

NORTHFIELD PARK, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PARKING 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 - Area Plan

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Northfield Park asking for a residents' parking scheme.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for parking in residential areas.
Financial Cost	There are none associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Pinkwell.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

- 1. Listens to their concerns with the parking situation in Northfield Park;**
- 2. Notes the previous results of consultations with residents of Northfield Park; and**
- 3. Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add the request to the Council's Parking Scheme Programme for future informal consultation.**

Reasons for recommendations

Discussions with the petitioners will allow the Cabinet Member to fully understand 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, signed by 38 residents of Northfield Park and Northfield Close, Hayes has been submitted to the Council. In an accompanying statement, the lead petitioner set out residents' concerns and suggestions as:

"1. Northfield Park residents would like to have a two-hour parking restrictions between the hours of 10am and 12pm Monday to Friday.

2. What dispensation would residents have on Northfield Park without driveways?

3. The Council should ticket non-resident parking, and that will prevent any further issues from occurring.

4. The reason why we would like a parking restriction between 10am and 12pm, is due to the massive impact of full control parking in surrounding roads such as Fairy Avenue, Nestles Avenue including 157 Old Station Road, commencing with park and ride scheme. Patients who are coming to the surgery must pay and display for parking, which is causing the drivers to seek free parking. And currently, Northfield Park does not have a parking restrictions, due to this it will be generating more parking disruption for the residents in Northfield Park UB3 4NT and UB3 4NU."

2. Northfield Park is a road of approximately 46 residential properties located to the south of North Hyde Road and is within easy walking distance of Hayes and Harlington Station and Hayes Town Centre. There are an additional 10 properties located in Northfield Close which is accessed via Northfield Park and currently benefits from an existing waiting restriction operating Monday to Friday 10am-noon throughout. As the petitioners have mentioned in their submissions, in recent years a number of the surrounding roads have benefitted from the introduction of Residents' Permit Parking Schemes.

3. The Cabinet Member will recall that in 2018, following a petition from residents requesting measures to address non-residential parking, an informal consultation was undertaken in Northfield Park to gauge support on possible options to manage parking in their road. The result of this informal consultation was that 20 households in Northfield Park were in favour of a Residents' Permit Parking Scheme and five were against. Residents of Northfield Close who responded indicated that they were satisfied with the current parking arrangements. These results were shared with the local ward councillors and the Cabinet Member who, based on these results, instructed officers to develop a detailed design for Northfield Park only.

4. As a result of the above, a detailed design was developed with marked bays and the associated signs. However, due to the significant number of dropped kerbs within Northfield Park this proposal provided a very limited number of parking spaces. As an alternative to the traditional scheme, officers were asked to investigate a 'past this point' type of scheme whereby signs are provided at the start of the road and dispense with signs and bay markings within the road itself. Both options were subject to a second informal consultation with residents.

5. Responses to this second informal consultation indicated that 18 residents results of this consultation preferred the design with signs and bay markings while only four households were in favour of a 'past this point' scheme.

6. The preferred design was then subject to a statutory 21 day formal consultation during which time eight individual letters and one letter signed by 18 residents of Northfield Park were received objecting to the proposals. There were no responses in favour of a scheme. Most of the objections related to the loss of parking, especially the loss of footway parking and parking across residents dropped kerbs, however some residents did also say that yellow lines in the road should be reduced where possible to allow further parking. Based on these results of the consultation implementation of a scheme was then deferred.

7. The petitioners have asked for a 'parking restriction of two hours' but this would mean the loss of footway parking that is currently enjoyed in the road. From past conversations with residents, local Ward Councillors, and the responses to the previous consultations, this would probably not be supported by residents.

8. Under current legislation, the only way that footway parking can be maintained whilst still restricting non-residential parking would be for a Residents Parking Scheme with parking places placed with two wheels on the footway along the full length of the road where parking is to be permitted. Colleagues in Parking Services have advised that vehicles parked wholly within a designated parking place or any other part of the carriageway where parking is specifically authorised are exempt from dropped kerb enforcement during the operational hours of the scheme. This would mean that residents' access to their driveways could in theory be obstructed by vehicles displaying a valid permit whilst the scheme is in operation. However, outside operational hours, the scheme would then carry on as it does now.

9. The Council may be willing to consider this option if residents, knowing the potential downsides, are supportive. It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with the petitioners their concerns and possible options open to them and if considered appropriate, ask officers to add this to the extensive parking scheme programme.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations of this report.

4. EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendation?

It will address the concerns of the petitioners.

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

5. CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and concurs that there are no direct financial implications associated with the 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

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications resulting from the recommendations set out in this report.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received
Report on Formal Consultation in Northfield Park



Northfield Park, Hayes Location plan

Appendix A

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