

## CHESTNUT CLOSE, WEST DRAYTON – PETITION REQUESTING INCREASED PARKING SCHEME OPERATIONAL TIMES

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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Location Plan

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Chestnut Close, West Drayton asking to increase the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme Zone H1.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The residents' request will be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendation to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward affected</b>	Heathrow Villages

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling notes the petition and:

1. Considers the petitioners' request for increased operational hours of the existing Resident Permit Parking Scheme.
2. Asks officers to seek advice from local Ward Councillors to determine a suitable area over which residents could be asked for views on longer operational times.

### INFORMATION

#### Reasons for recommendation

To consider the request along with other representations that may be received from residents of other roads in the Heathrow Parking Scheme, who may have views on the operational period.

## **Alternative options considered**

These will be considered as part of the review.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage.

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 11 signatures has been received from residents in Chestnut Close, which represents 38% of households in the road, under the following heading:

*“London Heathrow Parking Management can only issue fixed penalty parking tickets between the hours of 9am-5pm. To reduce the number of taxis parking in Chestnut Close and Doghurst Drive we would like the London Heathrow Parking Management to extend the period during which tickets are issued to the hours of 9am to midnight”.*

The petition contained less than the minimum of 20 signatures required to automatically qualify for a Petition Hearing, but a local Ward Councillor requested that the petition be heard by the Cabinet Member.

2. Chestnut Close is a small cul-de-sac just off Doghurst Drive, West Drayton. The location is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report. Due to the local proximity of London Heathrow Airport this area is clearly an attractive place for non-residents to park.

3. Residents of Doghurst Drive and Chestnut Close have previously petitioned for measures to address taxis illegally parking in their road, one of which was to be removed from the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme and to introduce ‘at any time’ waiting and loading restrictions which it was hoped would solve the problem. However, these restrictions did not deter the chauffeurs from parking and residents petitioned for the parking places to be reinstated to meet the parking needs of the local community.

4. The latest extension to the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme came into operation in November 2009. It is the Council’s usual practice to review schemes 6-12 months from starting and this was undertaken at the Cabinet Member’s request between 19 July and 9 August 2010. Residents within the scheme were asked if they had any views on operational aspects of the scheme and those in roads outside the scheme were delivered an information leaflet and questionnaire to ask if they would like their road included.

5. The results of the recent review indicate that a majority of residents are satisfied with the scheme. One resident requested the operational hours be extended whilst three residents suggested the operational times were excessive. However the views of residents living in the northern part of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme are likely to be different from petitioners living in the southern part of the scheme who may experience more fly-parking than residents in the north.

6. It is brought to the attention of the Cabinet Member that residents in other roads within the scheme close to the airport have complained of similar issues with airport related parking outside the hours of operation of the existing scheme. Within a parking scheme it is desirable to

keep restrictions as consistent as possible to avoid causing confusion to visitors and transferring the problem to nearby roads.

7. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and discusses their request for extended hours. Subject to the outcome of the discussions, the Cabinet Member may decide to ask officers to seek advice from local Ward Councillors to determine a suitable area within which residents could be asked for views on longer operational times as it is more effective to address parking issues on an area wide basis rather than on a road-by-road basis.

### **Financial implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations in this report.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

It will allow the Council to consider further the petitioners request together with comments of other residents in neighboring roads.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

None at this stage

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No comments.

### **Corporate Landlord**

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

### **Legal**

A meeting with the petitioners and Ward Councillors 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.

Consultation must be undertaken when proposals are still at a formative stage, must give sufficient reasons to permit the consultee to make a meaningful response, must allow adequate time for consideration and response, and the results of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising any proposals (even those which do not accord with the officer recommendation).

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 6 October 2010.

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PART 1 – MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS

Cabinet Member meeting with Petitioners – 20 April 2011