PETITION REQUESTING AN EXTENSION TO THE OPERATIONAL TIMES OF THE NORTHWOOD PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME IN HALLAND WAY, NORTHWOOD

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from the residents of Halland Way, Northwood asking for the operational times of the Parking Management Scheme in their road to be extended.
Contribution to our plans and strategies	The request can be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for on-street parking controls.
Financial Cost	There are no financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Policy Overview Committee	Residents, Education and Environmental Services.
Ward(s) affected	Northwood

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

Meeting with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member:

1. Listens to their request for the operational times of the Parking Management Scheme to be extended in Halland Way, Northwood;

2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for an extension to operational times of the parking scheme in Halland Way, Northwood and any other roads in the nearby area agreed with local Ward Councillors, should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for informal consultation with residents.

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 20 signatures has been received from residents of Halland Way, Northwood. Petitioners have requested an extension to the operational times of the Parking Management Scheme in Halland Way which currently forms part of the Northwood permit parking scheme 'Zone N', operational 'Monday to Friday 1pm-2pm'.

2. In the petition, the lead petitioner states;

'Proposal for Halland Way, Northwood, to extend parking permit by one day from 'Monday to Friday 1pm-2pm' to 'Monday to Saturday 1pm-2pm' due to parking congestion on Saturday in this no through road.'

3. Petitioners are effectively requesting that the parking scheme is extended to include Saturday. Halland Way is a no-through road located in close proximity to Green Lane, Northwood Station and other local amenities, which could make it an attractive place to park for non-residents on the weekend that could be a contributing factor to the parking congestion petitioners have highlighted. A plan showing Halland Way and the surrounding roads is attached as Appendix A to this report.

4. Halland Way is partly adopted highway until property numbers 22 and 23 where it then becomes a private road. As the Cabinet Member will be aware and residents should understand, the Council's Parking Enforcement Team can only carry out enforcement action on the adopted highway. The Cabinet Member may also wish to note that the petition signatories came from no higher than property number 25.

5. It is, therefore, recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if considered appropriate, asks officers to add this request to the future parking scheme programme to conduct an informal consultation for a possible extension to the operational times of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme in Halland Way. As is common practice, if there are any other nearby roads that the local Ward Councillors feel may also benefit from extended scheme operating times then these could also be included in this future consultation. The results of the consultation can then be reported back to the Cabinet Member and local Ward Councillors for further consideration.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider extending the operational times of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme in Halland Way, 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 decides to extend the operational times of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme in Halland Way, 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 arising from the recommendations contained within.

Legal

There are no special legal implications for the proposal to informally consult residents on possible amendments to the current 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

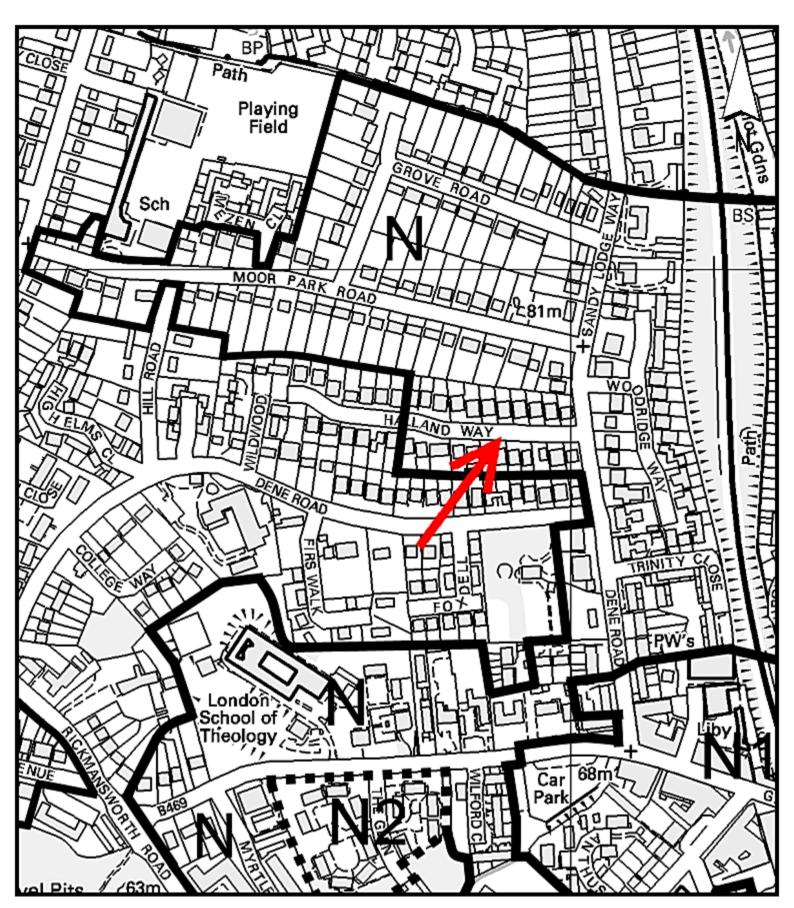
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.



Halland Way, Northwood Location plan

Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme Zone N