

# TUDOR ROAD, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING PARKING PERMITS AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – Location Plan

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents who live in Tudor Road, Hayes requesting “ <i>parking permits and traffic calming measures</i> ”.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The request can be considered as part of the Council’s annual programme for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	Should speed and traffic surveys be commissioned, costs will be c.£85 per location, managed within existing Transportation Service revenue budgets.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
<b>Relevant Ward(s)</b>	Wood End

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for Parking Permits and Traffic Calming Measures for Tudor Road, Hayes.
- 2) Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council’s extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation and possible informal consultation in an area agreed with Ward Councillors.
- 3) Notes the observation about off-street parking and the need for proper kerb and footway alterations.
- 4) Also subject to the outcome of the above, decides if officers should commission independent 24/7 speed and traffic surveys on Tudor Road at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Councillors.

## Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners regarding their concerns and suggestions.

## Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

## Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1) A petition with 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council by residents who live on Tudor Road, Hayes, signed under the following heading:

*“Parking restrictions at Tudor Road, Hayes, Middlesex.*

*Parking Permits & Traffic Calming Measures”*

In an accompanying letter, the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following additional information:

*“I am writing to you regarding a matter of concern that affects the residents of Tudor Road, Hayes Middlesex, and to formally submit a petition for parking restrictions and permit parking in our neighbourhood.*

*As a resident of Tudor Road since February 2007, I have witnessed firsthand challenged and frustrations caused by inadequate parking by residents from other neighbourhood who come to our road, park inappropriately causing inconvenience to residents but also posed safety risks and hindered the overall quality of life in our community/road.*

*After thorough discussions and collaborations with fellow residents of Tudor Road, Hayes, we have come together to address these issues and advocate for the implementation of effective parking restrictions on Tudor Road. Our petition signed by 20 residents reflects the collective voice and concerns of our community members.*

*The primary reasons behind our petitions include:*

*Safety concerns – the unrestricted parking situation has led to congested streets and obstruct visibility, increasing the risk of accidents and endangering pedestrians and drivers alike.*

*Accessibility issues – Limited parking availability makes it challenging for residents and visitors to find suitable spaces near their homes, often resulting in inconvenience and frustration.*

*Neighbourhood cohesion – Implementing clear parking regulations will promote a sense of order and fairness within our community, fostering positive relationships among other residents and improving overall liveability of Tudor Road.*

*We firmly believe that the implementation of appropriate parking restrictions will address these concerns and contribute to the wellbeing of our neighbourhood.*

*Enclosed, with this letter, you will find a copy of the petition, along with signatures of concerned residents will support our cause. We kindly request that the Hillingdon Borough Council carefully review our petition and consider implementing parking restrictions, especially during school times, and after 5pm as us residents find it very difficult to find parking between 08.30 – 9.15, 14.45 – 16.00 onwards (Mon to Friday and 17.00 onwards on weekends) on Tudor Road to alleviate the existing challenges and enhance the quality life for residents.*

*We are open to further discussions and collaborations with the Council to explore viable solutions and ensure the successful implementation of parking regulations/permits that can not only benefit Tudor Road but also Hillingdon Council.”*

- 2) Tudor Road is a long straight residential road, roughly 600 metres in length, and an average carriageway width between opposite kerbs of just over 7 metres, which connects Judge Heath Lane and Wood End Green Road; the road largely comprises semi-detached or terraced type properties, some of which appear to benefit from off-street parking, although several appear not to have a formally constructed driveway across the footway. In such cases, if the kerbs and footways have not been properly modified and reinforced to accommodate vehicles driving over them, then driving across them to and from private frontages is an offence, and any residents who may have been in the habit of doing so need to understand this. This may, therefore, be a matter the Cabinet Member wishes officers to refer to the relevant Council departments. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) Within the petition, residents have suggested that one of their desired outcomes was for “parking permits.” It will be useful at the outset to advise petitioners that the Council operates a Virtual Permit System where parking sessions are registered against the registration number without a physical permit being required. At the time of writing this report, the current annual cost of the 1<sup>st</sup> permit is £75. Additional permits are charged at £110 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> permit, £145 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> permit, £180 for the 4<sup>th</sup> permit, and the 5<sup>th</sup> and any subsequent permit will cost £215. The first the visitor permits/sessions per year are free, and subsequent permits are £1.30 per day. These prices are subject to change on a yearly basis as agreed by the Council’s Cabinet.
- 4) In view of the submission of this petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for the introduction of ‘parking permits’ and if appropriate asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation. It is also suggested that subject to the outcome of the petition hearing, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable consultation area because, as the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that it is likely parking could easily transfer to unrestricted roads close by, and in such cases the local knowledge and guidance of Ward Councillors can be invaluable.

- 5) Although not specifically stated within the petition, it is noted that petitioners have made reference to “*Traffic Calming Measures*” as one of their desired outcomes. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member may wish to hear the testimony of petitioners and their local Ward Councillors to understand in greater detail their road safety concerns.
- 6) Subject to the above, the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission independent 24/7 speed and traffic surveys on Tudor Road at locations agreed with petitioners and Ward Councillors.
- 7) As the Cabinet Member will be aware, independent traffic surveys are a reliable and well-established means to understand the real situation on the ground. These surveys generally use specialist equipment, including pneumatic tubes which are mounted temporarily on the road surface, fitted transversely across the whole width of the carriageway. These devices are installed for a period of at least a week or ten days and monitor traffic movements on a '24/7' basis. The discreet equipment is sufficiently sophisticated that not only can it record traffic speeds at any given time, but it also records the size and type of vehicles, from motorcycles to large multi-axel lorries.
- 8) It is also strongly recommended that, if they have not yet done so, residents raise their concerns directly with the Metropolitan Police because they alone, have the necessary powers to tackle speeding in general if this is the case in Tudor Road. Physical traffic calming can be an effective tool, but it can also have unwelcome side effects such as an increase in noise caused by traffic passing through, such as skip lorries and larger vehicles.

### **Financial Implications**

Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission speed and traffic surveys. The current cost of these is c.£85 per location, funded within existing Transportation revenue budgets. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area around Tudor Road or physical traffic calming measures, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities**

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

### **Consultation carried out or required**

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

### **Legal**

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report. Whenever necessary legal advice is given in relation to specific issues as they arise to ensure that the Council always meets its legal obligations.

### **Infrastructure / Asset Management**

None at this stage.

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

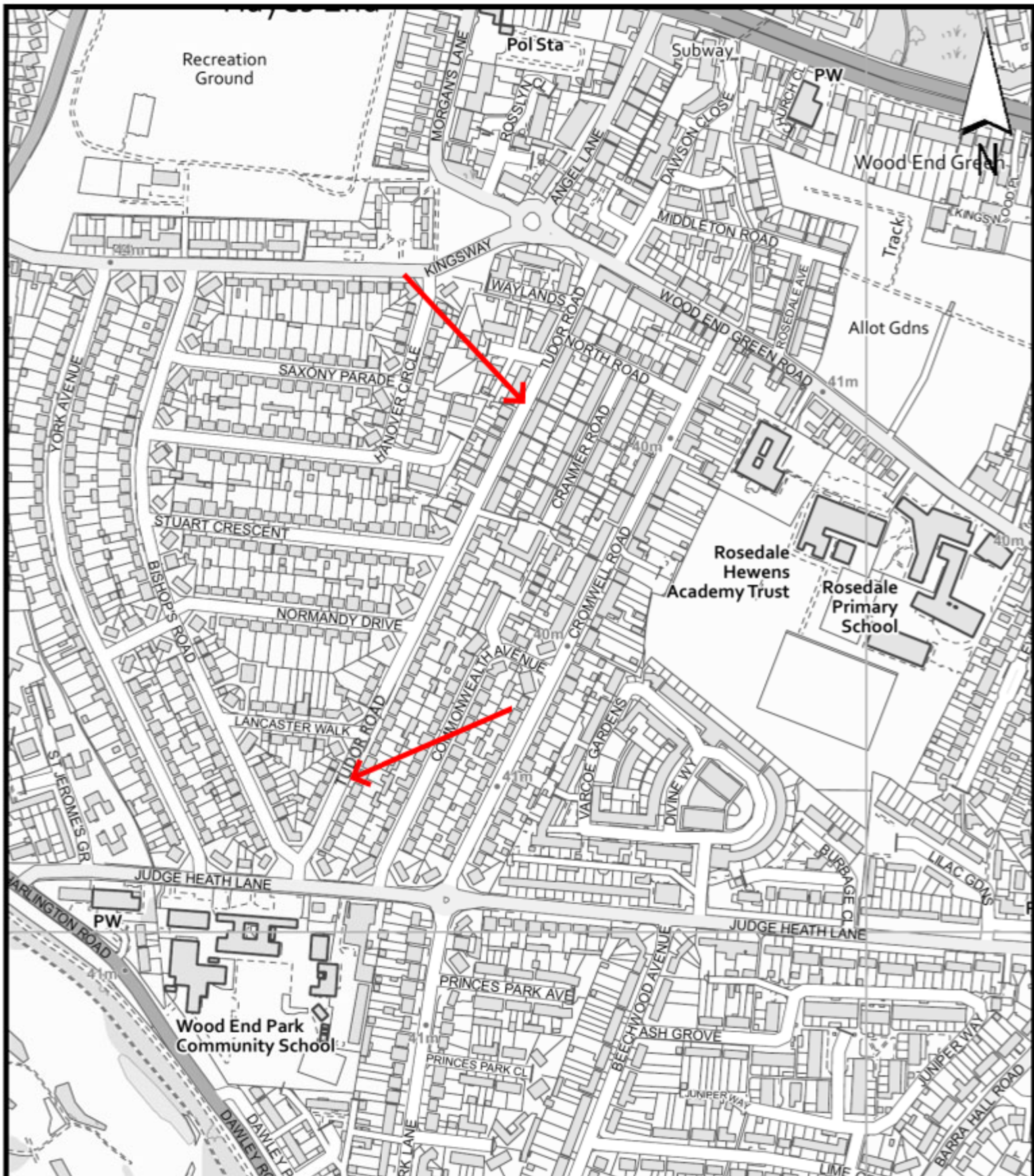
None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.

## **TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Location plan



## Tudor Road, Hayes Location plan

## Appendix A

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