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Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling

Date: WEDNESDAY 14 JUNE
2017

Time: 7.00 PM

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOM 3 -
CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH
STREET, UXBRIDGE UB8
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**Meeting
Details:** Members of the Public and
Press are welcome to attend
this meeting

Cabinet Member hearing the petitions:

Councillor Keith Burrows, Cabinet
Member for Planning, Transportation and
Recycling (Chairman)

How the hearing works:

The petition organiser (or his/her
nominee) can address the Cabinet
Member for a short time and in turn the
Cabinet Member may also ask questions.

Local ward councillors are invited to these
hearings and may also be in attendance.

After hearing all the views expressed, the
Cabinet Member will make a formal
decision. This decision will be published
and sent to the petition organisers shortly
after the meeting confirming the action to
be taken by the Council.

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KEWFERRY ROAD, NORTHWOOD - PETITION REQUESTING A WIDTH RESTRICTION AT THE HERTFORDSHIRE END OF KEWFERRY ROAD

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting a width restriction at the Hertfordshire end of Kewferry Road.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's Road Safety Programme.
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 £80 to £85.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' & Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Northwood.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. Considers their concerns regarding heavy good vehicle movements along Kewferry Road;
2. Notes the previous work associated with an earlier traffic calming scheme installed in 2010, relevant details of which are set out in the body of this report;
3. Subject to the above, decides if officers should undertake further classified traffic volume and speed survey(s) at location(s) to be agreed with the petitioners and the relevant Ward Members; and
4. Subject to the above asks officers to liaise with colleagues in Hertfordshire County Council to explore options to address petitioners' concerns.

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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.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 27 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Kewferry Road under the following heading *"Residents of Kewferry Road wish to stop the noise, vibration and pollution caused by heavy goods vehicles passing over speed tables by installing width limiting barriers at the Hertfordshire end of Kewferry Road which would prevent such vehicles using the road as a rat run"*.
2. As the lead petition has alluded to, Kewferry Road is a mainly residential road in Northwood which has a council boundary between Hillingdon and Three Rivers District Council at its northern end approximately 100 metres from Batchworth Road. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A of this report.
3. The Cabinet Member will recall the installation of a traffic calming scheme in Kewferry Road in 2010 following an earlier petition request. The scheme consisted of a series of new raised tables, junction treatments and new waiting restrictions.
4. The Council commissioned independent 24 hour / 7 day vehicle speeds and volume surveys at two locations in Kewferry Road, prior to the introduction of the traffic calming measures and also post implementation. The scheme was primarily introduced to address concerns over traffic speeds and in this respect this has in the main proven successful with vehicle speeds being reduced by 13% northbound, 16% southbound at one location and, 22% northbound, 32% southbound at the other location where speeds were measured. At the time, a modest overall reduction of traffic volumes was noted with 2% less vehicles travelling north and 5% less southbound.
5. The petition has raised concerns over the noise, vibration and pollution caused by heavy goods vehicles passing over the raised tables. It appears that residents are not necessarily asking for the tables to be removed but only to prevent large goods vehicles from using the road. Residents have helpfully suggested a width restriction be installed at the Hertfordshire end of Kewferry Road which in practical terms could be the only suitable location for such a physical measure. As the relevant part of the Kewferry Road is not in Hillingdon it is anticipated that such measures would need to be considered by the Highway Engineers at Hertfordshire County Council, albeit with the support and input of Hillingdon Council.

6. To assist with investigations concerning the volumes of goods vehicles using Kewferry Road, it is suggested that the Cabinet Member may be minded to consider asking officers to commission further independent 24 hour / 7 day vehicle speed and classification surveys at locations agreed by the petitioners and Ward Councillors.

7. In response to the petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets the petitioners, listens to their concerns and decides if this request should be added to the Council's Road Safety Programme for further detailed investigations. It is also suggested that the Cabinet Member asks officers to advise the Highways Team at Hertfordshire County Council of the petition and the Council's intention to undertake speed and traffic surveys. Based on the data captured and if appropriate, then develop possible options to share in the first instance, with the Cabinet Member and 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 £80 to £85 per location which could be funded through an allocation for the transportation and projects service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the Road Safety programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report, noting that direct costs associated with recommended traffic surveys would be contained within existing service budgets.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a width restriction at the Hertfordshire end of Kewferry Road which amounts to an informal consultation. A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

In considering any informal 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.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

Corporate Property and Construction

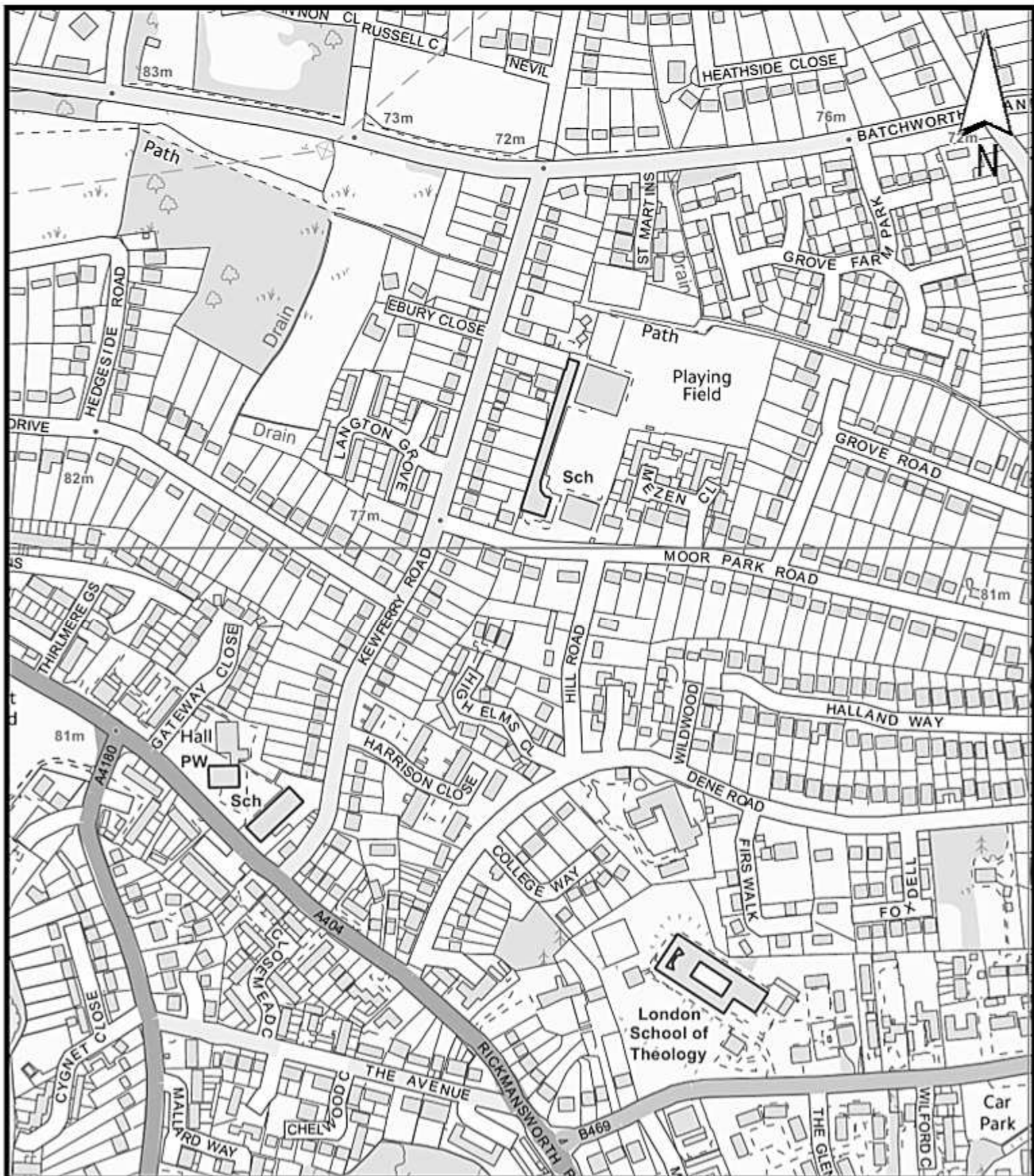
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



**Kewferry Road, Northwood
Area plan**

Appendix A

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DENE ROAD AND SANDY LODGE WAY, NORTHWOOD - PETITION CONCERNED WITH EXCESSIVE ROAD TRAFFIC SPEED

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents concerned with excessive traffic speeds in Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way, Northwood.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives.
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 £80 to £85.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Northwood

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their concerns with excessive traffic speed in Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners and then report back to the Cabinet Member.**

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.

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Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with a total of 48 signatures from residents of Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way has been received by the Council under the following heading *"Speeding traffic causes high levels of noise, adds to pollution and poses threat to safety. We are petitioning for speed reduction measures"*.

2. In a covering letter submitted with the petition the lead states:

"Canvassing the residents for the enclosed petition I was given several accounts of near misses and accidents caused by excessive speed on this stretch of residential road. A resident of 3 Dene Road was struck fatally by a speeding vehicle when crossing the road in front of his house.

Residents, including myself, have made representations to the Borough and to the police, but our concerns have hitherto been set aside. We have therefore gathered these 48 signatures with the request that speed measures now be instituted".

3. Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way are mainly residential roads close to Northwood Town Centre's shops, Underground Station and various other local amenities. Dene Road could be considered to be in two parts, the first straight section of road that leads directly off of Green Lane is adopted and leads into Sandy Lodge Way. The second section of Dene Road is privately maintained highway and connects to Rickmansworth Road at its western end. Hillingdon Council is the highway authority for the southern section of Sandy Lodge Way from where it meets Dene Road to just north of Grove Road; from here onwards, the road is the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

4. The petition is asking for traffic calming measures and mentions that a resident of Dene Road was fatally struck by a speeding vehicle when crossing the road. Police recorded collision data for the three years to October 2016 (the latest information available) provides details of a single incident in the area. This occurred on Sandy Lodge Way close to the junction of Trinity Close and it appears that a learner driver failed to look properly and turned in to the path of an on-coming vehicle. The information supplied to the Council by the Metropolitan Police concerning the tragic and distressing incident of the resident of Dene Road indicates that no vehicle was involved in this fatality.

5. It is clear from the petition that residents are concerned about vehicle speeds and have taken the opportunity to put these in a petition. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners and listens to their concerns in greater detail. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, the Cabinet Member could recommend undertaking independent speed and traffic surveys in Dene Road and Sandy Lodge Way, at locations to be agreed with the petitioners, in order to help inform any possible solutions.

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 £80 to £85 per location which could be funded through an allocation for the transportation and projects service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the Road Safety programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

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Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

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Legal

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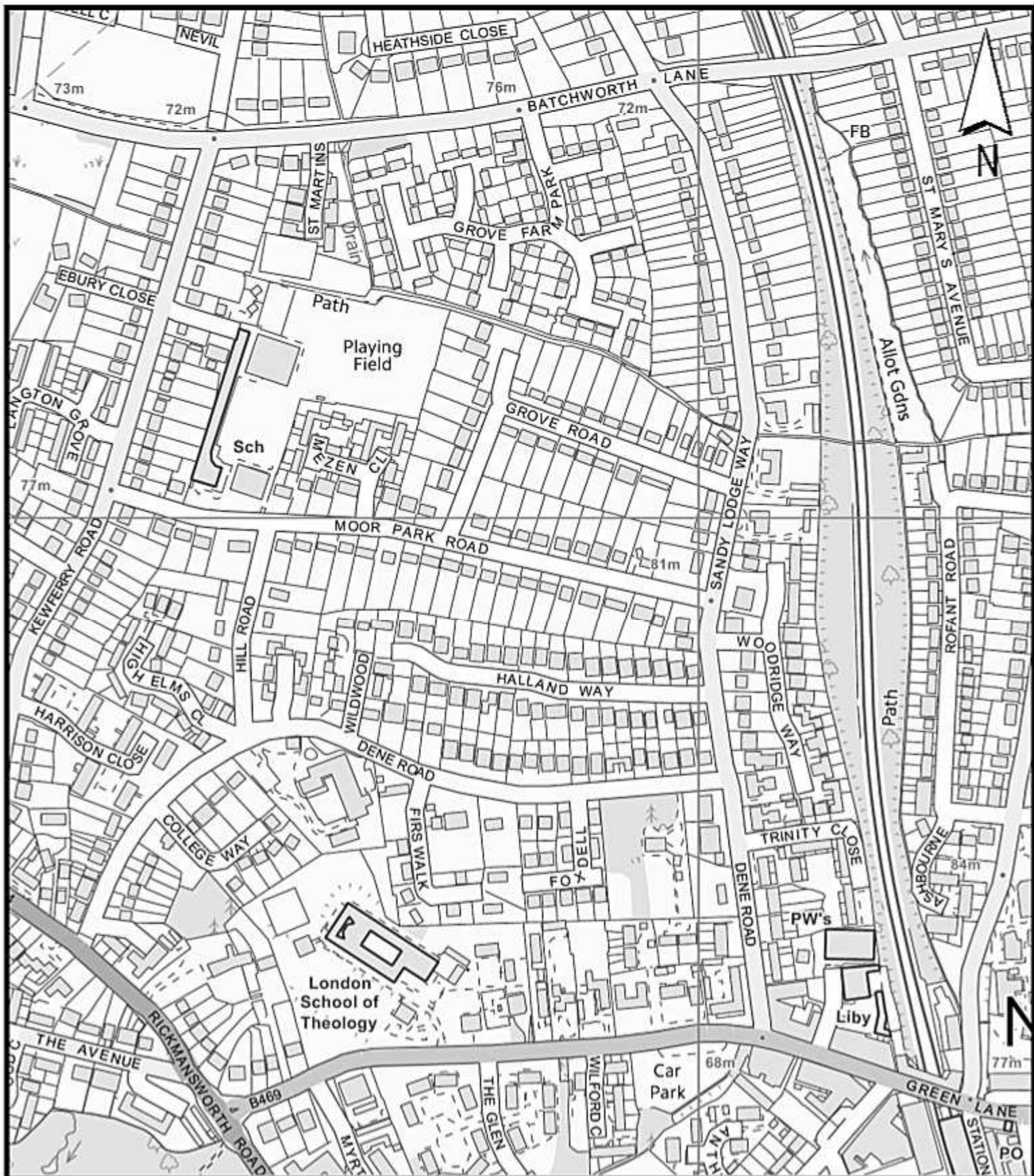
There are no corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



Dene Road & Sandy Lodge Way, Northwood Area plan

Appendix A

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