

KINGSWAY, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING SCHEME AND TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Keith Burrows
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin Residents Services
Papers with report	Appendix A

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents requesting a residents' parking scheme and traffic calming measures for Kingsway, Hayes
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme of road safety initiatives and the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission speed and traffic surveys. The current cost of these is in the region of £85 per location and can be funded from within existing revenue budgets for the Transportation service. The Cabinet Member may also decide if the request for residents' parking should be added to the extensive parking scheme programme for further informal consultation when resources permit.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents' Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Botwell.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their request for traffic calming measures and a residents' parking scheme;**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, considers asking officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners, and to then report back to the Cabinet Member; and**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's extensive parking programme for possible further informal consultation on options to manage parking.**

Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners of their concerns and suggestions.

Alternative options considered / risk management

None at this stage.

Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

3. INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 21 signatures has been submitted by residents who live on Kingsway and nearby roads, asking for a residents' parking scheme and traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds.

2. In an accompanying letter submitted with the petition, the lead petitioner helpfully provides the following information:

"I am putting this petition forward as it is dangerous for me and others when pulling out from our driveways as we cannot see what is coming down the road because of all the parked cars and the speed of the traffic using our road.

Ours is a very busy road due to the fact that traffic from the Uxbridge Road uses it as a cut through. It's also a bus route and you do see buses having trouble getting through sometimes.

I know of others down the road and including myself that have had near misses when pulling out of our driveways.

I would appreciate it if you would consider this petition and I would like to say I feel it is more important for the traffic to be slowed down over residents parking, but we would like to see both."

3. Kingsway is a mainly residential road and forms part of the H98 bus route. The width of the carriageway on Kingsway measures approximately 7.5 metres and is bounded on both sides by a footway which is approximately 2.5 metres in width. From officers' site observations, parking appeared to be taking place on both sides of Kingsway.

4. The petitioners have requested 'residents' parking' which it is assumed to mean a residents' permit parking scheme. Although it is not clear from the petition what issues the residents are encountering with parking on Kingsway, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses their concerns in greater detail and, if appropriate, adds this request to the extensive parking scheme programme for possible informal consultation.

5. The other concern highlighted by petitioners is over vehicle speeds, and it is clear that Kingsway is a popular route for drivers wanting to avoid what they see as traffic delays on the main routes, such as the Uxbridge Road (A4020) and Harlington Road (A437). As a result of the

above, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission sets of 24/7 Automated Traffic Counts on Kingsway at locations agreed with Ward Councillors and petitioners. These will collect speed and vehicle classification information over a seven day period. The Petition Hearing will provide an excellent opportunity to hear the testimony of petitioners which will helpfully inform any investigations.

Financial Implications

If the Cabinet Member is minded to agree to undertake independent speed and traffic surveys, the cost is usually in the region of £80 to £85 per location, which could be funded through an allocation for the Transportation and Projects service. If works are subsequently required, suitable funding will be identified from Revenue Budgets within the Road Safety programme.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

To allow the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss in detail with petitioners their concerns.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

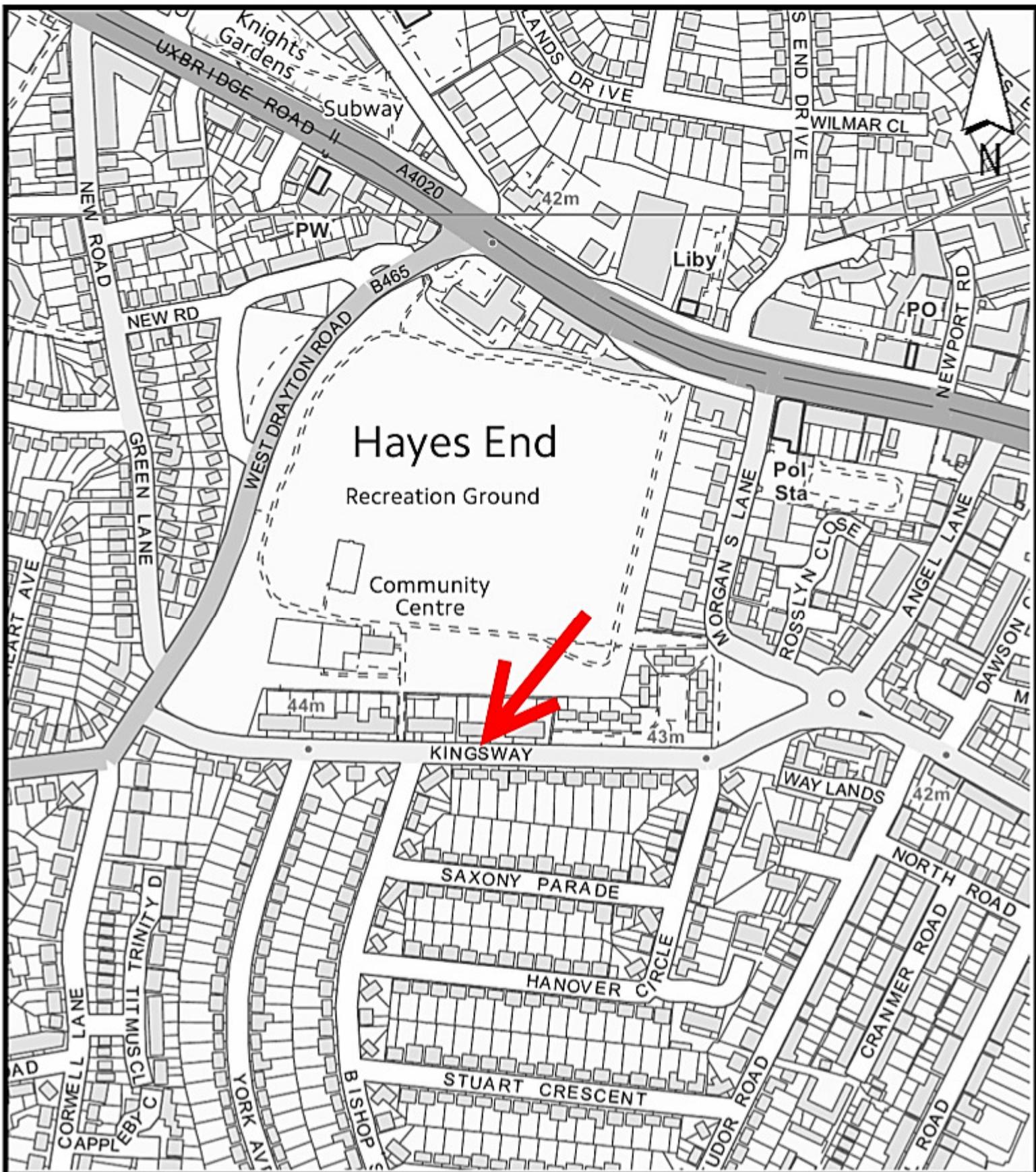
Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to discuss with petitioners their request for traffic calming measures and a residents' parking scheme on Kingsway which amounts to an informal consultation. A meeting with the petitioners is legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory or statutory consultation.

In considering the residents' responses decision makers must ensure there is a full consideration of all representations arising including those which do not accord with the officer recommendation. The decision maker must be satisfied that responses from the public are conscientiously taken into account.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Kingsway, Hayes
Location plan

Appendix A

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