

For General Release

REPORT TO:	COUNCIL 26 March 2018
SUBJECT:	MEMBER PETITIONS
LEAD OFFICER:	Stephen Rowan, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny
WARDS:	ALL
CORPORATE PRIORITY/POLICY CONTEXT: This report is prepared in keeping with paragraphs 3.26 to 3.31 of the Council Procedure Rules at Part 4A of the Constitution.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS 1.1 The Council is asked to note the petitions presented by Councillors at the meeting as listed in paragraph four of the report.
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2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2.1 In accordance with Part 4A of the Council’s Constitution up to three Members of the Council can present petitions to any ordinary meeting of the Council, with the exception of any meeting of the Council reserved for the setting of Council Tax.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Part 4A of the Constitution allows up to three Councillors to present petitions to meetings of the Full Council.

3.2 The Constitution requires that a petition must contain “the signatures of at least 100 local people or 50% of the local people affected by the subject” in order to be presented at a Council meeting.

3.3 The full petition wording of each of the three Member petitions to be received will be included in the Council agenda (see paragraph four below). The Member petitions will be received but shall not be the subject of a debate or questions at that or a subsequent Council meeting.

3.4 Where possible, the Cabinet Member shall provide a response at the Council meeting at which the Member’s petition is received. Where a response is not

provided at the meeting, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

4. PETITIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO COUNCIL AT THIS MEETING

4.1 The Monitoring Officer has received notice of the following petitions to be presented to this meeting of the Council:

a) Petition presented by **Councillor King** on behalf of residents:

"Request for Resident Parking Permit

I'm writing this letter to you on behalf of the Keston Road residents in Thornton Heath. We are requesting the council to introduce the resident parking on our street. We don't have any parking spaces at all due to Mayday hospital staffs who are fully occupying our parking spaces with their cars on our street all day and night. Furthermore, behind our street (around Canterbury Road) there is already resident permit holders parking which has been enforced by the council, so those who live around Canterbury Road, also park their cars on our street.

Apart from this car repair centres and MOT Service stations such as Bharadia Autos in Oakwood Road, Thornton Heath Motors in May day Rd, J & A Autos in Canterbury Rd and Auto Tech in Lancing Rd. As you can imagine the difficulty of us going through the parking nightmare in our street daily, most of them who live in this street are families with children studying either in primary school or secondary school. In order to get our children into the car, we are walking two streets away from our house!! There were many occasions in the past we couldn't find any parking space at all and on those days so many of us parked on the double yellow lines because there was no more parking space left in our street!! Simply it is frustrating to the residents not only for the school runs but also for the essential day to day life.

So we Residents of Keston Road (majority of them) had a detailed discussion, eventually we all mutually arrived at a conclusion that residents permit holders parking is the only way to going forward to solve our parking problem. Also we strongly believe that this should be implemented by the council as early as possible in order to reduce the disruption and hardships we are currently experiencing."

b) Petition presented by **Councillor Kabir** on behalf of residents

"We the residents of Quadrant Road and Brook Road, Thornton Heath, would request that due to the high levels of traffic which use Quadrant Road and Brook Road as short cut to avoid Brigstock Road, which results in grid lock during rush hours because the roads are not wide enough for two-way traffic, which then results in accidents and road rage.

We therefore request that the Council adopts a one-way system to alleviate these problems."

- c) Petition presented by **Councillor Margaret Mead** on behalf of residents

“We, as the residents of Addington Village, request that Croydon Council look at options to address the significant increase in street parking that has taken place since the Cricketers/Harvester Pub introduced metered parking within their car park.

It would appear that people were using the Cricketers/Harvester Pub car park when commuting to work by tram or bus and also parishioners for the Church and now that metered parking has been introduced, they have resorted to leaving their vehicles on roads around the Village to avoid the new charges.

We would like the Council to respond to the Addington Village Residents Association with proposed solutions to reduce the number of cars parking on the roads around the Village.”

5. NEXT STEPS

- 5.1 Where possible the Cabinet Member will respond to the petition at the meeting.
- 5.2 Where a more detailed response is required, a written response shall be provided within three weeks of the meeting.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None.