

HALE END CLOSE, HUME WAY AND EASTCOTE ROAD, RUISLIP - PETITION REQUESTING 'THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME'

Cabinet Member & Portfolio	Councillor Steve Tuckwell Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received requesting a residents' permit parking scheme for Hale End Close, Hume Way and Eastcote Road, Ruislip.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in a sustainable borough that is carbon neutral
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.
Select Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Ward(s)	Ruislip

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth:

- 1) **Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme; and**
- 2) **Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if officers should add this request to the extensive Parking Scheme Programme for a possible informal consultation.**

Reasons for recommendation(s)

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

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. An e-petition with 21 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council, mainly by residents, who live on Hale End Close, Ruislip signed under the following heading:

“We respectfully as a community request that the London Borough of Hillingdon :

Introduce a Residents’ Permit Parking Scheme covering Hale End Close, Hume Way and Eastcote Road;

Install appropriate residents-only parking signage;

Implement a controlled parking arrangement that prioritises residents and their visitors;

Ensure appropriate enforcement to prevent continued misuse of non-residents.

The intended outcome is to restore fair and reasonable access to parking for residents and prevent ongoing displacement caused by external parking demand.”

2. The lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following additional information:

“Please find enclosed a resident petition requesting the introduction of a Residents’ Permit Parking Scheme covering Hale End Close, Eastcote Road and Hume Way.

This petition has been initiated due to the ongoing and significant parking pressures experienced by residents in these roads. For a prolonged period, parking spaces have been consistently occupied by non-residents, including visitors to nearby facilities school related traffic and contractors. This has resulted in residents being unable to access parking near their own homes on a daily basis.

The situation is particularly concerning given that many residents within these locations are vulnerable, elderly, or managing health conditions. It is unreasonable for residents to experience stress, prolonged parking searches, or risk penalty notices simply because they cannot secure a space outside or near their property.

We are therefore formally requesting:

- *The introduction of a Residents’ Permit Parking Scheme covering Hale End Close, Eastcote Road and Hume Way;*
- *The installation of clear Residents-Only Parking signage;*
- *Appropriate enforcement to prevent continued misuse by non-residents.*

Furthermore, residents should not be expected to pay disproportionate or excessive permit fees to access parking outside their homes. Given the circumstances and the vulnerability of many residents in the area, we strongly request that any permit scheme be introduced be implemented at no cost or at a minimal, reasonable charge, so that residents are not financially penalised for seeking fair access to parking.

This request is not intended to disadvantage visitors or local facilities, but to restore balance and ensure that residents – who live, pay council tax, and contribute to the borough – are prioritised in their own streets.

We respectfully ask the Council to give this matter serious consideration and to support residents in securing a fair and sustainable parking solution.”

3. Hale End Close, Hume Way and Eastcote Road are mainly residential roads close to Highgrove Pool and Fitness Centre as well as Bishop Ramsey School. Hale End Close and Hume Way benefit from some private off-street parking provision which is not on the public highway and therefore could not be included in any possible Residents' Permit Parking Scheme.
4. Most of the properties on Eastcote Road appear to have ample off-street parking provision and as this road is a borough secondary distributor road, forms part of H13 bus route and is a main road linking Northwood Hills and Eastcote to Ruislip Manor, Ruislip and beyond. Given the nature of the road, and the fact that no residents of Eastcote Road have signed the petition, it is unlikely that any on-street parking places could be recommended on this busy thoroughfare.
5. In the accompanying statement, the lead petitioner has asked *that “any permit scheme introduced be at no cost or at a minimal, reasonable charge”*. It is worth noting that the costs of permits as of 6th April are:

1st permit - £92.40
2nd permit - £132.90
3rd permit - £179.10
4th permit - £219.50
5th and subsequent permits - £259.00
6. These charges are set by full Council and apply across Hillingdon, so it is worth highlighting these now as they may help inform any discussions and decisions.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

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 & Engagement 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 to following the recommendations within this report in relation to the petition received for introduction of a resident's parking permit scheme for Hale End Close, Hume Way and Eastcote Road, Ruislip. The Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 provides the Council with the powers to make traffic regulation orders, such as for a parking management or parking permit scheme.

A meeting with the petitioners is in line with the Council's constitution and is a perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Public law principles provide that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of completion of any wider planned consultation. Therefore, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising, including those which do not accord with their own.

Should there be a decision that the parking permit scheme proposal is to be considered further, then the relevant statutory provisions and processes for this will have to be considered and followed. To this end, more specific legal comments will be provided in subsequent reports as the proposal progresses.

Comments from other relevant service areas

None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition

APPENDIX

Appendix A – Location plan