

PETITION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE EASTCOTE "RESIDENT ONLY PARKING" SCHEME IN LOWLANDS ROAD, EASTCOTE

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 an extension to the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme for Lowlands Road, Eastcote.
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	Eastcote and East Ruislip

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for the extension to the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme for Lowlands Road, Eastcote.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for further informal consultation on options to manage parking in a possible area agreed with local Ward Councillors.**

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 21 valid signatures has been submitted to the Council signed by residents of Lowlands Road, Eastcote.

2. In an accompanying statement submitted the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following additional information:

"Due to daily parking congestion in the section of Lowlands Road between The Link and Devonshire Road, the residents are petitioning for an extension of the current Eastcote Permit Parking Scheme for that section of the road."

The lead petitioner also goes on to say those residents would like to see the following outcome:

"The Council to approve the extension of the Residents Parking Scheme, which is currently operational in neighbouring Abbotsbury Gardens, Devonshire Road and Boldmere Road, to the lower parts of Lowlands Road."

This request applies to the section of Lowlands Road between The Link and Devonshire Road."

3. Lowlands Road is a mainly residential road just a short walk to Eastcote Town Centre, Metropolitan and Piccadilly Line Station and other local amenities. The main entrance to Lowlands Tennis and Social Club is located on Lowlands Road and their car park entrance is located on The Link. A location plan of the area showing Lowlands Road and the extent of the existing scheme is attached as Appendix A to this report. Lowlands Road is also close to the Borough boundary with the London Borough of Harrow with Cannon Lane Primary School situated just into Harrow.

4. As the petitioners have alluded, the majority of nearby roads already benefit from a residents' only permit parking scheme which operates Monday to Saturday 9am - 5pm. The last time that residents of Lowlands Road were consulted on options to manage the parking in their road was in 2009 and at the time 37 responses indicated they were happy with the current parking arrangements and 16 supported a possible Parking Management Scheme.

5. However, as some time has elapsed since the last informal consultation and, in view of the recent petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners in detail their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme. As is common practice, investigations could be combined along with any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may benefit from parking controls.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report; however if the Council were to consider the introduction of managed parking in Lowlands 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 recommendations?

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

If the Council subsequently investigates the feasibility of introducing managed parking in Lowlands Road and possibly the surrounding area, 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 concludes that there are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Legal

It is important that decision-makers have no personal interest in the subject on which they are adjudicating, and should declare and preclude their participation in the decision R v Bow Street Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate, ex parte Pinochet Ungarte (No 2) [2001] 1 AC 119.

It will often be necessary to engage in legitimate informal dialogue with those who would be impacted by any changes or those with a particular interest; prior to a formal consultation to obtain initial evidence and to gain an understanding of the issues that will need to be raised in the formal consultation.

It is necessary for the decision makers to communicate and seek the views of those that need to know about the potential changes at a formative stage (such as nearby Schools, doctor surgeries, local businesses, resident associations, and voluntary and community groups etc) that are in close proximity to Lowlands Road Eastcote. This in turn will avoid issues with bias and prejudice.

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 recommendations. Accordingly, the Council must balance the concerns of the objectors with its statutory duty to secure the expeditious, convenient, safe movement of vehicular and stationed parking, with other traffic. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

During the informal consultation, Members are guided to be mindful of the legal requirements for a proper consultation exercise known as the Sedley requirements, adopted by Hodgson J in R v Brent London Borough Council, ex parte Gunning (1985) 84 LGR 168, being:

- Consultation must be made at a time when proposals are at a formative stage;
- Sufficient reasons for the proposal must be given to allow intelligent consideration response;
- Adequate time must be given for a response; and
- The product of the consultation must be conscientiously taken into account in finalising proposals.

Should the outcome of the informal discussions with petitioners require that officers include the petitioners' request and other possible options in the Road Safety Programme, there will need to be consideration of Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, which govern road traffic orders, traffic signs and road markings.

Corporate Property and Construction

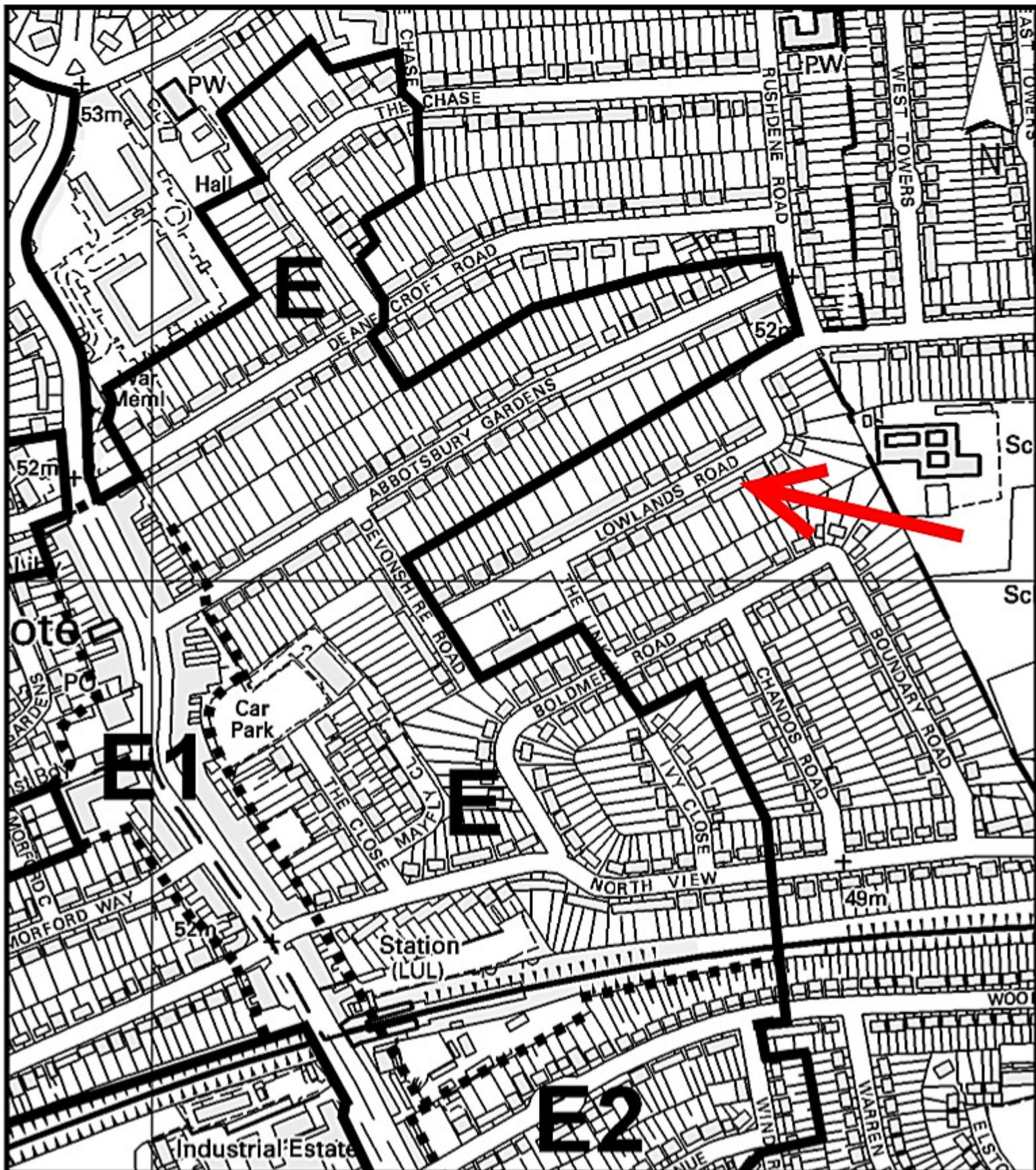
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Lowlands Road, Eastcote and nearby extent of the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme

Appendix A

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Extent of the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme



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