

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS' ONLY PARKING IN WORCESTER ROAD, COWLEY NEAR ORCHARD PLACE

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 requesting residents' only parking to be introduced in Worcester Road, Cowley.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Uxbridge South

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for residents' only parking controls in Worcester Road, Cowley.**
2. **Decides if the request for parking restrictions in Worcester Road, Cowley should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation with residents when resources permit.**
3. **Subject to 2 above, seeks the advice of the Ward Councillors on the most appropriate extent for any such consultation.**

Reasons for recommendation

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate, add their request to the parking schemes programme.

Alternative options considered / risk management

These will be discussed with petitioners.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 20 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting residents' parking be considered in Worcester Road, Cowley. In the petition heading, the lead petitioner explains the difficulties that residents are experiencing with non-residential parking, in particular, commuter parking, due to the road being on the edge of the existing Cowley Parking Management Scheme.
2. Worcester Road is a residential road off Cowley Road and in close proximity to Brunel University. The location of Worcester Road and the boundary of the nearby Cowley Parking Management Scheme is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A. As this road is on the periphery of the existing Cowley Parking Management Scheme and is close to several nearby amenities, such as the Cowley Recreation Ground and local shopping parades, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.
3. This petition has been signed mostly by residents who live at the western end of Worcester Road. The properties at this end of the road consist mostly of bungalows with no off-street parking facilities and therefore the residents living here are likely to suffer the most from the competition for the available kerb side space.
4. The Cabinet Member will be aware that over the past few years the residents of Worcester Road have been consulted on several occasions to consider being included in a possible extension to the Cowley Parking Management Scheme, within operational reviews of the existing parking scheme. The most recent of these consultations was carried out last year where the majority of residents that responded to the consultation indicated they would prefer no change to the current parking arrangements. As a result, no proposals for parking restrictions were developed for Worcester Road and parking has remained unrestricted.
5. 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 future parking scheme programme and to carry out a further informal consultation with the residents of Worcester Road and possibly other nearby roads, agreed in liaison with local Ward Councillors, in order to establish the overall level of support for parking restrictions. The outcome of this consultation would then be reported back to Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member to assist the Council in making a decision on how best to proceed.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Worcester Road, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners request and available options the Council has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Worcester Road, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

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 to discuss with petitioners their request for residents only parking in Worcester Road, Cowley near Orchard Place, 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

There are no property implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

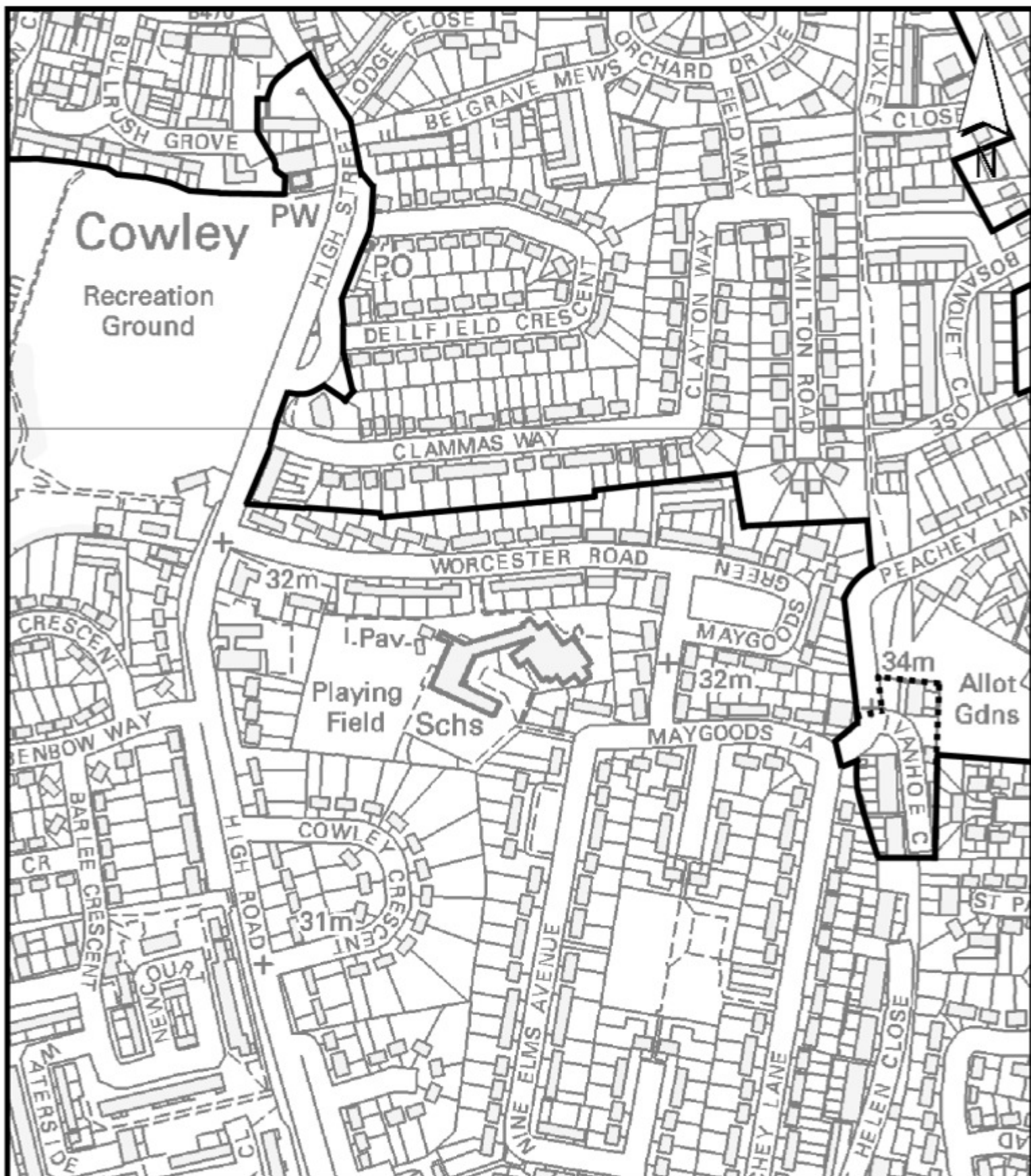
Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet Member Report - Cowley Parking Management Scheme results of informal consultation on a possible extension to the scheme - 5th December 2013.

Cabinet Member Decision notice - 14th January 2014.



Worcester Road, Cowley
Location plan

Appendix A

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