

HIGHLAND ROAD, NORTHWOOD HILLS - THE PROPOSED NORTHWOOD HILLS PARKING MANAGEMENT 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 requesting that Highland Road is included in the proposed Northwood Hills Parking Management Scheme.
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, Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Northwood Hills.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1. Listens to their request for the inclusion of Highland Road in the proposed Northwood Hills Parking Management Scheme; and**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a Parking Management Scheme for Highland Road should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for an informal consultation when resources permit.**

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 47 signatures from residents of Highland Road has been submitted to the Council, which represents 33 out of 94 (35%) of households in the road. Included in a covering statement submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner has indicated they would like to see the following outcome:

"That Highland Road be included in the proposed parking management scheme as the four immediate surrounding roads (Lichfield, Winchester, Colchester and York) are included and therefore commuter traffic will inevitable creep into Highland Road thus making the residential parking intolerable."

2. Highland Road is a mainly residential road just a short walk from Northwood Hills Metropolitan Line Underground Station, Joel Street shopping parade and other local amenities. There is a gated access to Northwood Recreation Ground located on Highland Road. A location plan is attached as Appendix A.

3. As the petitioners have alluded, the Council has recently undertaken a formal consultation on a detailed design for a Parking Management Scheme in the Northwood Hills area, also indicated on the plan attached as Appendix B to this report. All the comments received to the formal consultation are currently being analysed and will be presented to the Cabinet Member in a separate report.

4. As the Cabinet Member will be aware, the Council previously received several petitions from residents of the Northwood Hills area. Prior to this petition, the most recent two were one signed by 2512 requesting parking measures to address concerns over non-residential parking, and a second petition with 28 signatures opposing managed parking.

5. As a result of these petitions, a detailed parking stress survey was undertaken in an area agreed with local ward councillors. The data captured showed where the demand on the kerb-side space was most acute, and based on these results, officers undertook an informal consultation with residents on options to manage the parking in their road.

6. The responses received from Highland Road to this informal consultation indicated that 12 residents supported a possible Parking Management Scheme, 9 supported possible waiting restrictions (yellow lines), and 27 responded to say that they were happy with the current arrangements and wanted no change.

7. In accordance with Council practice, where the majority of residents indicate that they do not support a parking scheme, it was recommended that parking arrangements in Highland Road should remain as existing. However, it appears from the petition that the views of residents may

have changed so it is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses petitioners' concerns and subject to this, decides if this request should be added to the parking scheme programme for further informal consultation.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report, however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Highland Road 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 has to address these concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Highland Road and possibly the surrounding area, a further 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 that there are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

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.

Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

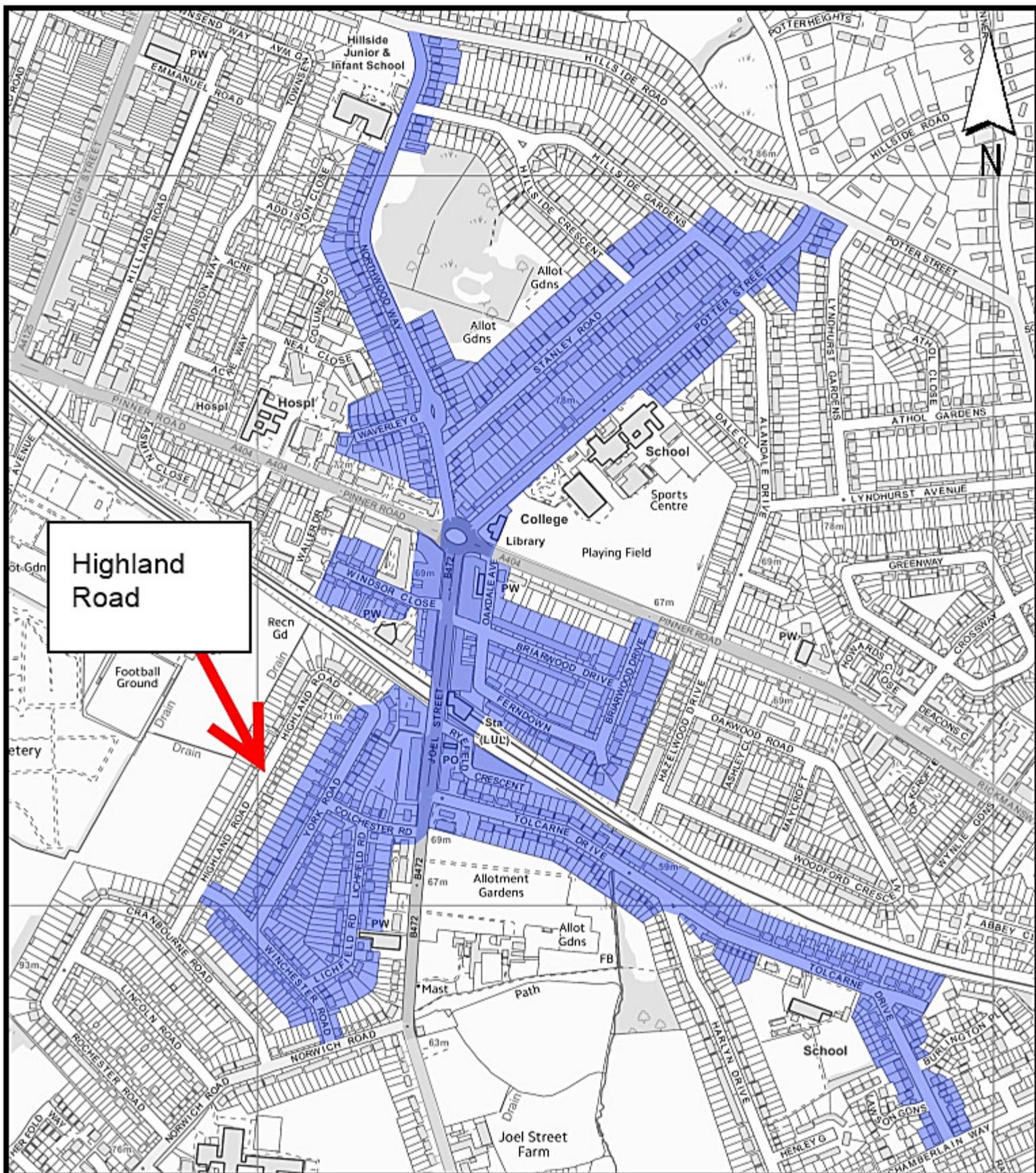
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Highland Road, Northwood Hills Proposed Northwood Hills Parking Management Scheme

Appendix A

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Extent of the proposed Northwood Hills
Parking Management Scheme Zone NWH

