6) As a result of the above, a detailed design was prepared for formal consultation. Again, the majority of responses to this consultation were in support of a parking management scheme. It was therefore subsequently decided to implement a scheme with operational times of ‘Monday to Friday 9am – 5pm’.

- 7) The service road specifically mentioned in the petition is on the east side of Harmondsworth Road and is mainly bordered by blocks of flats with limited off-street parking provision. Although this section of Harmondsworth Road is situated in Heathrow Villages Ward, any decisions made here could also affect the adjacent West Drayton Ward.
- 8) With this in mind, the Cabinet Member will be aware when a Parking Management Scheme is implemented in one road, in some instances non-residential parking can transfer to nearby roads which could be the case here.
- 9) In view of the submission of this petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for the introduction of a resident permit only parking scheme, and if appropriate asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation. Ward councillors may at the same time wish to offer their views on a suitable consultation area because, as has already been mentioned in this report, experience has shown 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 were to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area around Harmondsworth Road, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

## **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.

### **Legal**

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

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.

## TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location Plan