

## GROVE ROAD AND MOOR PARK ROAD, NORTHWOOD – PETITION REQUESTING PARKING CONTROLS

**Cabinet Portfolio**

Planning and Transportation

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**Papers with report**

Appendix A

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

**Purpose of report**

To inform the Cabinet Member that two similar petitions have been received from residents of Grove Road and Moor Park Road, Northwood regarding parking by non-residents and asking for parking controls to be implemented. Due to the similar nature of the requests, the petitions can be considered together and consequently are combined within this report.

**Contribution to our plans and strategies**

The request can be considered as part of the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls to improve the local environment and quality of life.

**Financial Cost**

There is none associated with the recommendations to this report.

**Relevant Policy Overview Committee**

Residents and Environmental Services

**Ward(s) affected**

Northwood

### RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet Member:

1. Discusses with petitioners concerns with parking in their roads and if they have a preferred course of action to address this issue.
2. Subject to 1 above asks officers to add the request to the Council's programme and consult with residents of Grove Road and Moor Park Road.

### INFORMATION

Reasons for recommendation

It is not clear from the petitions on whether the residents are asking to become part of Northwood Residents Permit Parking Scheme or prefer waiting restrictions on both sides of the respective roads.

### **Alternative options considered**

These can be explored in discussion with the Cabinet Member at the petition evening.

### **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

### **Supporting Information**

1. Two petitions have been received from residents of Grove Road and Moor Park Road, Northwood regarding concerns with parking in their roads and have requested similar measures as installed in the adjacent road, Sandy Lodge Way.
2. The petition from Grove Road residents has 32 signatures under the following heading:

*“We the undersigned, being residents of Grove Road, Northwood, request that the London Borough of Hillingdon, creates a Residents’ Only Parking Scheme in Grove Road to stop all-day parking by non-residents, in particular, to prevent the sale of vehicles from the road”.*

The petition from Moor Park Road residents has 25 signatures under the following heading:

*“Following the parking restrictions already in force in Sandy Lodge Way and the recent decision by the Residents of Grove Road to apply for parking restrictions, it is proposed that the Residents of Moor Park Road would also wish to request parking restrictions.*

*We would ask the Council to consider this request formally and so are submitting a petition to that effect”.*

3. These roads are located in the northern area of the Northwood Residents Parking Scheme and are shown on Appendix A. The existing Northwood Residents Parking Scheme has been installed in Halland Way, Sandy Lodge Way and Woodside Way which are the roads closest to Grove Road and Moor Park Road. The scheme is only in operation between 1pm – 2pm, Monday to Friday and is likely that because of the existing scheme, parking has transferred into Grove Road and Moor Park Road.
4. It would appear from the petition heading that Grove Road residents are asking to become part of the Residents Permit Parking Scheme, although in a covering letter to this petition, the request was further detailed in that a one-hour waiting restriction between 1pm to 2pm Mondays to Fridays was the preferred course of action. Following the request for parking controls from Residents of Grove Road, those in Moor Park Road

have become concerned with the transfer of parking particularly if restrictions are introduced into Grove Road.

5. It is not clear whether residents in these roads want to join the residents' scheme which would include parking bays or whether it is only waiting restrictions for the one-hour of operation period that is the basis of their request. It is suggested therefore that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns with parking and what the preferred course of action would be to address the issues they have raised. Although Grove Road can be considered as a whole, Moor Park Road is only likely to receive support for parking controls at its eastern end and the cut off point would therefore need to be determined.

## **Financial Implications**

There are none associated with the recommendations to this report, however if subsequently, the Cabinet Member approves the inclusion of Grove Road and Moor Park Road into the Northwood Residents Permit Parking Scheme, a bid would be required from the surplus of the Parking Revenue Account to install the necessary signs and lining.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To allow the Cabinet Member to discuss in detail with petitioners their concern with parking in the respective roads and to explore the possible options that could be introduced to address the issues.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

Before proceeding with the introduction of any parking controls, the Council always carries out extensive area wide consultation both informally and statutorily. If the residents of Grove Road and Moor Park Road want parking controls, consultation would form an integral part of any proposed scheme.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Legal**

There are no special legal implications for the proposal, which amounts to an informal consultation.

A meeting with the petitioners 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. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

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 recommendation. 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.

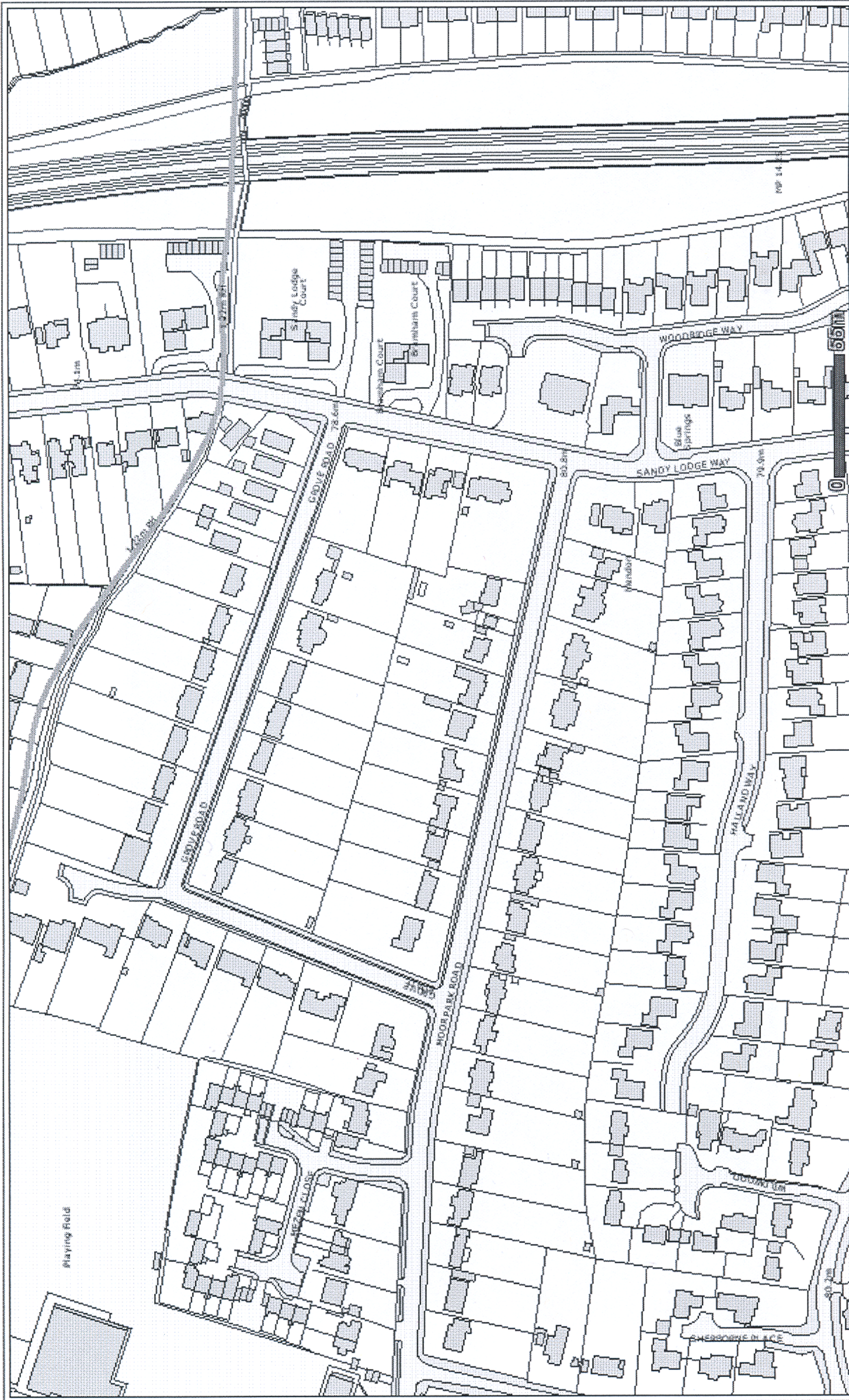
## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

Petition received 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010



# APPENDIX A



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