

# TWEEDDALE GROVE & PENTLAND WAY, ICKENHAM – PETITION REQUESTING A RESOLUTION TO THE PARKING ISSUES FACED BY STAFF AT THE GROWING TREE NURSERY

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendices A - C

## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition of 55 signatures has been received from citizens of the local and surrounding areas requesting a resolution to the parking issues faced by staff at the Growing Tree Nursery in Pentland Way, Ickenham.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request has been considered in relation to the Council's strategy for road safety.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications to this report (although there would be a cost of approximately £500 to issue the Relevant Public Notices if the waiting restriction are made permanent).
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	West Ruislip

## RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Notes the petition request.
2. Meets with and listens to the petitioners' concerns regarding parking issues on Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way.
3. Considers reducing the hours of operation of the single yellow line experimental waiting restrictions in Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way from 'Mon-Fri, 8.30am-10.30 am' and '3.30pm-4.30pm' to a one-hour morning and afternoon waiting restriction of 'Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm'

## **INFORMATION**

### **Reasons for recommendation**

To investigate the petitioners' request in further detail.

### **Alternative options considered**

Options will be discussed with the petitioners.

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

### **Supporting Information**

1. In January 2009, the Council received a petition with 55 signatures requesting a resolution to the parking issues faced by staff at the Growing Tree Nursery in Pentland Way, Ickenham. Of the 55 signatures, at least 20 are Borough residents. The Council has also received five representations from local citizens regarding the impact the experimental waiting restrictions in Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way are having on parents and staff at the Growing Tree Nursery.
2. In response to a request from the Ministry of Defence (MoD), the Council introduced experimental waiting restrictions on Heacham Avenue, Pentland Way, Tweeddale Grove and Thorpland Avenue, Ickenham, as shown on Appendices A-C. The reasons for the installation of the experimental waiting restrictions were:
  - To prevent damage to the road or any building near the road;
  - To facilitate passage on the road for any class of traffic (including pedestrians);
  - To prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which is unsuitable having regard the existing character of the road or adjoining property;
  - To preserve or improve the amenities of the area through which the road runs;
  - For any purposes listed in subsections a-c of section 87 of the Environment Act 1995; and
  - To permit the free flow of traffic, particularly for emergency vehicles.
3. The operative date for this scheme came into force on 2 July 2008, which allowed the initial 6 months to 26 January 2009 for the public to object or make representations. Therefore, the Council is due to review the experimental waiting restrictions and decide if they should be made permanent.
4. The petitioners have informed the Council that they work in the children's day nursery based in the old American Elementary School on Pentland Way, which is open from 7:45am – 6.00pm. The petitioners have stated that the experimental waiting restrictions have had major complications for the staff at the Growing Tree Nursery. The nursery staff have been issued parking permits by the MoD which allow them to park in the privately owned visitors' spaces of the neighbouring houses. However, the petitioners have stated that this has proved highly antagonistic to many of the local residents.

5. The petitioners appreciate that the restrictions have been imposed to deter commuter parking but have requested that the Council issues the staff of the Growing Tree Nursery with permits which allow them to park outside the nursery. The petitioners have stated that if this is not possible then they would suggest that the playground is made accessible for staff to park which would alleviate the whole situation. Alternatively, at the very least, the petitioners have requested that parking is prohibited for a time period of 30 minutes to an hour. The petitioners state that this request would discourage commuters parking in these roads and staff could be issued with permits enabling them to park.
6. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council does not issue the type of parking permit requested by the petitioners. The Council only issues parking permits to residents and businesses when there is a Parking Management Scheme in place. A Parking Management Scheme involves a number of adjoining roads which is supported by the majority of affected residents. The Council has not received much demand for a Parking Management Scheme in this area but this type of scheme could be considered if the Council carries out future consultations in the area.
7. With regards to the petitioners' request for the playground to be made accessible for staff to park, the Council is currently investigating this issue as the area is being developed and any additional information, if available in time, will be presented at the Petition Hearing Meeting.
8. The Council has liaised with the Health and Safety Officer from the MoD regarding the permits issued to the staff at the Growing Tree Nursery. The Health and Safety Officer has confirmed that there are no allocated parking spaces to anyone in the Quarters but has requested that the nursery staff do not all cluster in the same parking area. The Welfare Officer at the MoD has spoken to the residents concerned and has confirmed that there are sufficient parking spaces for the nursery staff to park in the privately owned visitors' spaces of the neighbouring houses.
9. The Council is due to review the experimental waiting restrictions on Heacham Avenue, Pentland Way, Thorpland Avenue and Tweeddale Grove, Ickenham. During the 6 month consultation period, the Council received five additional representations from local citizens regarding the impact the experimental waiting restrictions in Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way are having on parents and staff at the Growing Tree Nursery. The main concerns are the difficulties faced by parents when trying to park to drop off and collect children attending the nursery. In addition, a number of parents have found it difficult to park for the nearby West Ruislip Underground station, in order to commute to work. However, it must be appreciated that the issue of commuter parking is an issue of concern to many local residents, and a pay and display car park is available at West Ruislip station.
10. In response to the petition and additional representations, it is recommended that the Council considers reducing the hours of operation of the single yellow line experimental waiting restrictions in Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way from 'Mon-Fri, 8.30am-10.30 am and 3.30pm-4.30pm' to a one-hour morning and afternoon waiting restriction of 'Mon-Fri, 9.30am-10.30am and 3.30pm-4.30pm'. The Growing Tree Nursery is open from 7:45am – 6.00pm and this recommendation will allow parents of the nursery to drop off their children more easily in the morning, whilst discouraging all day commuter parking. In addition, this recommendation aims to reduce the impact of the waiting restrictions on local residents and staff at the Growing Tree Nursery.

11. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council does not generally install waiting restrictions which are operational for an hour or less per day due to the difficulties of enforcement.
12. The Health and Safety Advisor from the MoD is in support of a midday waiting restriction which would reduce the impact on the Growing Tree Nursery but would discourage all day commuter parking. However, if the Council decides to install waiting restrictions with hours of operation which deviate from the hours of operation of the current experimental waiting restrictions then these would need to be formally advertised for a further 6 months.
13. During the 6 month consultation period, the Council also received a number of representations from residents of Aylsham Drive who are concerned that commuter parking has transferred to this road and its side roads. It is recommended that the parking issues in Aylsham Drive and Heacham Avenue are reviewed in conjunction with the new housing development on the former Royal Air Force site.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications to this report. If the Cabinet Member decides to make the waiting restrictions permanent, there would be a cost of approximately £500 to issue the relevant Public Notices. This can be funded from an allocation from the Parking Revenue Account. If the Cabinet Member decides to change the restrictions or revoke them, there will be additional cost for removal or changes to the signs and lines.

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

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

It will allow further consideration of the petitioners' concerns and the request for a resolution to the parking issues faced by staff at the Growing Tree Nursery in Pentland Way, Ickenham

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

Public Notice of the proposals has been given in the local newspaper and Notices displayed on the streets affected.

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

#### **Corporate Finance**

N/A.

#### **Legal**

The proposals for reducing the hours of operation of the single yellow line experimental waiting restrictions in Tweeddale Grove and Pentland Way can be achieved by exercising powers under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and Highways Act 1980. On the basis of the information contained in this report, it does not appear there are special legal implications for this particular matter. The client will be required to be mindful of the statutory procedures imposed upon the traffic authority for the making of Traffic Management Orders which spring from the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Officers are familiar with these procedures. In cases

of doubt Legal Services will be instructed. The decision maker must balance the relevant considerations to best give effect to the discharge of the statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic.

In considering any consultation responses, decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer's recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public were conscientiously taken into account in finalising the officer's recommendation.

### **Corporate Property**

N/A.

### **Relevant Service Groups**

N/A.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Petition received, dated 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009
- Letters received from residents during the 6 month consultation period

**Notes:**

- Existing 'Mon-Sat, 8am-6.30pm' waiting restrictions
- Existing 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions
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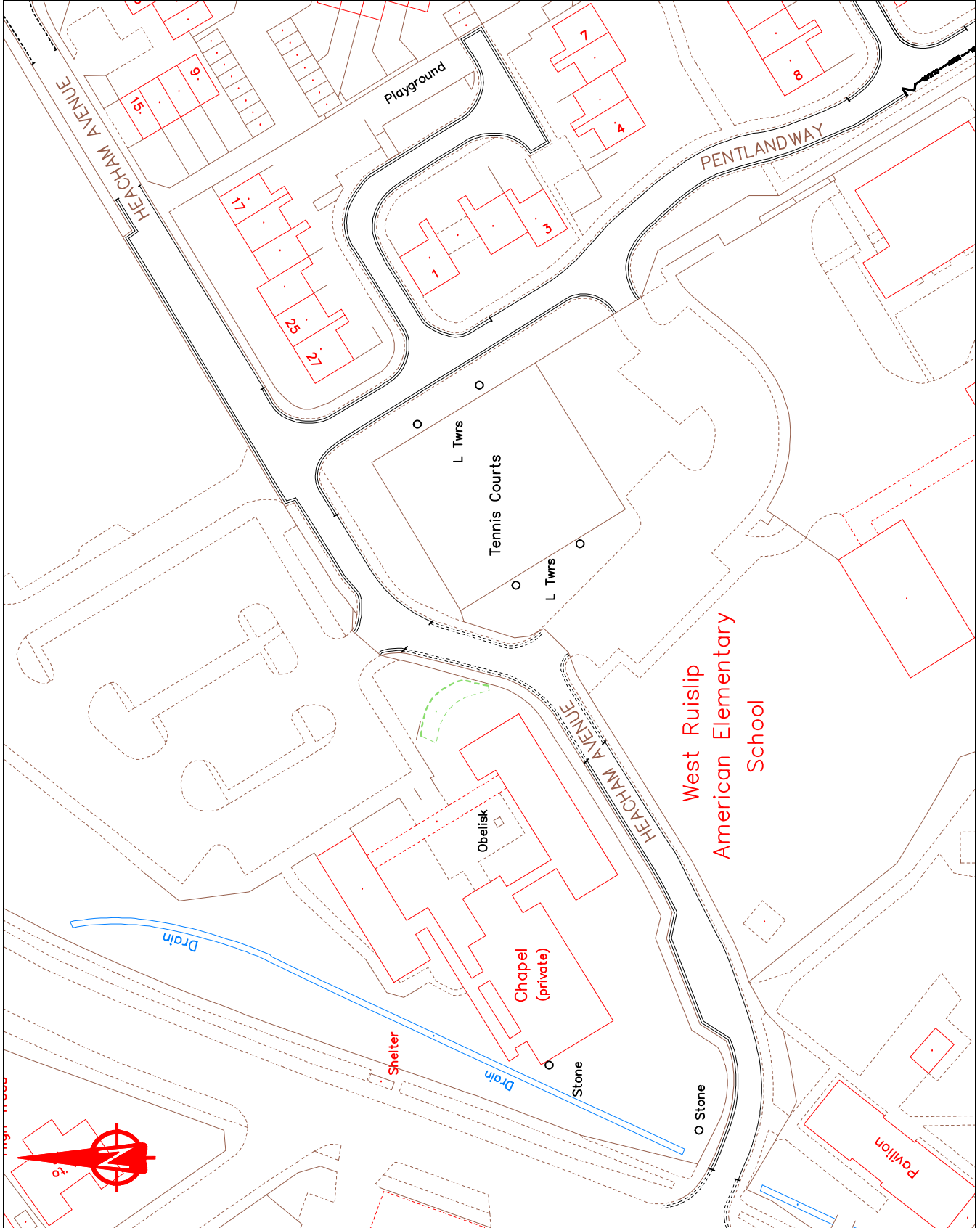
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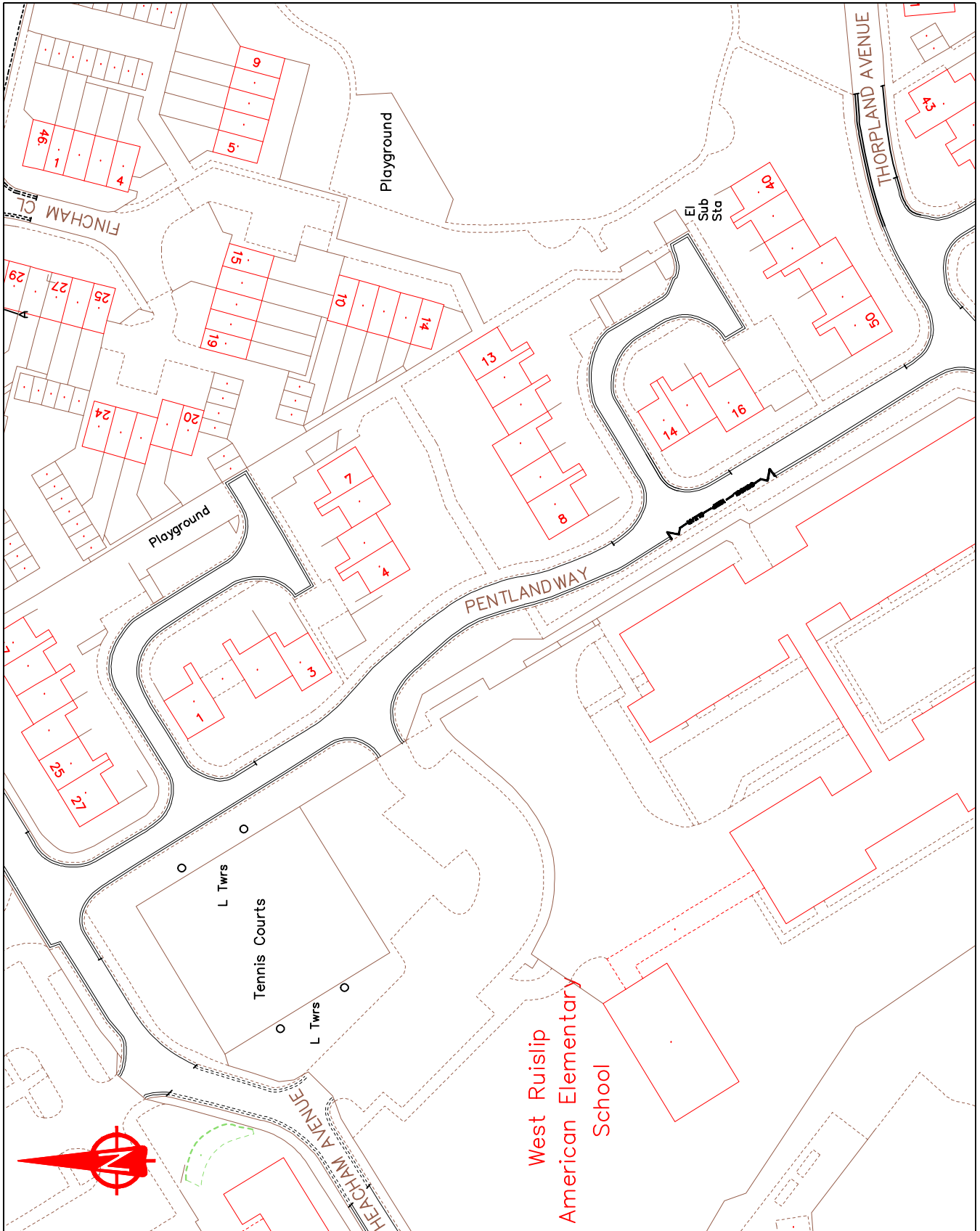
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