

FULHAM CLOSE, HILLINGDON - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PERMIT ONLY PARKING SCHEME

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Fulham Close, Hillingdon asking for a Parking Management Scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for 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	Brunel

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Meets and discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Fulham Close, Hillingdon.**
2. **Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further investigation.**

Reasons for recommendation

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 (in two parts) with a total of 22 signatures, which represents 21 out of the 22 properties in Fulham Close has been submitted to the Council under the following heading:

“We the residents would like residents' parking to address parking problems at weekends and from 8 - 16.00 on weekdays”.
2. Fulham Close is a residential cul-de-sac which is situated on the south side of the Uxbridge Road (A4020). A location plan is attached as Appendix A to this report. The surrounding area is a mix of residential houses and commercial properties, whilst a church is also situated nearby.
3. In September 1995 Fulham Close was added to the list of many roads across the Borough where the enforcement of footway parking was suspended pending the introduction of a formalised parking scheme. The width of Fulham Close is approximately 4.9 metres wide at its narrowest point and is bounded on both sides by a footway which varies from 1.8 to 2 metres wide. The surface of the footway is mainly paved and vehicles that park on the pavers have caused significant damage to them. It should be worth mentioning that the Council would not currently consider allowing any parking on any footway that was not constructed to a suitable standard and finished in a bitumen material.
4. The Cabinet Member will recall previously hearing a similar petition submitted by residents of Fulham Close asking for measures to deter all day non-residential parking. As a consequence and in liaison with local Ward Councillors, an area wide informal consultation was undertaken which included Charles Street, Fulham Close, Nellgrove Road and Russet Close.
5. The results from this informal consultation indicated that with the exception of Fulham Close the other nearby roads that were consulted did not support the introduction of managed parking so as a consequence a scheme was not progressed for the area.
6. However, it seems clear that from this and the previous petitions that parking in Fulham Close continues to be an issue for residents. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the parking scheme programme and to explore options to manage the parking in Fulham Close for future consultation.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will need to be identified within the parking 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 and confirms that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendation set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, 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 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 at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

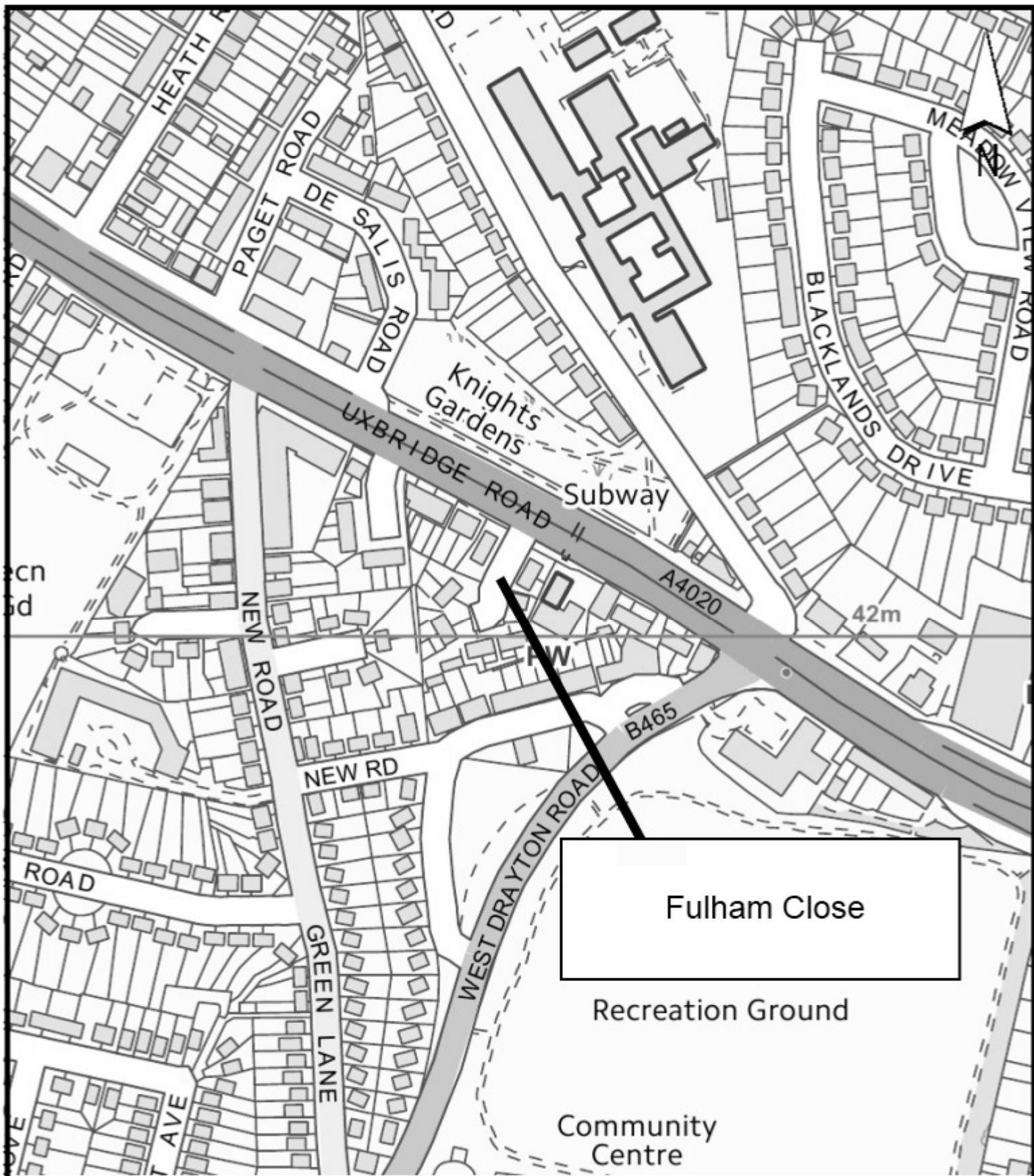
There are no corporate property and construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.



Fulham Close, Hillingdon
Location plan

Appendix A

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