

# PETITION REQUESTING WAITING RESTRICTIONS IN WILLOW GROVE, RUISLIP

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

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting a waiting restriction to be introduced in Willow Grove, Ruislip.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The estimated cost to carry out the recommendation of this report is £1,000.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' & Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Manor

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Discusses with petitioners and listens to their request for a waiting restriction in Willow Grove, Ruislip.**
- 2. Approves for a Parking Stress Survey to be commissioned to establish the level of non-residential parking that takes place in Willow Grove, Ruislip. The results will then be reported back to Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member for further consideration.**

### **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 31 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting that the Council considers implementing limited time waiting restrictions in Willow Grove, Ruislip to prevent all day commuter parking.
2. Willow Grove is a residential road situated south of Ruislip town centre. Due to the close proximity to Ruislip Underground Station and the town centre, which is easily accessible via public footpath R167, this road forms an attractive area for non-residents to park. It is also one of the nearest roads to the Ruislip Underground Station in terms of walking distance which has no form of parking restrictions in place. The location of Willow Grove is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A.
3. This petition has been signed by 31 households of Willow Grove which represents 53% of the total number of properties in the road. Petitioners have indicated they would like to see limited time waiting restrictions operational between 10am and midday but have not specified if this should only apply just to weekdays or all week.
4. Following discussion the Local Ward Councillors have suggested that the Council arranges a parking stress survey to establish the extent of the difficulties that the residents of Willow Grove are experiencing with non-residential parking before determining if parking restrictions could be considered.
5. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member considers the petitioners' request and if considered appropriate instructs officers to commission a comprehensive independent parking stress survey in Willow Grove to determine the extent of non-residential parking that is taking place. The results of the survey will then be reported back to the Ward Councillors and the Cabinet Member for further consideration.

#### **Financial Implications**

The estimated cost to carry out the recommendation of this report and commission an independent parking stress survey is estimated to cost £1,000. These costs can be funded from the 2014/15 LIP budget subject to the Council's usual capital release protocols.

### **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 decides in the future to propose parking restriction in Willow Grove, consultation will need to be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate finance has reviewed the report and the financial implications above, noting that a further capital release request from the TfL Local Implementation Plan funding requires authorisation before this survey can be carried out. The costs involved will be contained within this funding and therefore will have no impact on General Fund resources.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal for an independent parking stress survey. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any parking stress survey.

In considering any parking stress survey response decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. Accordingly, the Council must balance all the concerns with its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public and the parking stress survey are conscientiously taken into account.

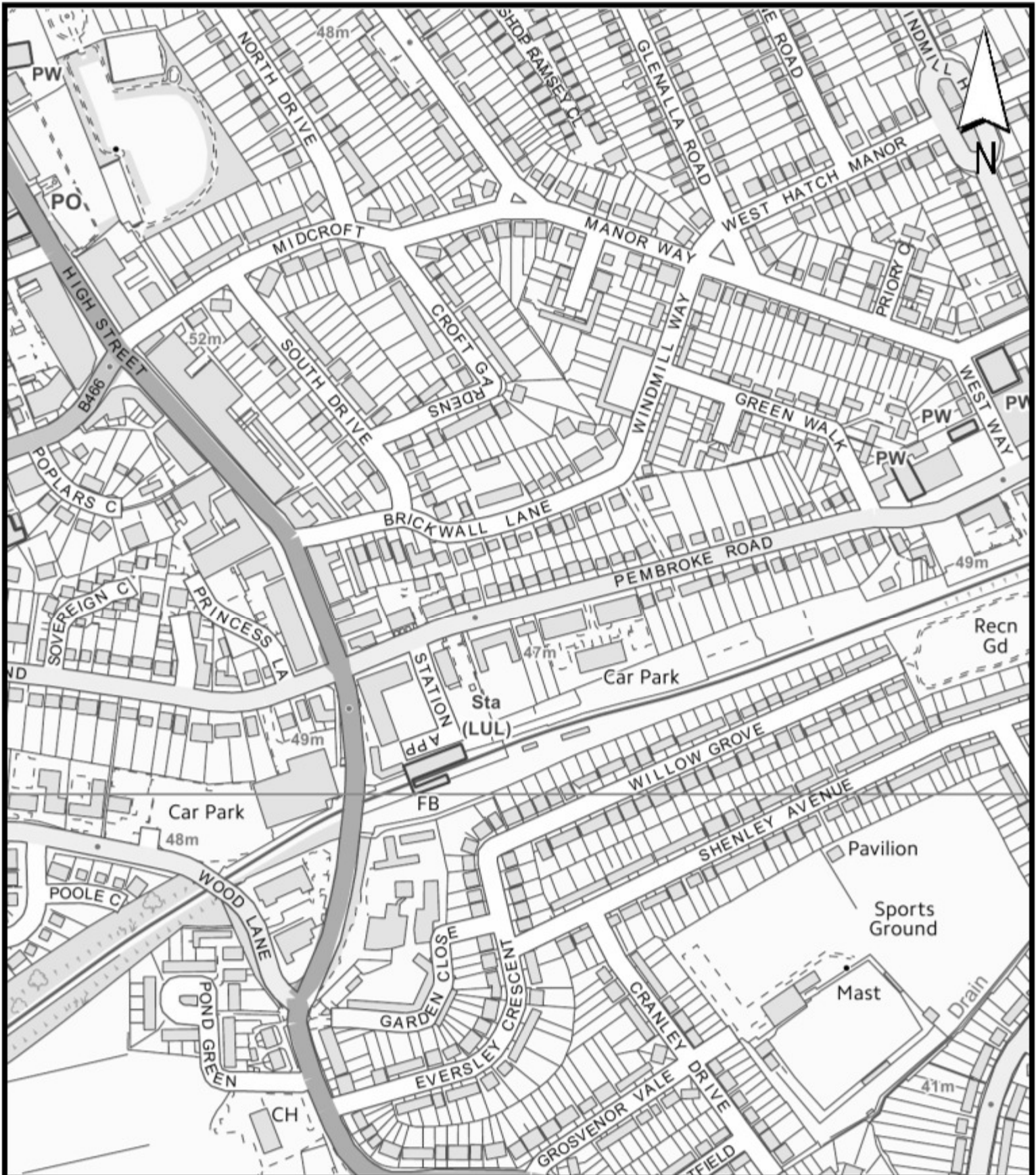
Should the outcome of the parking stress survey require that officers add the request to either the Council's overall parking programme or the Council's Road Safety Programme for subsequent investigation there will need to be consideration of Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, which govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings. If specific advice is required in relation to the exercise of individual powers Legal Services should be instructed.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

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

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received – 19<sup>th</sup> August 2014



## Willow Grove - Area plan

## Appendix A

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