

PETITION REQUESTING A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME IN RISING HILL CLOSE, NORTHWOOD

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

1. HEADLINE INFORMATION

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that the Council has received a petition requesting the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in Rising Hill Close, Northwood.
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 introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme in Rising Hill Close, Northwood;**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the above, decides if the request for a residents' permit parking scheme to be introduced in Rising Hill Close, Northwood should be added to the Council's future parking scheme programme for further investigation and more detailed consultation when resources permit.**

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 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council requesting that a residents' permit parking scheme is introduced in Rising Hill Close, Northwood. The lead petitioner has helpfully included a covering letter which states:

"We would like to request through Hillingdon Council the implementation of a Resident Parking scheme for Rising Hill Close, Northwood, Middlesex HA6 2PH. Please find enclosed the paper petition containing 21 signatures from all residents of houses Nos. 1 to 13 in Rising Hill Close except for No. 10, as the property is currently awaiting completion for a sale.

Over the past six months, we as residents, have noticed the limited car parking provision is often full, with non-residents using our communal car parking area in Rising Hill Close, and parking the whole day from 8am in the morning till the evening, including during weekdays and attending work in the vicinity. Our understanding is that new staff parking provisions in Mount Vernon hospital may be contributing to this.

Residents who live in the close find it difficult to park their car especially when returning from school runs or shopping during the day. Family members, carers and friends visiting residents often cannot find space to park. The problem related to the parking has progressively worsened over the years however this past year it's become almost impossible for residents to return to their own homes having to park in the streets nearby. We as residents of Rising Hill Close are all keen to see this petition go forward via Hillingdon Council in order to resolve the issue.

We would welcome a Council inspector visiting to assess the problem and scope how the resident parking may be regulated and implemented. We would like the Council to advise us on the best way to ensure that restricted parking is monitored in order to deter people from the public from misuse, once implemented. The elderly residents as well as mothers with children living in the close have voiced how necessary it has become to convert Rising Hill Close into a resident parking zone only."

2. The location of Rising Hill Close in relation to the existing Northwood Parking Management Scheme is indicated on Appendix A of this report. As the road is on the periphery of the existing scheme, it forms an attractive area for non-residents to park, especially due to its close proximity to Mount Vernon Hospital and Riverside Health & Raquets Club. All except one of the signatures which form this petition are from residents of Rising Hill Close and it is represented by 12 out of the 13 households within the Close.

3. The Cabinet Member will recall that the Council previously informally consulted the residents of Rising Hill Close on the option of being included in a proposed extension to the Northwood Parking Management Scheme, along with roads in the surrounding area. The Council only received three responses from the residents of Rising Hill Close with one in favour of a Parking Management Scheme and two preferring no-change to the current parking arrangements. As a result, it was decided at the time that the parking arrangements within Rising Hill Close should remain unchanged.

4. The Council has recently implemented an extension to the Northwood Parking Management Scheme in various nearby roads. As a result, commuter parking which previously took place in these adjacent roads may have been displaced into other roads in the surrounding area including Rising Hill Close. The level of support for a scheme demonstrated by this petition appears to indicate that residents would now like to reconsider being included in a Parking Management Scheme.

5. Therefore, it is 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 for further investigation and consultation with residents.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report; however, if the Council were to consider the introduction of parking restrictions in Rising Hill Close, Northwood 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 investigates the feasibility to introduce parking restrictions in Rising Hill Close, Northwood informal 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 associated with this 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

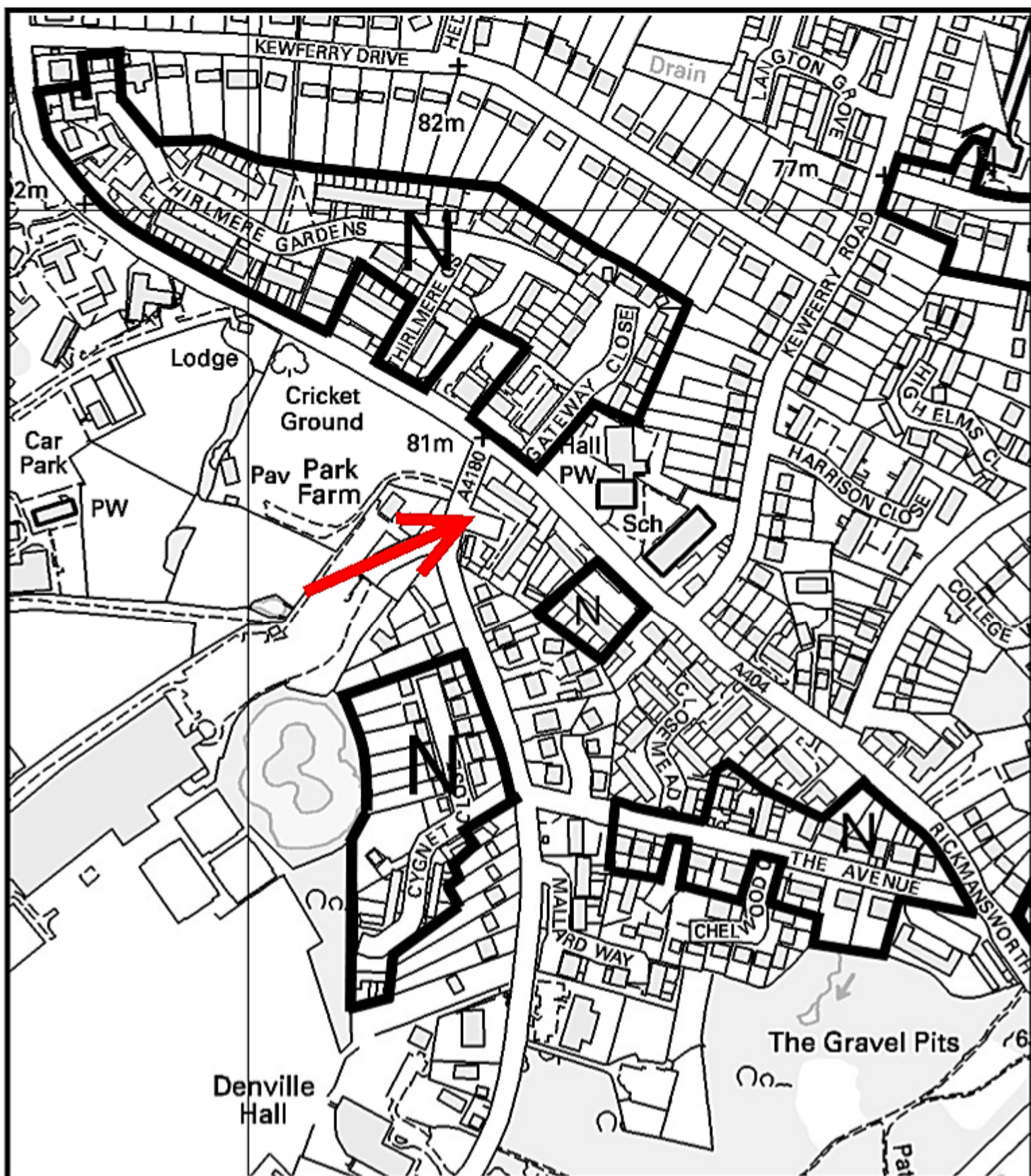
None at this stage.

Relevant Service Groups

None at this stage.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received - November 2019.



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Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the Northwood Parking
Management Scheme Zone N