

DENZILOE AVENUE, HILLINGDON – PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING SCHEME

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

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Purpose of report	To advise the Cabinet Member that residents of Denziloe Avenue have submitted a petition asking the Council to determine the viability to introduce a “Residents Only” parking scheme.
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	Hillingdon East

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Denziloe Avenue.
2. Decides if a scheme for Denziloe Avenue can be added to the Council’s parking programme.

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

Although parking schemes are not generally considered for individual roads, due to the isolated location of Denziloe Avenue, the Cabinet Member may decide that a scheme could be considered in advance of one over a wider area.

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 32 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following request:

“We the undersigned are continuously having problems being able to park on Denziloe Avenue outside our properties due to any available space being occupied by local businesses and non residents. As a result we would like London Borough of Hillingdon to implement a residents’ parking scheme to resolve this matter.”

Denziloe Avenue is a residential road just off the Uxbridge Road close to the New Broadway Parade shopping centre. The road could present an attractive parking area for visitors, workers and residents living above the shops who have no access to off-street parking. The location of Denziloe Avenue is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.

2. The Cabinet Member will be aware that the Council’s strategy for the introduction of Parking Management Schemes in residential areas is in order to address concerns with non-residential parking. The intention of such schemes is to prohibit parking not associated with those living in the road in order to retain the available kerbside parking for the benefit of residents and their visitors. It is apparent from previous schemes in Hillingdon that not all households are in favour of Permit Schemes unless they are confident there will be sufficient space to accommodate residents’ parking needs. It is also usual practice to only install schemes over a wider area as opposed to individual roads.

3. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the reason for this is that parking displacement will often transfer from one road to another nearby, and for this reason it is seldom viable to create a Parking Management Scheme in a single road. In practice, the Council generally relies to some extent on evidence of a more general local demand for a Parking Management Scheme and to date the desire evident in Denziloe Avenue does not appear to be echoed in adjoining roads. However, residents of Parkfield Avenue have raised concerns over vehicles parking on the footway at the end of their road.

4. In cases like this, it is usually recommended that a parking stress survey be carried out in the road to establish parking trends and patterns. However, as it is likely some of the vehicles parking in the road belong to residents living above the shops on New Broadway, the results from such a survey may not give a clear indication of the difficulties the residents of Denziloe Avenue are experiencing. As an alternative, it is possible to recommend that an informal consultation be carried out with the residents to establish the overall level of support for a parking scheme in Denziloe Avenue.

5. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their request in detail for a Parking Management Scheme in Denziloe Avenue and, subject to what residents tell him, considers the most appropriate further courses of action.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of a Residents’ Parking Scheme in Denziloe Avenue, funding

would need to be identified. Usually this would come via an allocation from the Parking Revenue Account surplus. However, if there are underspends on other schemes within the Parking Management Schemes Programme, the required funding could be reallocated subject to Cabinet Member approval. This would be subject to the Cabinet Member's decision on whether the scheme for Denziloe Avenue should be added to the Programme.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to decide if a scheme for Denziloe Avenue can be considered in isolation from the surrounding area and added to the parking programme.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce a parking scheme in Denziloe Avenue, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

No comments at this stage.

Corporate Landlord

No comments at this stage.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposals contained in this report.

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 the 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 – 15 January 2011