

# FAIRFIELD ROAD, YIEWSLEY - PETITION REQUESTING MEASURES TO ADDRESS PARKING PROBLEMS

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Gordon Hill, Residents Services Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A - Area Plan

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Fairfield Road.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for residents' parking schemes.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Yiewsley

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Notes the previous consultations in Fairfield Road in 2013 and 2014.**
- 2. Decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in Fairfield Road should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand their concerns.

## **Alternative options considered / risk management**

None at this stage.

## **Policy Overview Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **3. INFORMATION**

### **Supporting Information**

1. A petition, signed by 28 mixture of residents and local businesses of Fairfield Road, Yiewsley has been received by the Council. In an accompanying letter, the lead petitioner helpfully sets out residents' concern and possible solutions which are as follows;

*"Following the parking permit introduction onto Albert Road, Yiewsley and Colham Avenue, Yiewsley, we have all been struggling to find parking in and around our homes and area. I understand the reason for this, however in doing this the problem has been made worse for us in that we are only now able to park really on Otterfield Road. However with this change those individuals (non residents) that were parking on these two roads are now doing the same - parking on Otterfield Road and Fairfield Road.*

*As residents in the area and the adjacent road, this was obviously not taken into consideration. I and all those who have signed the attached petition would therefore like to request that the council looks into this problem and find a possible solution.*

*Solutions for this issue or problem could include:*

- Residents and business of Fairfield Road, being able to apply for parking permits for both Albert Road and Colham Avenue.*
- The creation of parking bays on Fairfield Road specifically for residents"*

2. Fairfield Road contains a mix of residential properties and local businesses. At the western end of Fairfield Road between High Street and Albert Road the road already benefits from a "Stop and Shop" parking scheme and waiting restrictions. To the east of Albert Road there are some existing limited time waiting restrictions and also sections of unrestricted kerb-side space. During recent visits to the area, officers noted that rarely were there any free parking spaces available to the east of Albert Road.

3. Although the lead petitioner suggests in their letter that Fairfield Road *"was obviously not taken into consideration"* it should be noted that on two separate occasions in recent years Fairfield Road has been informally consulted on options to manage parking in the road. On the first occasion in September 2013, the consultation took place following the Cabinet Member decision to include Colham Avenue in the same Parking Management Scheme as Albert Road. However, few residents of Fairfield Road responded to this consultation and those who did indicated mixed views and therefore the Council did not have a mandate to proceed with a scheme at that time.

4. A second informal consultation was undertaken in August 2014 with residents and local businesses on options that included residents parking places, waiting restrictions and a "Stop and Shop" scheme outside the shops. Four responses to this second consultation were received from residents of the 22 residential properties in this section of Fairfield Road with three indicating support for a parking management scheme and one indicating support for waiting restrictions. Again the number of responses to this consultation was disappointingly low. The Council received five responses from local businesses, two in support of a "Stop and Shop" scheme and three indicating preference for no changes to the current parking arrangements. These results were shared with the local Ward Councillors who informed officers that local businesses and residents were in the process of preparing the present petition which is before the Cabinet Member, which they indicate would show significant support for managed parking in Fairfield Road. As a consequence it is recommended that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to hear their concerns before any decision on whether to progress a parking scheme in Fairfield Road is made.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

## **4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

It will address the concerns of the petitioners.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

None at this stage.

## **5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications with the Cabinet Member to meet and discuss with petitioners their request for parking permits for both Albert Road and Colham Avenue and the creation of parking bays on Fairfield Road; and to consider recommendations 2-3 above.

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.

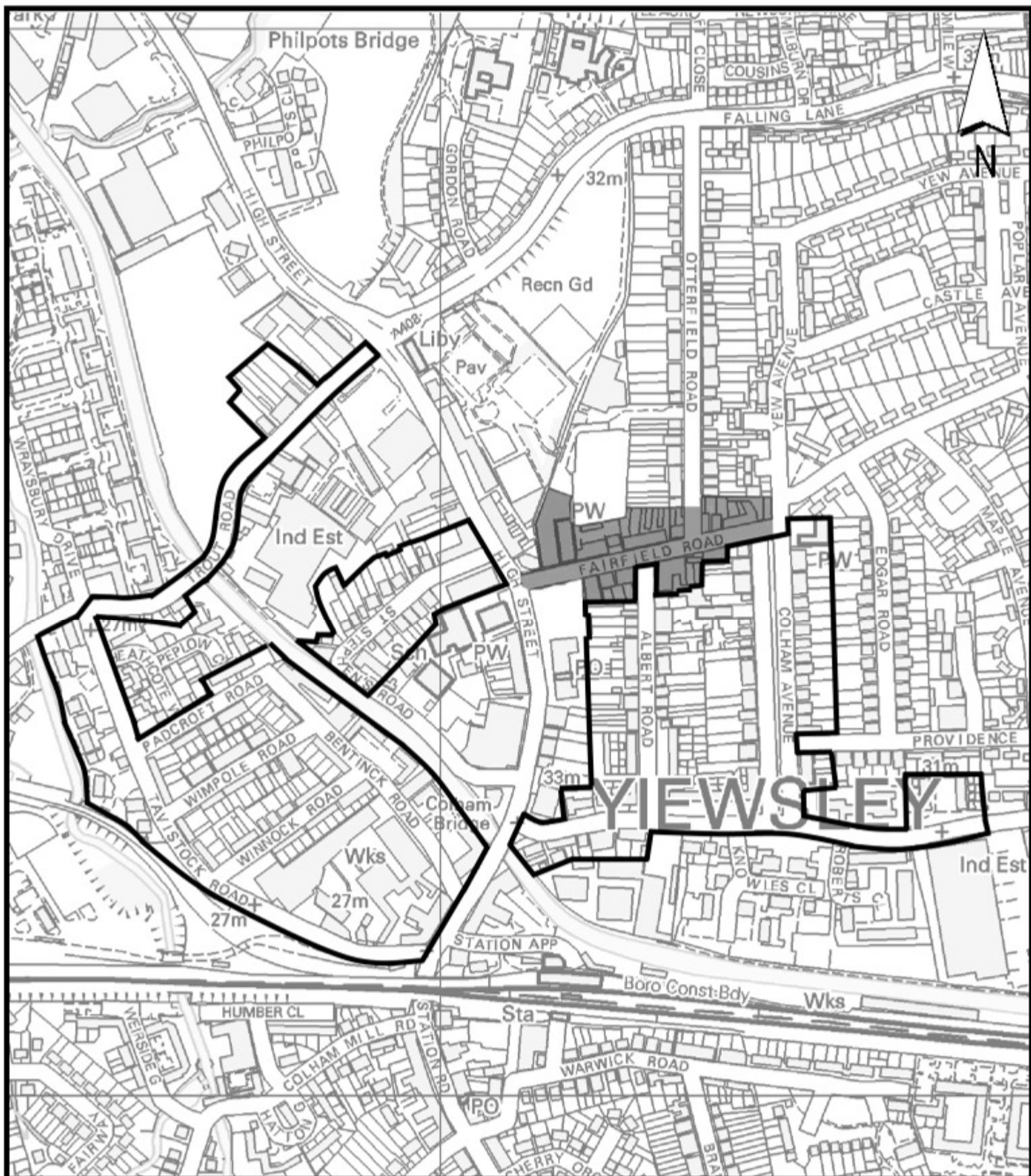
Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

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

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.



Fairfield Road, Yiewsley - Location plan

Appendix A

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Extent of the Yiewsley Parking Management Scheme Zone Y1



Extent of Fairfield Road, Yiewsley