

SEDLEY GROVE, HAREFIELD – PETITION REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL FOOTWAY PARKING BAY

Cabinet Member	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio	Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation
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Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To inform the Cabinet Member that residents of Sedley Grove have organised a petition requesting the installation of a footway parking place outside No. 67 Sedley Grove.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request will be considered in accordance with the Council's strategy for on-street parking facilities and make the borough safer.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	Harefield

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Considers the request for an additional parking place outside No. 67 Sedley Grove (and explains to petitioners that this request is not feasible because of the Council's policy for footway parking schemes.)**
2. **Asks officers to investigate if additional parking can be created by making amendments to the existing footway parking scheme in Sedley Grove.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners in detail their request and to explore opportunities to increase the parking for residents in Sedley Grove.

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Alternative options considered

There are no other options that can be considered in this case.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

Supporting Information

1. A petition has been received from residents of Sedley Grove, Harefield requesting the Council to install a footway parking place outside No. 67 Sedley Grove. It contains 22 signatures, representing 13 of the 89 households in Sedley Grove although the majority of these residents live within the section of the road where the additional parking place is being requested.
2. Sedley Grove is cul-de-sac located just off of Broadwater Lane and consists of 89 residential properties. The road has a formalised footway parking scheme with signs and lines designating where parking is permitted on the footway. This scheme has been in operation since 1991. A plan attached as Appendix A indicates the current layout of the footway parking scheme.
3. Residents are requesting that the Council install an additional footway parking bay in the lay-by outside No. 67 Sedley Grove where currently vehicles may only park entirely on the carriageway meaning that only 3 averaged sized vehicles can utilise this space for parking. Residents request that this footway parking bay is positioned at effectively 90 degrees so that either the front or back wheels are on the footway with the remainder of the vehicle on the carriageway. Resident have noted that if this parking arrangement was adopted it is estimated that it would enable 5 vehicles to park.
4. The Council's policy for footway parking schemes is that vehicles must park with only 2 wheels on the footway and leave at least 1.5 metres width of clear footway for pedestrians to walk along. However, in this case residents are asking for the width of the entire footway outside No. 67 Sedley Grove to be sacrificed for additional parking. Residents have mentioned that the footway at this location is seldom used and does not provide any further access than to the vehicles that are parked in this section of the road.
5. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member notes the petitioners request and asks officers to investigate if additional parking can be created for the residents of Sedley Grove by making amendments to the existing footway scheme.

Financial Implications

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

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To increase the parking capacity in Sedley Grove following the residents request for additional parking.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage, however subject to Cabinet Member approval if additional parking can be created within Sedley Grove it will be necessary to conduct statutory consultation before any changes can be made to the existing footway parking scheme.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

No comments

Corporate Procurement

No comments

Corporate Landlord

No comments

Legal

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues 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.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition dated – 4th May 2010