

ICKENHAM ROAD, RUISLIP – PETITION REQUESTING PAY-AND-DISPLAY PARKING BAYS

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

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To advise the Cabinet Member that businesses along Ickenham Road close to the junction of High Street, Ruislip have submitted a petition asking the Council to install pay-and-display parking bays along one side of the road.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for the control of on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services
Ward(s) affected	West Ruislip

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Meets with petitioners and discusses their request for pay-and-display parking outside the shopping parade on Ickenham Road close to the junction of High Street, Ruislip; and
2. Approves the addition of a "Stop & Shop" parking scheme for this part of Ickenham Road to the Council's parking programme as soon as resources permit.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The request from shopkeepers is acknowledged and further investigation will establish if additional parking is feasible.

Alternative options considered

These will be discussed with petitioners.

Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 35 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“We are writing on behalf of the shop owners situated at the start of Ickenham Road following on from the High Street.

Due to the increase of the traffic wardens on motorbikes, who don't allow the public 5 minutes grace before issuing tickets, our business in this small parade has been massively affected, and as a result, we are losing customers continually.

We would like you to consider putting Pay & Display parking on one side of the road, even a shorter time limit than what is on place on the High Street will help reduce the ongoing parking problem.”

2. This parade of shops is situated on Ickenham Road close to the junction of High Street, Ruislip and is part of the Ruislip town centre ‘Stop & Shop’ parking scheme. [Attached as Appendix A is plan indicating the current layout of the parking restrictions along Ickenham Road]. Along the north-western side of the road is a Monday to Saturday 8am to 6:30pm waiting restriction and on the south-eastern side of the road disabled, loading and business permit parking bays. The nearest pay-and-display parking spaces are on High Street, Ruislip.

3. It would appear from this petition that businesses in Ickenham Road are concerned with the existing parking situation and would like the pay-and-display parking extended to outside their shops. However, it is not clear if they would like pay-and-display parking in addition to, or in place of the existing parking provision. This may become clearer from discussions with petitioners.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware there is a large programme for the introduction of parking schemes, both residents permit and “Stop & Shop” parking schemes over the next two years. Commitments have already been made to consider “Stop & Shop” schemes in parts of the Borough but it is suggested this request be added to the overall list and progressed as quickly as possible.

5. Parking Services have looked into the allegation that Civil Enforcement Officers do not allow customers to the shops 5 minutes grace before issuing a Penalty Charge Notice and have not been able to find any examples where the incorrect grace period has been used. However, in some instances, the Civil Enforcement Officers have the ability to issue an instant Penalty Charge Notice for contraventions such as parking on a zebra crossing or parking within a disabled bay without displaying a valid blue badge. If the petitioners can provide any further specific information in relation to this issue, then Parking Services will review this matter further

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council subsequently approve pay-and-display parking bays along this section of the Ickenham Road, the estimated cost to install signs, lines and a ticket machine would be approximately £5,000 which would require an allocation from the Parking Revenue Account. Subject to Cabinet Member agreement, this could be vired from an under spend from another Parking Revenue Account funded scheme.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To add the request to the Council's list for parking schemes.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage. However, if the Council was to propose modifying current the parking arrangements outside the shopping parade, it would be subject to a statutory consultation process.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Landlord

The report has no significant 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 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.

If, following the informal discussion with the petitioners, waiting restrictions are recommended, the Council's powers to make orders imposing waiting restrictions are set out in Part 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Council's powers relating to pay and display parking are contained in Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 govern road traffic signs and road markings and there are no special circumstances drawn to our attention that would prevent the scheme proceeding provided that the appropriate statutory procedures are followed. 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).

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.