

CLYFFORD ROAD, RUISLIP GARDENS - PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME AND ROAD SAFETY MEASURES

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 - Location Plan

HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition from residents of Clyfford Road, Ruislip Gardens requesting traffic calming measures and a Parking Management Scheme.
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 parking in residential areas.
Financial Cost	Subject to the outcome of discussions with petitioners, the Cabinet Member may be minded to commission speed and traffic surveys and add their request for a Parking Management Scheme to the Council's extensive parking scheme programme. The current cost of traffic/speed surveys is in the region of £85 per location, and can be funded from within existing revenue budgets.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	South Ruislip.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the Petitioners, the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling:

- 1) Listens to their request for traffic calming measures and a Parking Management Scheme in Clyfford Road, Ruislip Gardens;**
- 2) Subject to the outcome of the discussions with petitioners over their concerns over road safety, considers asking Officers to undertake traffic surveys, at locations agreed by the petitioners and ward councillors, and to then report back; and**
- 3) Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add petitioners' request for a Parking Management Scheme to the Council's extensive parking scheme**

programme for further consultation in Clyfford Road and other possible roads on the area agreed with ward councillors.

Reasons for the 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.

INFORMATION

Supporting Information

1. A petition with 65 signatures has been received by the Council, under the following heading;

'Parking Management Scheme for Clyfford Road residents' - time restrictions. Improve road safety - slow traffic "

2. Also attached to the petition was some helpful additional information provided by the lead petitioner;

"Introduce a Parking Management Scheme to restrict the constant abuse of non-residents using TfL on the limited spaces available.

Improve road safety with calming measures to slow speeding vehicles in a residential area."

3. Clyfford Road is a mainly residential road with a mixture of terraced houses and some maisonettes. Ruislip Gardens Central Line underground station is just a short walk away that provides quick and easy access into London's West End. The local shopping parade, school and other community amenities are all just a short walk away.

4. The petitioners are asking for a Parking Management Scheme and traffic calming measures. Perhaps it may be helpful to address these concerns separately within this report.

5. As the Cabinet Member will recall, the Council implemented a Parking Management Scheme in April 2012 in part of the Ruislip Gardens area in the roads shown on the plan as attached as Appendix A to this report. This included a small section of Clyfford Gardens closest to West End Road. The current Parking Management Scheme 'Zone RG' operates Monday to Sunday 9am - 5pm.

6. Following implementation of the above parking scheme, an area wide review was undertaken in May 2013 and residents of those roads who did not support a scheme initially were given another opportunity to consider the option of a residents' permit parking scheme. Again the responses to this informal consultation were conclusive with 48 responses of the 124

questionnaires delivered indicating they were happy with the existing arrangements while only four responses supported a Parking Management Scheme. Overall, there was a 42% response rate from Clyfford Road. As is the Council's usual practice, it was decided to take no further action to implement a Parking Scheme as there was little support. However, in view of the recent petition the Cabinet Member may be minded to add this request to the Council's extensive parking scheme programme for further consultation. Given the close proximity of the existing scheme, it would seem prudent to informally consult on a possible extension to the existing 'Zone RG' to include Clyfford Road, and other possible roads in the area agreed with ward councillors.

7. The next request from petitioners is to *"improve road safety with calming measures to slow speeding vehicles in a residential area"*. As mentioned previously in the report, Ruislip Gardens Primary School is located close by on Stafford Road, so it is likely that some pupils attending the school use this road on their route to school.

8. In view of the concerns raised by residents, the Cabinet Member may be minded to instruct officers to commission 24/7 Automatic Traffic Counts on Clyfford Avenue at locations agreed with petitioners and ward councillors. The speed and vehicle traffic data captured and the testimony of petitioners will help inform the investigations into possible measures. It is also suggested that officers from the Council's Road Safety and School Travel Team, who actively work with Ruislip Gardens Primary School on a range of road safety measures, discuss some of the concerns raised by petitioners, which again may assist in informing the process and outcomes.

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.

EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

What will be the effect of the recommendations?

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

Consultation Carried Out or Required

None at this stage.

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 Parking Management Scheme in Clyfford Road, which

amounts to an informal consultation. Informally consulting 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. In the interest of fairness and natural justice, there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-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.

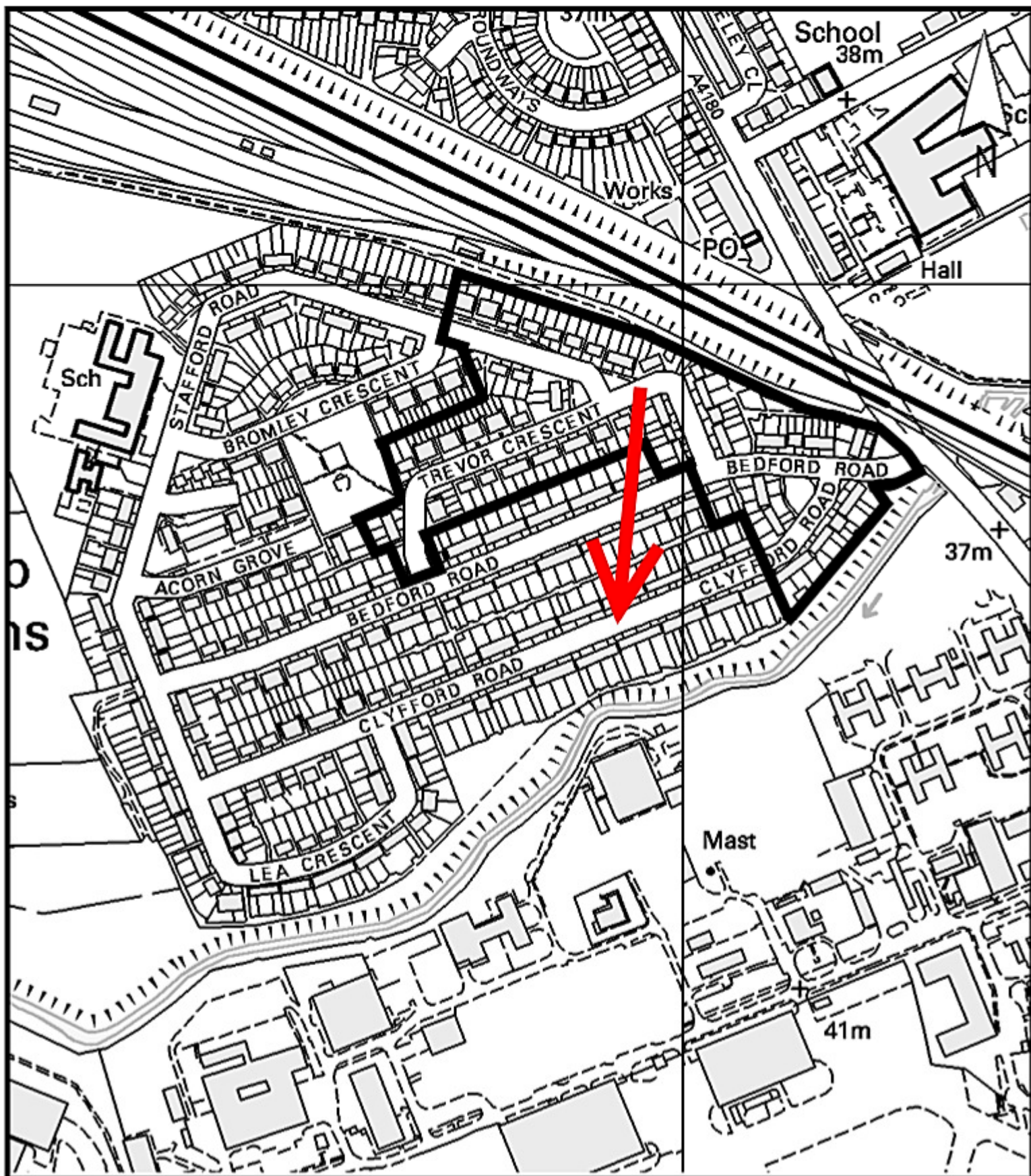
Should there be a decision that further measures are to be considered, then the relevant statutory provisions will have to be identified and considered at that time.

Corporate Property and Construction

There are no Corporate Property and Construction implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received - September 2019



Clyfford Road, Ruislip Gardens - Petition requesting a Parking Management Scheme and road safety measures - Location plan

Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the Ruislip Gardens Parking Management Scheme