

PETITION REQUESTING EITHER RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMITS, OR A GATE AT THE START OF BOURTON CLOSE, HAYES

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received requesting the introduction of either a Parking Management Scheme or a gate at the end of Bourton Close, Hayes.
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	Townfield.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for a residents' permit parking scheme to be introduced in Bourton Close, Hayes.**
- 2. Decides if the request for a permit parking scheme in Bourton Close should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**
- 3. Advises petitioners that their request for a gate at the end of the road cannot be considered as the carriageway at the entrance to Bourton Close is adopted highway.**
- 4. Notes that the enforcement criteria within any permit parking scheme would not extend to the existing private car parking spaces outside the houses in Bourton Close.**

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.

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 26 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting either a permit parking scheme or, for a gate at the start of the road, to be considered for Bourton Close, Hayes. In a covering statement provided with the petition, the lead petitioner states *"For a number of years we have put up with inconsiderate parents from Minet School parking down Bourton Close. We have been blocked in, cars have been hit, abuse from parents. Also my daughter was thrown into my garden as a parent mounted the kerb also hitting my car in the process. The police are aware also CCTV footage"*
2. Petitioners then indicate the problem times are between 8.15 - 9.15am and 2.30 - 3.30pm and that they would like to see *"permits put in place or a gate at the end of the road"*.
3. Bourton Close is a residential cul-de-sac comprising of 24 properties. The carriageway and footways within Bourton Close are adopted and maintained at the public expense. Adjacent to the main carriageway there are parking areas which are privately owned.
4. Bourton Close is just a short walk from Minet School and it suggested by petitioners that non-residential parking at certain times of the day is associated with parents or guardians picking up and dropping off children. In order to address this issue, residents have suggested a permit parking scheme and, as the Cabinet Member is aware, the Council as the highway authority has powers under The Road Traffic Regulation Act to make a Traffic Management Order to manage parking and traffic on the highway. However, these powers generally only extend to the adopted highway maintained at the public expense, so any possible permit parking scheme would not incorporate the private off-street parking areas in Bourton Close.
5. A further suggestion put forward by petitioners is for a gate to be installed at the start of the road. Whilst the reasoning behind such a suggestion is understood, as the road is adopted and people have a right to pass and re-pass along it, in this instance the installation of a gate to restrict the use of the highway is not feasible.
6. 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 and to carry out consultation with the residents of Bourton Close, in order to

establish the overall level of support for the road to be included in a possible residents' permit parking scheme.

Financial Implications

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if the Council were to consider introducing a Parking Management Scheme in Bourton Close then 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

Before the Council can consider introducing parking controls such as a Parking Management Scheme consultation will need to be carried out.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and confirm that there are no financial implications arising from the recommendations.

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).

If specific advice is required, Legal Services should be instructed.

Corporate Property and Construction

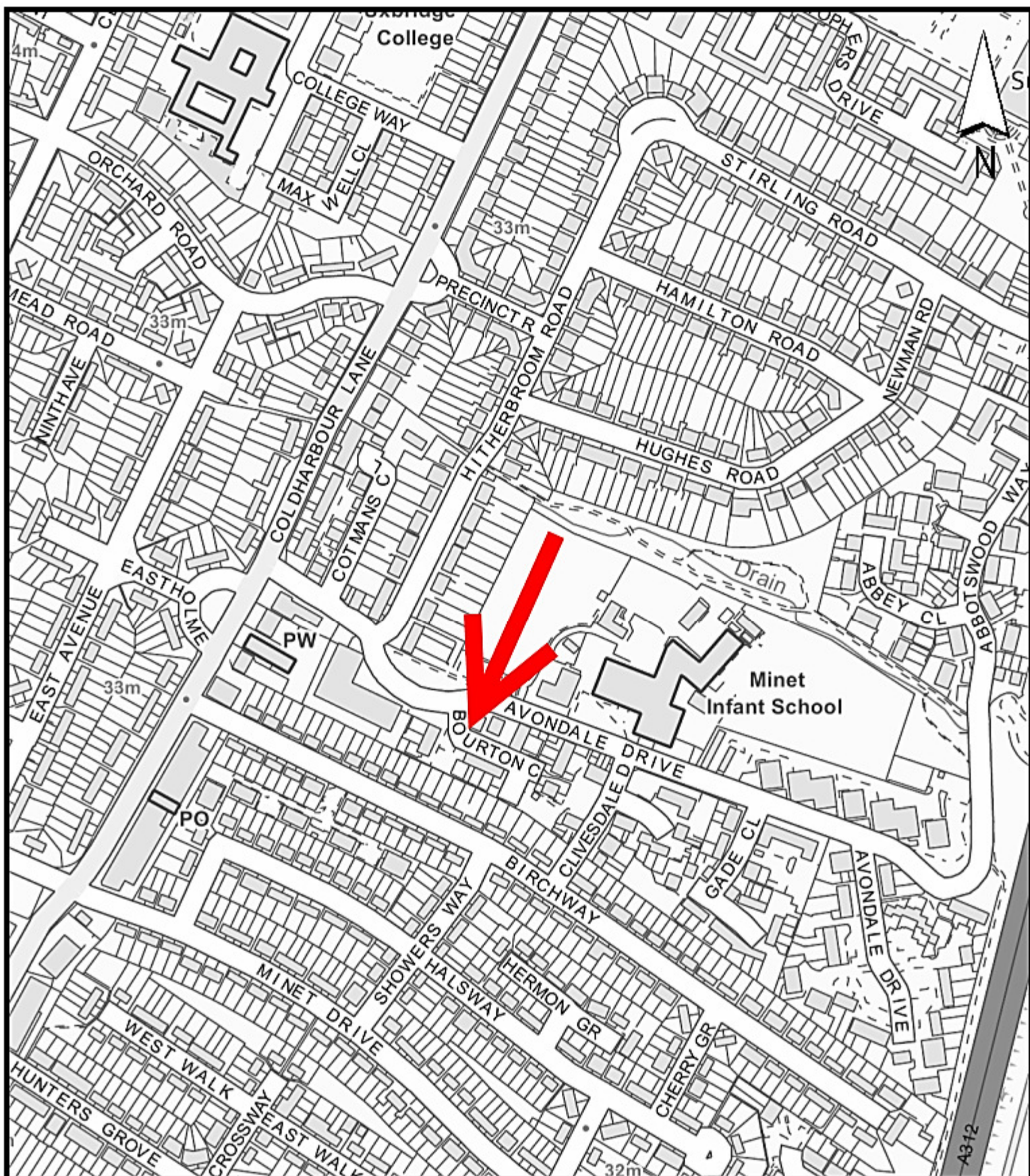
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Bourton Close, Hayes Area plan

Appendix A

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