

WHITETHORN AVENUE, ASPEN CLOSE AND PROVIDENCE ROAD, WEST DRAYTON - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' ONLY PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted by residents of roads close to Whitethorn Avenue, West Drayton requesting a residents-only permit parking scheme.
Putting our Residents First	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.
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents', Education and Environmental Services
Relevant Ward(s)	Yiewsley

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Planning and Transportation:

1. **meets with petitioners and listens to their request for the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme for Whitethorn Avenue, Aspen Close and Providence Road, West Drayton; and**
2. **subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive Parking Management Scheme Programme for further informal consultation and any other roads in the area which Ward Councillors may deem appropriate.**

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 37 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Whitethorn Avenue, Aspen Road and Providence Road requesting the following;

"For there to be designated resident parking areas (on street) for the residents of part of Whitethorn Avenue, Aspen Close and Providence Road which would require resident parking permits on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 6pm.

Further, each household within the designated areas of Whitethorn Avenue should be entitled to parking permits for each household member who legally holds a valid driver licence and has a car that requires parking near their home".

In an accompanying letter submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner helpfully provided the following additional information:

"It is respectfully requested that Hillingdon Council considers a designated resident parking area (on street and in parking bays) for the residents of Whitethorn Avenue (UB7, adjacent to Horton Road) which would require resident parking permits on weekdays, Monday to Friday, from 9am to 6pm. Further, each household who legally holds a valid UK driver's licence and has a car that requires parking near their home.

The designated areas that we are highlighting are towards the end of Whitethorn Avenue (UB7) near the John Guest Building.

A summary of the reasons for the request are;

- *The residents of Whitethorn Avenue have been deprived of parking their cars near their homes for a long period of time;*
- *The staff from John Guest (which is located on Horton Road, adjacent to Whitethorn Avenue) come and park on a daily basis, this is despite the fact that we have made several complaints to their management;*
- *The staff from BMW Berry also come to park their cars on the bays on Whitethorn Avenue, especially during the working day, depriving residents of Whitethorn Avenue (towards Horton Road) of parking in the bays near their homes;*
- *There are also issues where mechanics around the area park their customers' cars in the bays on Whitethorn Avenue and leave them there for long periods of time;*
- *There has also been an influx in the last few years of people travelling to various terminals in Heathrow Airport and they have proceeded to leave their cars on Whitethorn Avenue and in the parking bays for weeks, sometimes months at a time, once again prohibiting residents of the road from parking near their homes.*

2. Whitethorn Avenue, Providence Road and Aspen Close are mainly residential roads but are located within easy walking distance of an area of light industrial units. The 350 bus route runs nearby and links Heathrow Terminal 5 with West Drayton Station and then onto Hayes and Harlington Station. A location plan showing part of the existing Parking Management Scheme and the area previously consulted on a detailed design is attached as Appendix A.

3. The Cabinet Member will recall that as recently as July 2019, the Council formally consulted with residents in Whitethorn Avenue and Providence Road on a detailed design for a Parking Management Scheme. The small number of responses received during this consultation were balanced with some in favour of the scheme and some against. The main comment made by residents was the perceived lack of parking that could be provided, as many of the inset parking areas were reduced in capacity due to the construction of dropped kerbs that residents have requested to access their off-street parking especially in Whitethorn Avenue. After careful consideration of all the comments received from residents and local Ward Councillors, the decision was made to defer the implementation of a scheme at that time. It should also be noted that Aspen Close is not an adopted road and therefore it is not the Council's practice to implement a Parking Management Scheme on such a road.

4. Clearly the layout of the road has not changed significantly since the last formal consultation and indeed further dropped kerbs may have been constructed in the meantime. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if appropriate, asks officers to add the request to the future parking scheme programme for further investigation and possible consultation with residents.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area, 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

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

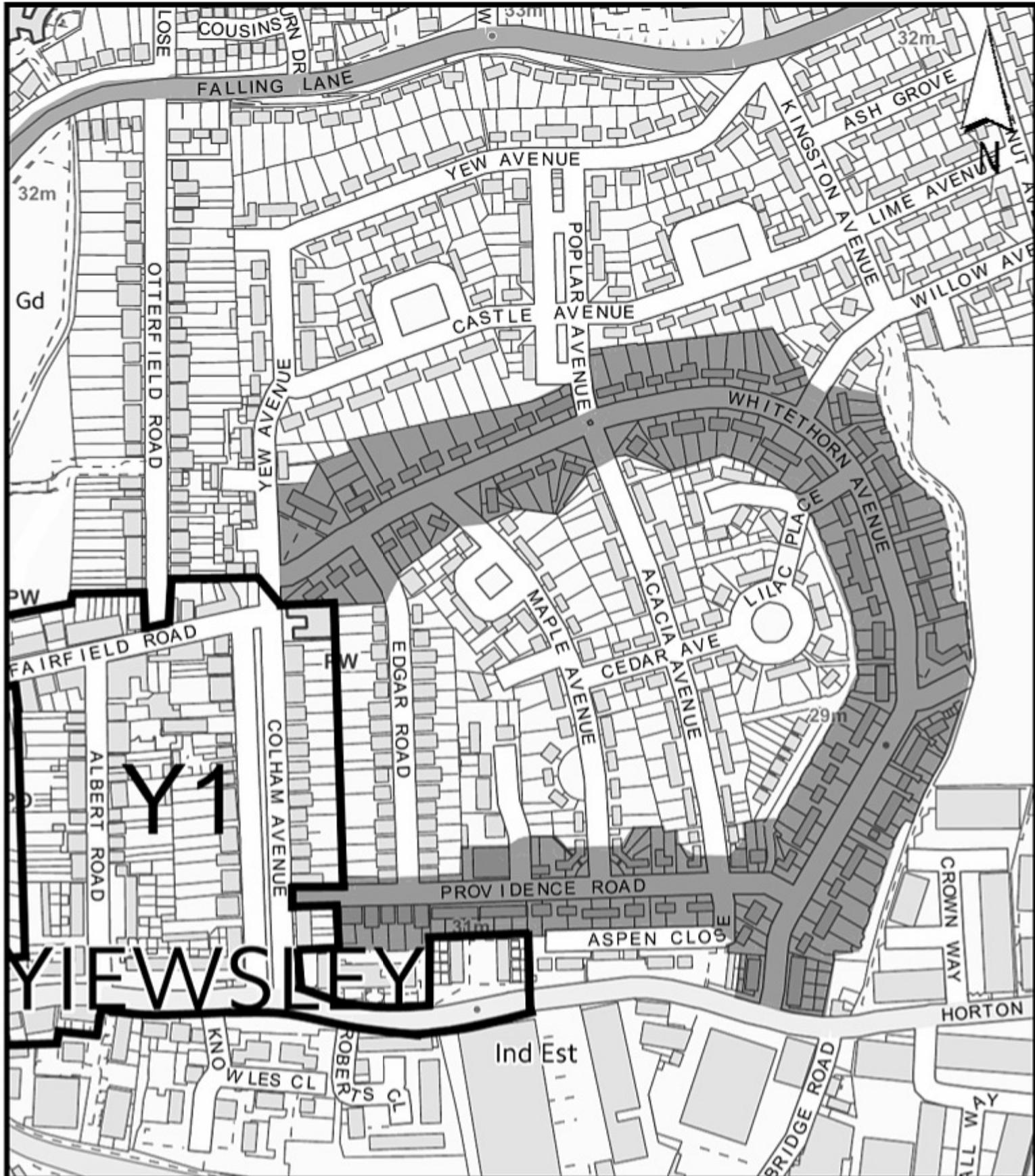
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan



Yiewsley Parking Management Scheme Formal consultation for a possible extension

Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the existing Yiewsley
Parking Management Scheme Zone Y1



Formal consultation area for a possible
extension to the scheme

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