

COLERIDGE WAY, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING A SOLUTION TO RESOLVE NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING AND EXCESSIVE VEHICLE SPEEDS

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin, Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A – Location Plan

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted by residents of Coleridge Way, West Drayton requesting a solution to the problem of non-residential parking and excessive vehicle speeds.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the following Council objectives of Our People. The request can be as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives and for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	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 in the region of £85 per location and can be funded from existing revenue budgets for the Transportation service.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	Heathrow Villages

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their concerns over non-residential parking and vehicle speeds;**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request for a parking scheme to the Council's extensive parking programme for informal consultation in a possible area with Ward Councillors; and**

3. decides if officers should commission independent 24/7 traffic and speed surveys 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 of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. A petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Coleridge Way, West Drayton. In an accompanying statement, the lead petitioner helpfully sets out residents' concerns as:
 - i) *Inconsiderate Parking*
 - Our cars have been vandalised on a number of occasions.*
 - a) *Stealing of our number plates when we park. At other estates we cannot view our cars.*
 - b) *Dents on the body of our cars, damaging electric mirrors, stealing tyre trims and so on.*
 - ii) *Over speeding in the area. Cars / motorbikes racing.*
2. Coleridge Way is a mainly residential road but also benefits from a local shopping parade. The road comprises a range of properties including a mixture of town and terraced houses, many of which appear to benefit from off-street parking and blocks of apartments with some private parking areas. A location plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.
3. Although the petition does not specifically mention the measures that residents would support, they have suggested that they would like to see the following outcomes:
 - i) *To prevent harassment from parking in other residents' area.*
 - ii) *To prevent our cars from being vandalised when we park in areas where we cannot monitor our cars.*
4. Attached to the petition was a detailed plan drawn by the lead petitioner which shows the areas which residents have identified where parking bays could be installed. Some of the areas shown on the plan do not appear to be on the adopted public highway. As a result, it is not possible to consider implementing bays in these locations.
5. Also indicated on the plan are further suggestions of where permit holder bays should be implemented on Coleridge Way. It appears that the petitioners are asking that these bays

are provided for the specific properties. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council's powers to control on-street parking are either to prohibit it with the introduction of yellow lines or to include it within a residents' permit parking scheme. However, the Council does not have powers to allocate parking bays on the highway to any individual, company or property which appears to be what the petitioners are requesting.

6. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member listens to residents' concerns and suggestions to manage the parking in Coleridge Way and add this to the Council's extensive Parking Management Scheme Programme for future consultation. It is suggested that any possible options to manage parking in Coleridge Way could be combined with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may benefit from parking controls.
7. In addition to the above, petitioners have mentioned that speeding is an issue on Coleridge Way. As the petition does not go into detail about the nature of the problem, it is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses this in greater detail with petitioners. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, and if considered appropriate, the Cabinet Member may be minded to ask officers to commission independent 24/7 traffic and speed surveys at locations agreed with petitioners and the local Ward Councillors.

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys, the cost is usually in the region of between £80 and £85 per location which can be funded from existing revenue budgets. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will also be identified existing from revenue budgets within the Road Safety Programme.

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

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

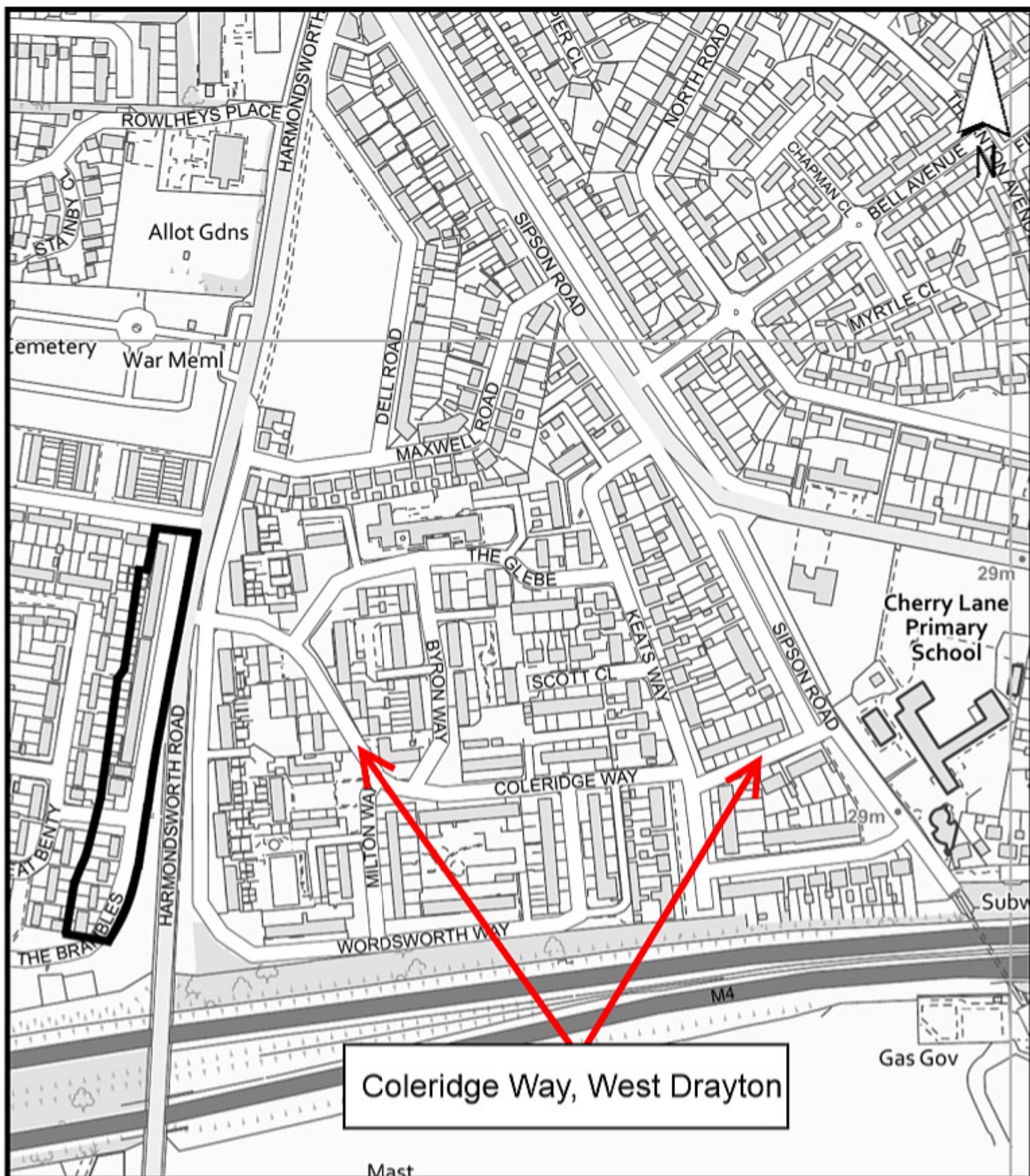
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location Plan



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Appendix A

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