

PETITION REQUESTING RESIDENTS' PARKING ON PART OF POLE HILL ROAD, UXBRIDGE

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' parking to be introduced in a section of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge.
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	Charville & Hillingdon East

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, that the Cabinet Member:

1. Listens to their request for a residents' permit parking scheme to be introduced in the section of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge near to Nos. 134 to 158.
2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme in this part of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.
3. Instructs officers to liaise with colleagues in Hillingdon Housing Services to investigate the feasibility of including the parking areas within this section of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge which fall under their ownership in possible future proposals for a Parking Management Scheme.

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 23 signatures has been submitted to the Council with the following heading:

"Recently, in the last few months, car parking in our area has been very difficult. People who came to the Swakeleys School and Lowdham Lodge park their cars in our parking place leaving no space for the local residents. Furthermore, there is a car garage in our area. Cars waiting for service in this garage are parked in our area sometimes overnight. Frequently we need to park our car a distance away and walk to our house carrying our goods from shopping.

Is there any possibility for the Council to enforce a 'residents permit parking scheme' in our area to help us in this issue please."

2. This petition has been signed predominantly by the residents in the northeastern most section of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge. This section of road provides pedestrian access to both Abbotsfield and Swakeleys Schools and in the area just north there are local businesses. As a result, this section of road forms an attractive area for non-residents to park.

3. This petition is effectively asking the Council to consider proposals for a residents' parking scheme in just part of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge. Although the majority of the properties in this section of the road benefit from some form of off-street parking, due to the layout of the road it is possible that access to these areas could be compromised by inconsiderate parking. It is apparent that following investigation of the Highways Register, the parking areas for parking do not form part of the Council's adopted Highway network and fall under the remit of Hillingdon Housing Services. Attached as Appendix A is an extract of the Highways Register showing the layout of this section of Pole Hill Road and the areas of the road indicated in pink which are owned by Hillingdon Housing Services.

4. The Cabinet Member will be aware of similar instances where there have been parking issues in roads with areas of non public highway land that fall under the ownership of Hillingdon Housing Services. In some cases special arrangements have been made with Hillingdon Housing Services to incorporate these areas within parking schemes so that they can be enforced by the Council's Civil Enforcement Officers.

5. It is 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 to see if residents would like to consider proposals to manage the parking in this section of Pole Hill Road. In addition, as the only viable parking in this part of Pole Hill Road is within the areas of land that fall under the control of Hillingdon Housing Services, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member instructs officers to liaise with colleagues in Hillingdon Housing Services to seek their agreement to incorporate these areas in a possible future parking scheme.

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 Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge or any other of the surrounding roads, 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 have to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge and the surrounding area, 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 concurs with the financial implications noted above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for a parking management scheme in the section of Pole Hill Road, Uxbridge near to Nos. 134 to 158, 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

None at this stage.













Relevant Service Groups

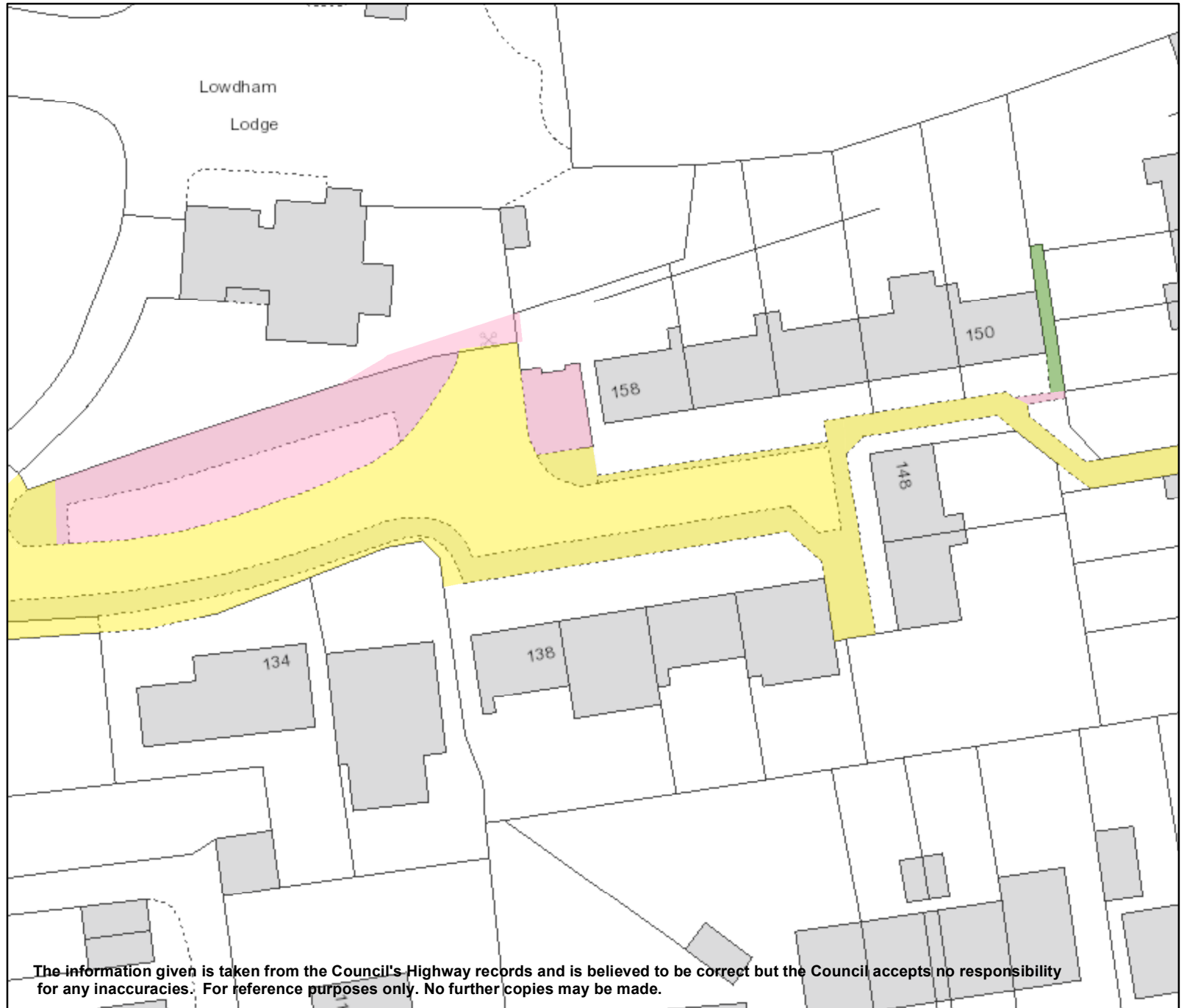
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6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

Appendix A

-  Bridleway
-  Byway Open To All Traffic
-  Footpath
-  Road Widening Line (Indicitive only)
-  Adopted Highway
-  Housing Department Maintained
-  Housing but right of way (not public)
-  Privately maintained
-  Section 38 or 228 -subject to adoption
-  Other - see map notes
-  Heathrow Airport
-  Borough Boundary



Map Notes

