

ELEANOR GROVE, RECTORY WAY AND ADJACENT ROADS – PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Cabinet Member

Councillor Keith Burrows

Cabinet Portfolio

Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling

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Appendix A

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report

To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting a residents parking scheme in Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and adjacent roads.

Contribution to our plans and strategies

The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.

Financial Cost

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendation to this report

Relevant Policy Overview Committee

Residents' and Environmental Services

Ward(s) affected

Ickenham

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation & Recycling;

- 1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for a residents' parking scheme.**
- 2. Adds the request for a residents' permit parking scheme in Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and adjacent roads to the Council's Parking Programme.**
- 3. Asks officers to liaise with local Ward Councillors to agree a viable consultation area for a possible area wide Parking Management Scheme.**

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

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Residents have made a request for a residents' parking scheme in Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and other roads in the surrounding area and inclusion on the parking programme will allow subsequent consultation with all residents within the area.

Alternative options considered

None as the Council will be guided by the views of the residents resulting from subsequent consultation.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 115 signatures from residents of the Borough has been submitted to the council under the following heading:

"As the new "Stop & Shop" Parking Scheme in Ickenham is approaching its commissioning date, the undersigned residents of Eleanor Grove, Rectory Way and adjacent roads, seek to apply for "Residents' Parking". After the start date of the Parking Scheme, the volume of displaced cars into these roads will increase. The roads are already used for long-term parking by commuters to London by train, and by people working in the shops and businesses. The reduced parking times in this area will result in motorists using the above roads for all-day parking, causing not only disruption to the residents but a hazard to emergency services in these narrow roads."

2. Eleanor Grove and Rectory Way are situated to the north of Swakeleys Road close to Ickenham Village shopping parade. Attached as Appendix A is a location plan which also indicates the extent of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme, which was implemented around the time this petition was submitted. As these roads and other roads in the vicinity have no parking restrictions they form an attractive parking area for those working in the nearby shops. These roads are a short distance from Ickenham Underground Station so they also form an attractive area for commuters to park.

3. As well as signatures from the residents of Eleanor Grove and Rectory Way many residents from adjoining roads have signed the petition including Ashbury Drive, Broadacre Close, Charlton Close, The Mallows and Boniface Road. This appears to indicate that there is support for an area wide scheme in the section to the north of Swakeleys Road and the roads in this area could form a viable area for a permit scheme.

4. Since the installation of the Ickenham Village 'Stop & Shop' Parking Scheme the Council has received a number of requests for parking restrictions in other roads close to the scheme. It is suggested that if the Cabinet Member approves that a parking scheme in the above roads be progressed, a viable consultation area should be established in liaison with local Ward Councillors, as whatever measures are introduced in this area could have the affect of transferring commuter parking into other nearby roads and cause issues for residents who currently do not experience such competition with "All day" non-residential parking.

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5. As the Cabinet Member is aware a programme of parking schemes is being developed for the next few years in order to be able to take account of all requests throughout the Borough. It is suggested a scheme for this area is added to the programme and the Council determine the suitable priority.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if suitable options are identified to address the residents concerns, it would need to be investigated in detail and funding would require a bid to be made from the Parking Revenue Account surplus.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns and it will allow a possible scheme for the area to be considered within the Council's overall programme for parking schemes.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Cabinet Member approves for this request to be added to the Council's Parking Programme residents would need to be informally consulted to establish the overall level of support for a scheme.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

No comments.

Corporate Landlord

The report has no property implications and the Corporate Landlord has no comments.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation. 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.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered. In particular the Council's power to make orders creating residents permit parking arrangements are set out in Part IV, Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The consultation and order making statutory procedures to be followed in this case are set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

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In considering any informal consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received – 18th August 2010

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