

# MARVELL AVENUE, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF PARKING BAYS AT THE END OF MARVELL AVENUE

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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 of Marvell Avenue, Hayes, requesting the introduction of parking bays.
<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</b>	Belmore.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:**

- 1) Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for parking bays or yellow lines the end of Marvell Avenue; and**
- 2) Subject to the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council's extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation.**

### 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 some residents who live on Marvell Avenue, Hayes signed under the following heading:

*“We would like for dotted parking bays in the rounded curbs at the end of Marvell Avenue where the location is clearly indicated to any driver, We want to keep the parking on the curbs, just legally guided. We would like the space in front of the hedge gate at the end of Marvell Avenue to prevent cars from bisecting the road.”*

In an accompanying statement the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following further information:

*“Parking on the roadside curb of Marvell Avenue causes may issues from manoeuvring, reversing and creates blind spots. Occasionally drivers will also park in front of the hedge gate, bisecting the road further causing issues to leave properties or manoeuvring around the three vehicles arranged in a “/ | \” shape.*

*Vehicles are often parked a small distance away from the raised curb, this tightens the road and makes it more difficult for drivers to even leave their driveways without potentially hitting one of their cars, especially larger vehicles such as vans, trucks and larger cars. This also created blind spots where young children are often playing during the day, which is very dangerous, as oncoming cars whilst slowing down cannot see the children playing at the end.*

*We would like yellow lines to be painted on the rounded curb at the end of Marvell Avenue, as well as in front of the hedge gate where the road is bisected into two. The road ends in a curved T, and the corners of this area where the cars are parked. Parking on the roadside curb makes it increasingly difficult for many drivers to even leave their driveways without potentially hitting one of their cars, especially larger vehicles such as vans, trucks and longer cars.*

*This also created blind spots where young children are often playing during the day, which is very dangerous, as oncoming cars whilst slowing down cannot see the children at the end. Lastly, the end of the road is often used as a three point turn location for many cars, the blind spots, and the tight nature of the parking is a combined hazard, to increased the chance of an accident.”*

- 2) Marvell Avenue is a mainly residential road within Belmore Ward. The section of Marvell Avenue which this petition relates to is the section of road to the north of Warley Road and is a ‘no-through’ road. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

- 3) At this end of Marvell Avenue, there are either semi-detached or terrace type properties, all of which appear to benefit from off-street parking. During a site visit, officers observed vehicles parking on the carriageway, so there appears to be some demand for on-street parking provision.
- 4) The Cabinet Member will be interested to know that in November 1989, this section of Marvell Avenue had an informal footway parking scheme introduced, the remnants of which can still be seen in places on the footway. However, as this was some time ago and standards and legal requirements have changed, such schemes can unfortunately no longer be implemented as they were then.
- 5) It is not clear from the information provided in the petition whether residents are asking for either marked out parking places, yellow lines or a mixture of both. Officers have been in discussion with the lead petitioner and have provided options to see how parking could be managed in Marvell Avenue and offered the option of using 'intelligent intervention' to move the request forward.
- 6) However, the lead petitioner has insisted that he meets with the Cabinet Member in person to discuss their concerns and possible options.
- 7) It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and discusses their concerns and preferred options to address the issues in Marvell Avenue. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, and if appropriate, the Cabinet Member may ask officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation.

### **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 in Marvell Avenue, 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