

PETITION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE OPERATIONAL TIMES OF THE HEATHROW PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN WARNER CLOSE, HARLINGTON

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 a petition has been received from the residents of Warner Close, Harlington asking for the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme in this road to be extended.
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	Heathrow Villages.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme to be extended in Warner Close, Harlington.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for an extension to operational times of the parking scheme in Warner Close, Harlington and any other roads in the nearby area, agreed with local Ward Councillors, should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation with residents.**

Reasons for recommendations

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss with petitioners their concerns and, if appropriate, add their request to the parking schemes programme.

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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 20 signatures has been received from residents of Warner Close, Harlington. Petitioners are requesting that the Council extends the operational times of the parking restrictions in Warner Close to prevent non-residential parking which they associate with taxis waiting close to Heathrow Airport. They have stated that the problems they have with parking are more acute on Sundays, the only day of the week the current parking scheme does not operate.
2. A plan showing Warner Close and the surrounding area is attached as Appendix A to this report. Warner Close is one of the closest roads situated to the north of Heathrow Airport and therefore forms an attractive area for taxis drivers to wait and workers for the airport to park. Currently Warner Close benefits from being part of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme, which operates Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm. As a result, residents are finding it increasingly difficult to find a parking space when the parking scheme is not in operation on Sunday.
3. Petitioners are effectively requesting that the parking scheme to be extended to include Sundays. The Cabinet Member will be aware of similar requests in recent years from other roads close to Heathrow Airport to extend the times and days that the scheme operates. Following consultation, the Council has extended the operational times within other parts of the same scheme and this has proven successful in preventing non-residential parking in the evenings and weekends. This approach could be considered as a possible option for the residents of Warner Close.
4. It is therefore 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 conduct an informal consultation for a possible extension to the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme in Warner Close. As is common practice, if there are any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from extended scheme operating times then these could also be included in this future consultation. The results of the consultation can then be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors for further consideration.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider extending the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme in Warner Close, 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 decides to extend the operational times of the Heathrow Parking Management Scheme in Warner Close, consultation will be carried out with residents to establish if there is overall support.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concur with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents on parking restrictions. Informally consulting residents 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.

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's recommendations. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

If the decision maker recommends officers undertake a statutory consultation, the procedures that should be followed in this case are set out in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and The Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 (SI 1996/2489).

Corporate Property and Construction

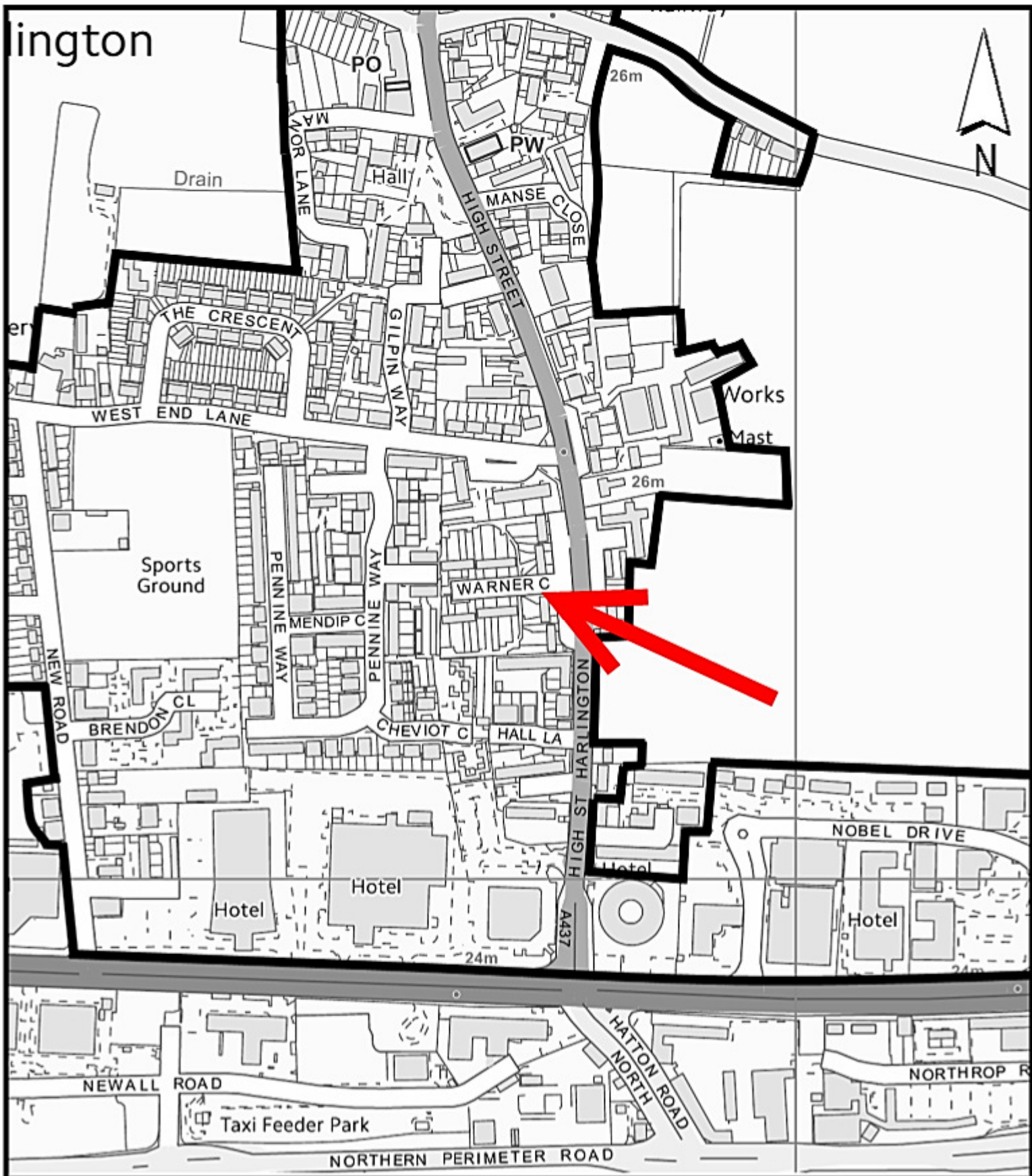
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received 10th July 2017.



Warner Close, Harlington
Area plan

Appendix A

Date December 2017

Scale 1:4,000



Nearby extent of the Heathrow
Parking Management Scheme