

RICHARDS CLOSE, HAYES - PETITION FROM RESIDENTS ASKING FOR A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

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 from residents of Richards Close, Hayes asking for a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Heathrow Villages

2. RECOMMENDATION

Meeting with the Petitioners, that the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking in Richards Close, Hayes.
2. Notes the results of the previous consultations with residents of Richards Close on a possible Parking Management Scheme.
3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation.

Reasons for recommendation

The petition hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

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Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 28 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Richards Close, Hayes which represents 28 out of the 34 households (82%) in the road. In a covering statement with the petition the lead petitioner states:

"Richards Close has been plagued with parking problems from airport workers who park in Richards Close and get the free bus into the airport. They start arriving before 6am then at 2pm, the second shift arrives late in the evening. They can't use any other free bus stops in Harlington because there are parking restrictions all along the High Street.

The cars come from Harrow, Ealing all over the region, the reason being to save parking charges at the airport. The only day we get any respite is on a Sunday when they can park in the High Street nearer the airport because the restrictions are lifted on a Sunday.

The problems we encounter are as follows:

- *If we go out we come back we can't park anywhere*
- *If we have visitors or health workers there is nowhere to park*
- *They park in front of the scout hut entrances and garages*
- *Our road never gets cleaned, we have grass growing in gutters. I mean the mechanical cleaning not the road sweeper*
- *I have supplied photos to try to illustrate the problems we are having*

2. Richards Close is a residential road situated just a short walk to Harlington High Street's shops and nearby local amenities. As the lead petitioner alluded to in a covering statement submitted with the petition, most of the nearby roads in Harlington already benefit from a Parking Management Scheme. As a result Richards Close would provide an attractive place to park for non-residents and airport workers who take advantage of the free regular bus service to the airport. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. As the Cabinet Member will recall in October 2008 and again in January 2011, the Council undertook an area wide informal consultation with residents in the area adjoining the existing parking scheme on options to manage parking in their roads. A letter, information leaflet, questionnaire and reply paid envelope was delivered to every property in the area including Richards Close. Responses to the 2008 consultation indicated that 15 residents who replied were happy with the existing parking arrangements and only two supported the option of a Parking Management Scheme. Responses received to the 2011 consultation were higher but

again 16 residents indicated they were happy to maintain unrestricted parking and seven supported a residents' only permit parking scheme.

4. As the majority of residents from Richards Close that took the opportunity to reply to the previous consultations did not support managed parking in their road, it was recommended that the parking arrangements should remain as existing.

5. However, from the significantly high number of households who have signed the petition it would appear that the parking situation in the area may have significantly changed and subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners the Cabinet Member may be minded to add this request to the Council's extensive parking scheme programme for further consultation.

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 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.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request to review the current parking in Richards Close and consider this as part of the Council's extensive parking programme, 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 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

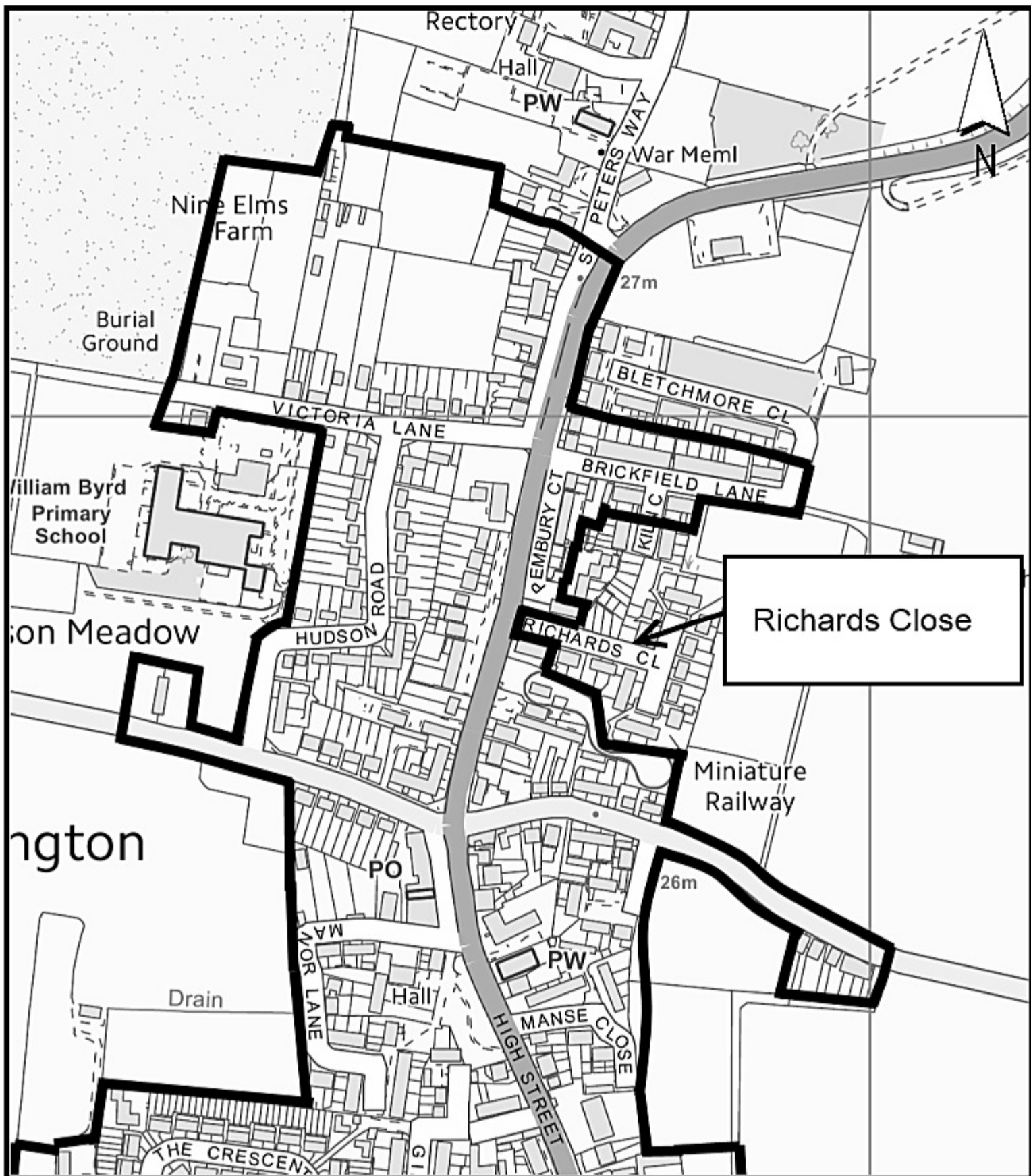
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.



Richards Close, Hayes - Petition requesting a residents' permit parking scheme

Appendix A

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Extent of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme Zone H1