

# EAST WALK, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING WAITING RESTRICTITONS.

<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 from residents of East Walk, Hayes asking for waiting restrictions in their road
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
<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>	Townfield

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

**Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Listens to their concerns with parking in East Walk, Hayes.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme and develop proposals for formal consultation.**

### **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 52 signatures from residents of East Walk has been received by the Council which represents 28 of the 33 households (85%) of the road.
2. In an accompanying statement, the lead petitioner states "*There is inconsiderate parking where vehicles are butting up to the drop kerb at the immediate exit/entrance of the driveways, these vehicles are often not residents but shopkeepers vehicles and courier vans, where there are residents parked they do not allow enough space to vacate the drive or enter the drive which causes considerable problems when manoeuvring vehicles from the driveways causing residents to mount the kerb to exit/enter. This in turn causes damage to the owners' vehicle. There are even times when cars are parked across residents' driveways believe it or not!. What we need on the street is a continuation of the yellow lines down the road as 95% of the residents have driveways. There are times when we have to consistently zig zag down the road due to vehicles parked either side*".
3. East Walk is a residential cul-de-sac just a short walk from the local facilities in Hayes Town Centre and the shops on Coldharbour Lane. The carriageway is only approximately 3.5 metres wide and is bounded on both sides by a narrow footway of 1 to 1.2 metres in width. The location of East Walk is indicated on the plan attached as Appendix A to this report.
4. In the petition, residents have alluded to the fact that they would like to see "*double yellow lines or bar markings to protect the driveway exit/entrances as the road is very narrow*". They also helpfully point out that "*this problem is a continuous issue mainly at weekend and overnight and various times during the day. This problem has become increasingly worse over the past eight months*".
5. As residents have pointed out that the parking problem occurs mainly in the evenings and weekend, experience in other roads would suggest that parking during these times is most likely to be by the residents of the road themselves or their visitors even if they have some off-street parking. It should therefore be noted that if double yellow lines were to be implemented then these would apply to residents and non-residents alike and can be enforced 24/7.
6. Residents have also helpfully suggested the possibility of bar markings to protect their driveways. As the Cabinet Member is aware these markings are only advisory and merely indicate to other motorists of the presence of an access to off-street parking. Whilst in some instances these markings act as a visual deterrent they offer no greater protection to illegally parked vehicles than already exists if residents have taken the opportunity to register their dropped kerb for enforcement by the Council.
7. It is therefore suggested that the Cabinet Member meets with petitioners to listen to their concerns in greater detail, discusses the advantages and disadvantages of the helpful suggestions they have put forward. Subject to the outcome of these discussions officers can then develop options to address residents' concerns.

## **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**

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

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their concerns with parking on East Walk, Hayes, 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.

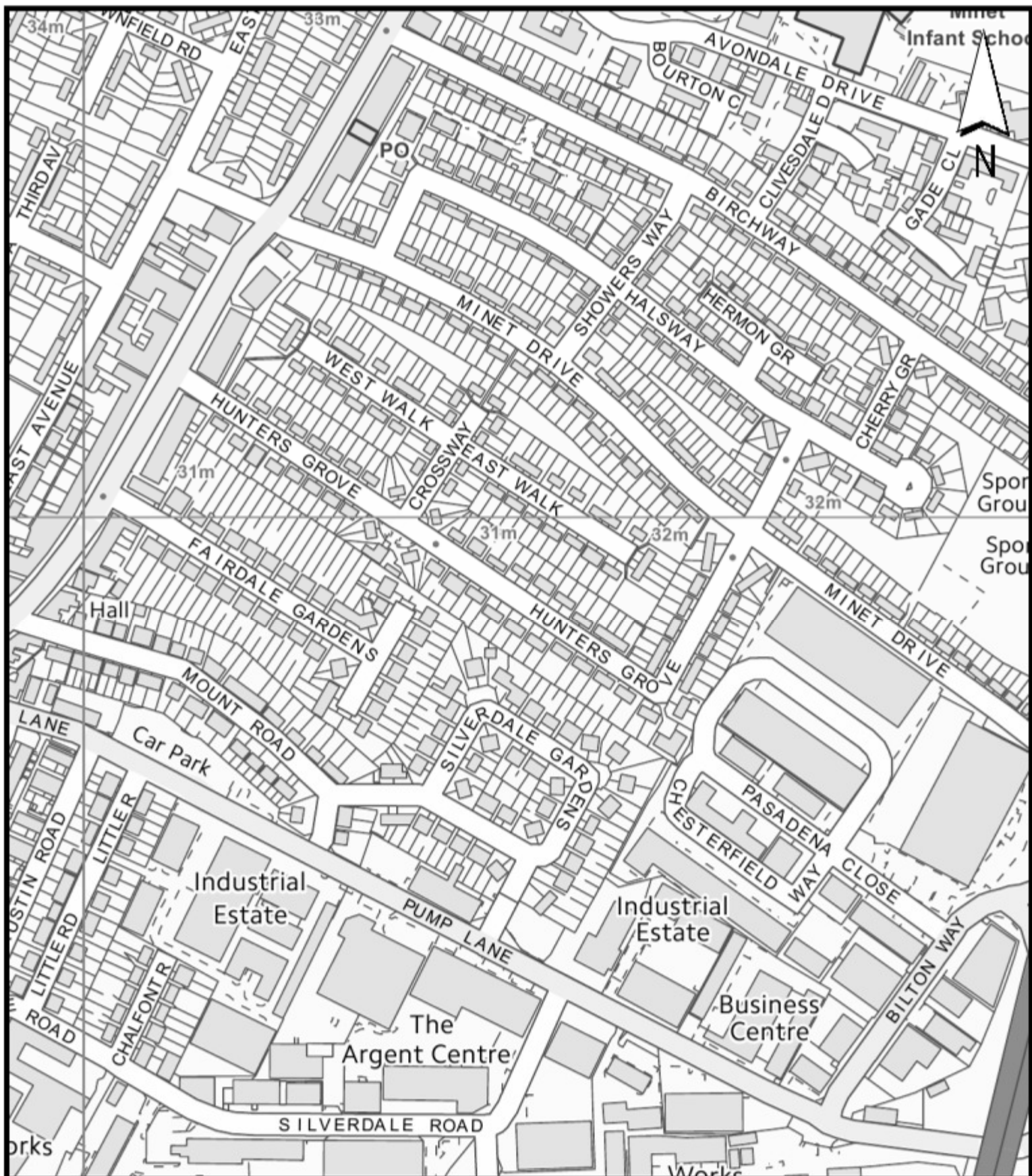
Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered.

### **Corporate Property and Construction**

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

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil.



## East Walk, Hayes - Location plan

## Appendix A

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