

LINDEN CLOSE, RUISLIP – 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 Linden Close have submitted a petition asking the council to consult them in order to introduce a “Residents Only” parking scheme for the close only.
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	Manor

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Linden Close.
2. Asks officers to carry out a parking-stress survey in Linden Close and report back to the Cabinet Member and Ward Councillors

INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

The request from residents of Linden Close is acknowledged and a survey will establish the level of non-residential parking.

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 26 signatures has been submitted to the council with the following request:

“We the undersigned petition for a residents’ only parking scheme in Linden Close, Ruislip Manor”

Linden Close is a small residential road close to Ruislip Manor town centre and Ruislip Manor Underground Station. The road could be an attractive area for commuters and shoppers to park. The location of Linden Close 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. 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 the 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 Linden Close does not appear to be echoed in adjoining roads such as Linden Avenue and Dulverton Road.
4. These schemes are not always accepted by residents who have frequent visitors. It is suggested a survey in Linden Close is carried out to establish parking trends and patterns and report back to the Cabinet Member and local ward councillors. With this information, it will be possible to compare residents' parking needs with the facilities that can be provided as part of a controlled parking scheme.
5. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to discuss their request for a Parking Management Scheme in Linden Close 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. If the Cabinet Member approves a parking survey is carried out, it will be undertaken with in-house resources.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will provide additional information to the Cabinet Member for consideration of the petitioners' request.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Landlord

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

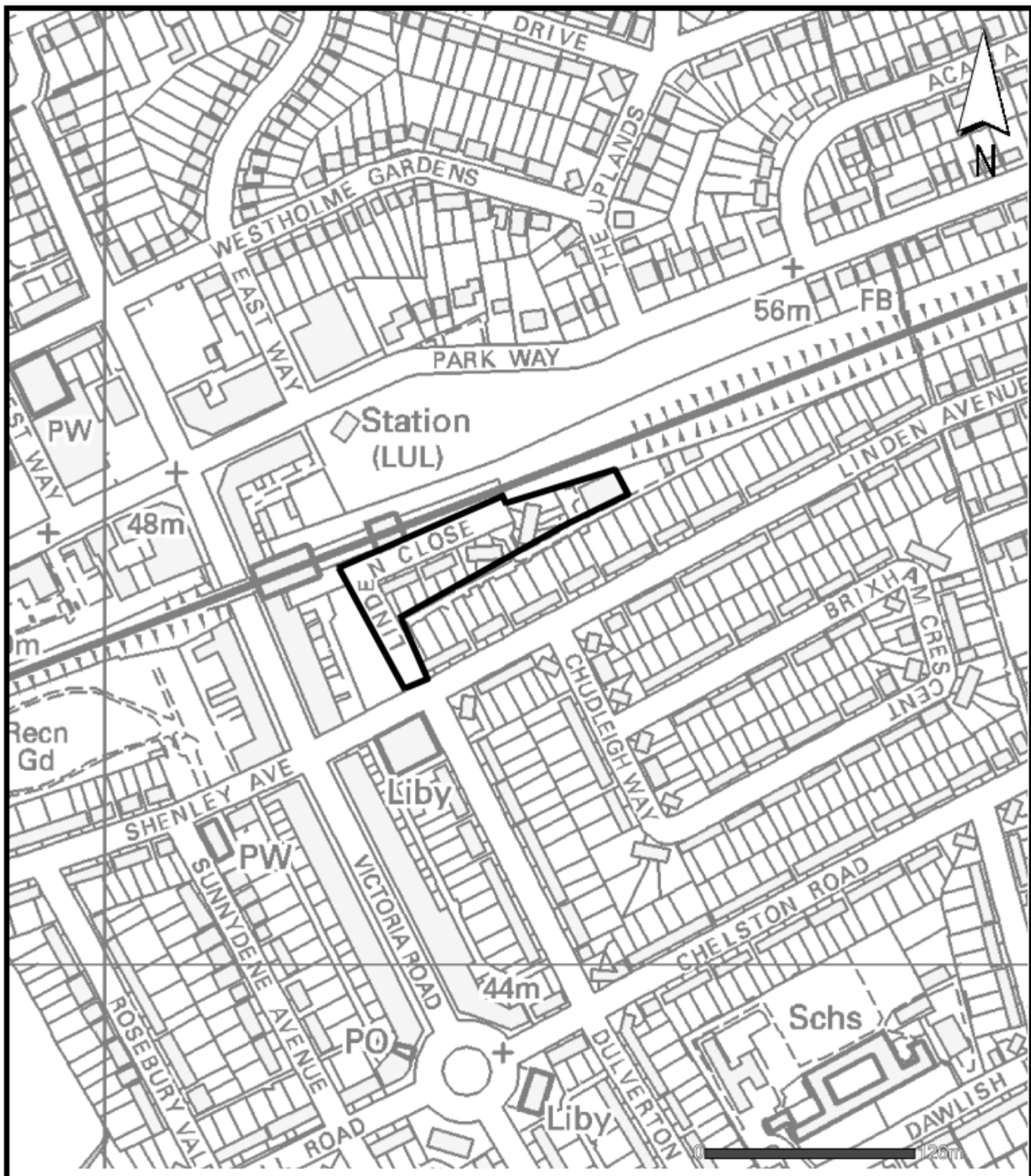
Legal

The Council's power to make orders creating residents permit parking arrangements are set out in Part IV, Section 45 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. 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).

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. If a local authority decides to embark upon a non-statutory process of consultation the applicable principles are no different from those which apply to statutory consultation: see *R (Partingdale Lane Residents Association) v Barnet London Borough Council* [2003] EWHC 947 (Admin), [2003] All ER (D) 29.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received – 24th June 2010



Linden Close, Ruislip

Appendix A

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Scale 1:3,000



Extent of Linden Close

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