

# PETITION REQUESTING PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN THE VICINITY OF RUISLIP LIDO

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A

## **1. HEADLINE INFORMATION**

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting the introduction of parking restrictions in numerous roads close to Ruislip Lido.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	West Ruislip

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:**

- 1. Listens to their request for the parking restrictions within the roads in the vicinity of Ruislip Lido.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for parking controls in the area surrounding the Lido should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed 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 more than 81 signatures has been prepared and submitted to the Council by West Ruislip Ward Councillors. Included in a covering statement the Councillors, on behalf of the residents who have signed the petition, have made the following request:

"A Petition from the Residents of the under mentioned Roads that are affected by the inconsiderate and dangerous parking by the numbers of visitors to the Ruislip Lido with the consequent dangerous and problematic conditions as displayed by visitor behaviour in the Spring and summer of 2018"

*Petition from the "Lido visitor traffic" affected roads bordered by Ladygate Lane, Breakspear Road, Bury Street to the West Side and back to Ladygate Lane. The following roads are those most immediately affected by this problem:*

*St Margaret's Road  
Marlborough Avenue  
Thames Drive Estate (all roads)  
White Heath Avenue,  
Leaholme Way  
Wallington Close  
Wyteleaf Close  
Stow Crescent  
Howletts Lane  
Stanford Close  
Brickett Close  
Standale Grove  
St Catherine's Road  
Boston Grove  
Bury Avenue  
Arlington Drive  
Bury Street (West Side)*

*We the undersigned are representative Residents from the above mentioned roads. In the Spring and Summer of 2018 and in the years building up to this time we have suffered the consequences of the vast volumes of visitor traffic now coming to the Lido on warm or hot days. Spring and summer 2018 saw the numbers of cars in our roads causing regular grid lock with examples of inconsiderate and reckless parking on a scale never seen before.*

*[A few examples]*

*Visitor cars were parked on both sides of roads making passage through them for local traffic almost impossible; access to our driveways was often restricted as cars were parked so close and opposite to our homes as to make them inaccessible. In some cases cars were parked*

*across our driveways. No emergency vehicles would have been able to get through on these days. Many of us could not use our back gardens due to exhaust fumes from stationary vehicles gridlocked trying to get to the lido. The lido car parks quickly filled up, certainly by 12:00 noon on hot days. Having gone out by car some of us could not return to our homes for the inconsiderate parking of Lido visitors.*

*We cannot go through or be made to go through another Spring / Summer like 2018. We therefore request by this petition that the following is considered as a matter of urgency:*

- a) Seasonal traffic parking measures from Easter to September as "resort" Towns have.*
- b) Double yellow lines on all corners, on each side of the corner, to prevent*
- c) White lines (free) across all dropped drive ways on each of the roads listed above.*
- d) Timed seasonal parking restrictions to prevent all day and all evening parking by Lido visitors.*
- e) The tow zone be extended to all these roads and it be properly enforced.*
- f) Specific no parking (signage? Dot matrix signs on hot days and all school summer holidays) for any Lido traffic in Standale Grove (abuse of Resident Parking bays was rife last year}, with possibly Resident parking cards for Residents cars only.*
- g) Staggered seasonal parking in roads to prevent road restriction for traffic.*
- h) All and any other combination of measures to be considered for each of these roads."*

2. The residents who signed this petition live relatively close to the popular Ruislip Lido attraction which draws thousands of visitors during the summer months. Following the successful introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in Withy Lane and the Reservoir Road area, as well as the introduction of non-residential parking charges within the car parks for Ruislip Lido, the surrounding unrestricted streets may now be a desirable free parking area for visitors to the Lido. A plan of the area, which also shows the extent of the existing Ruislip Lido Parking Management Scheme, is attached as Appendix A to this report.

3. The petition has mostly been signed by residents living within the streets bounded between Breakspear Road, Bury Street, and Ladygate Lane as set out on Appendix A. It should be noted that easy access to the Lido is possible through the public footpath adjacent to Hillingdon Athletic Club on Bury Street, which conveniently leads to the beach area on the southeastern side of the Lido. This makes some of the roads encompassed within this area, just a short walk from the Lido.

4. This petition is effectively requesting parking restrictions such as a Parking Management Scheme or limited time waiting restrictions to be applied across the area. The petition also suggests that such restrictions may be more beneficial to residents if they only applied on a seasonal basis. Whilst parking controls such as these can be applied on a seasonal basis, it should be noted that the timings once established cannot be regularly changed and should remain the same over as much of the area as possible to prevent confusion to motorists and to be enforced effectively.

5. It is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and, if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request for an area wide consultation to the future parking scheme programme. The full extent of the consultation area can be agreed with the local Ward Councillors prior to consultation commencing. The views of residents will be sought through informal consultation to determine if they would like to consider either a Parking Management Scheme or waiting restrictions and also indicate their preferred months, days and hours any managed parking could operate. The outcome of a future informal consultation can then

be analysed in detail to see if would be possible to recommend proposing a scheme over a viable area.

### **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report; however if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in the Ruislip Lido area, 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 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 the Ruislip Lido 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 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**

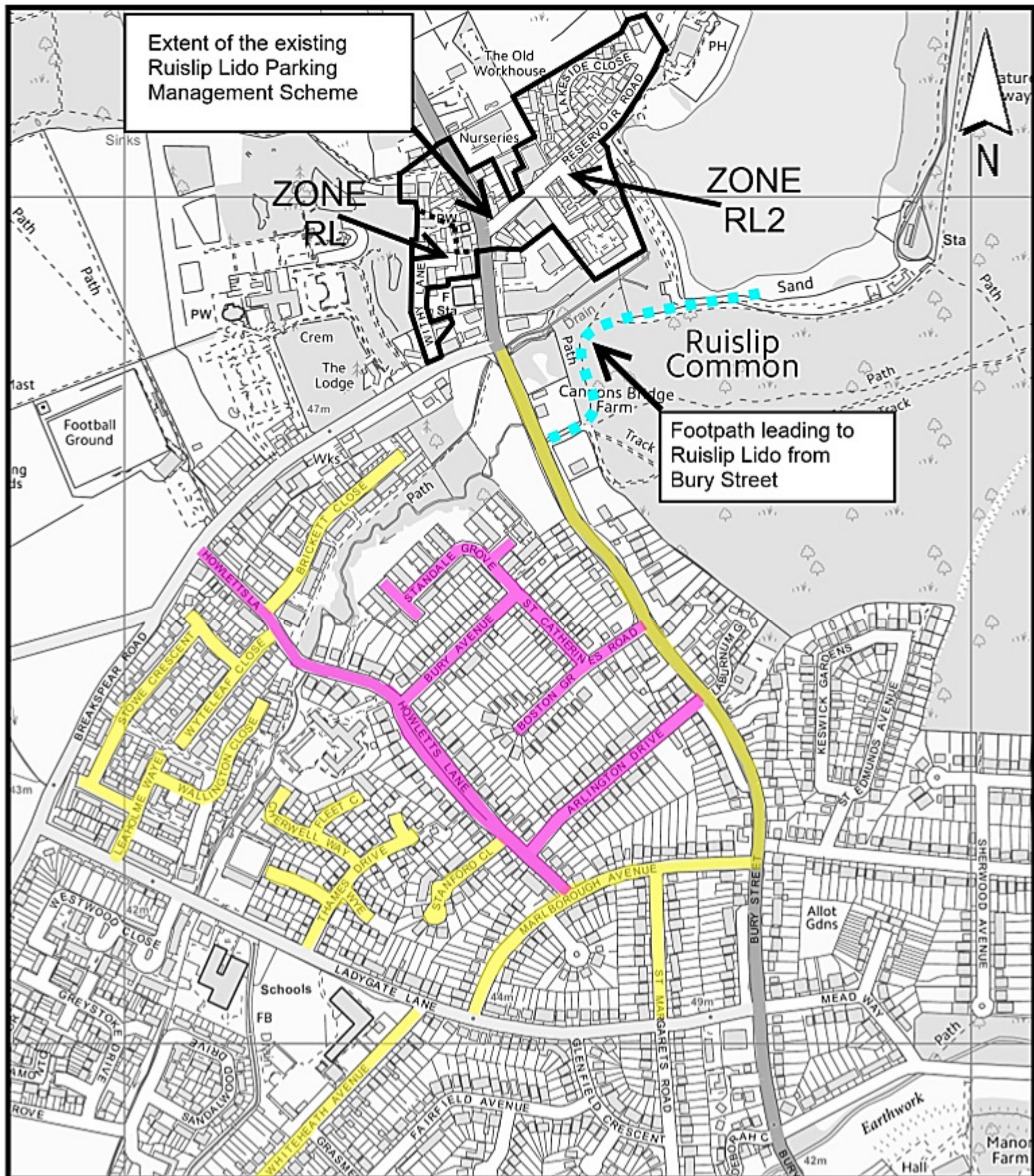
None at this stage.

## **Relevant Service Groups**

None at this stage.

## **6. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.







## Area south of Ruislip Lido

## Appendix A

Date February 2019

Scale 1:6,500

-  Extent of the Ruislip Lido Parking Management Scheme
-  Public footpath that leads to the Lido from Bury Street
-  Roads mentioned within the petition
-  Roads with signatures within the petition