

# KIRBY CLOSE, NORTHWOOD - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A RESIDENTS' PERMIT PARKING SCHEME

<b>Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Councillor John Riley
<b>Cabinet Portfolio(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Public Safety and Transport
<b>Officer Contact(s)</b>	Steven Austin – Infrastructure, Transport and Building Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A – location plan

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents of Kirby Close, requesting the introduction of a residents' permit parking scheme.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. The request can be considered as part of the Council's annual programme for on-street parking controls.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
<b>Relevant Select Committee</b>	Public Safety and Transport Select Committee.
<b>Relevant Ward(s)</b>	Northwood.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

**That the Cabinet Member for Public Safety & Transport:**

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their request for an 'at any time' residents' permit parking scheme in Kirby Close; and**
- 2. subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council's extensive Parking Management Scheme Programme for a possible informal consultation.**

### **Reasons for 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.

## Select Committee comments

None at this stage.

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. A petition with 21 signatures has been submitted to the Council from residents of Kirby Close, Northwood signed under the following heading:

*"Installation of yellow lines and parking bays in Kirby Close"*

In an accompanying letter sent to officers the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the additional information;

*"The residents of Kirby Close are most grateful for your understanding in the matter and seeking our views of where we would like the yellow lines and parking bays installed*

*The residents had a meeting and we agreed unanimously what we would like. It is a combination of extending double yellow lines further into the close and some Resident Parking Bays (for residents only at any time) I have completed this on the plan that you sent. Trust this is clear but please do feel free to ring me to obtain any clarification or indeed EM me.*

*My understanding from the Council website is that each resident would be able to have one free parking permit and 10 free visitor vouchers per year. I would be grateful if you could please confirm that my understanding is correct."*

2. Kirby Close is a residential cul-de-sac comprising of nine detached homes all of which appear to have access to off-street parking. The road is accessed from Frithwood Avenue and is surrounded by an existing Parking Management Scheme (Zone N) which operates Monday to Friday 1-2pm. Kirby Close is within easy walking distance of Northwood Town Centre, the Metropolitan Line station, local schools and other amenities which could make it an attractive place for non-residents to park. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

3. Within the petition residents have suggested a Parking Management Scheme which operates "at all times" which is far greater than the nearby scheme which was developed to address residents' concerns of commuter parking which they associated with the station. In the main the one hour a day restriction has been well received by the wider community as it prevents all day parking but at the same time allows guests, family, and service providers to park outside of the hour without the need for visitor vouchers.

4. Usually it would be recommended that unrestricted roads adjacent to an existing scheme be have the same operating days and times as the rest of the area but there may be reasons that residents of Kirby Close believe that a parking scheme "for residents only at any time" is more appropriate for their circumstances . It is therefore recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their concerns and if appropriate asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation with residents.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no direct financial implications associated with recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in Kirby Close, funding would need to be identified from a suitable source.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

### **The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities?**

To allow the Cabinet Member to consider the petitioners' request.

### **Consultation carried out or required**

None at this stage.

## **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

### **Legal**

The Borough Solicitor confirms that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

### **Infrastructure / Asset Management**

None at this stage.

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

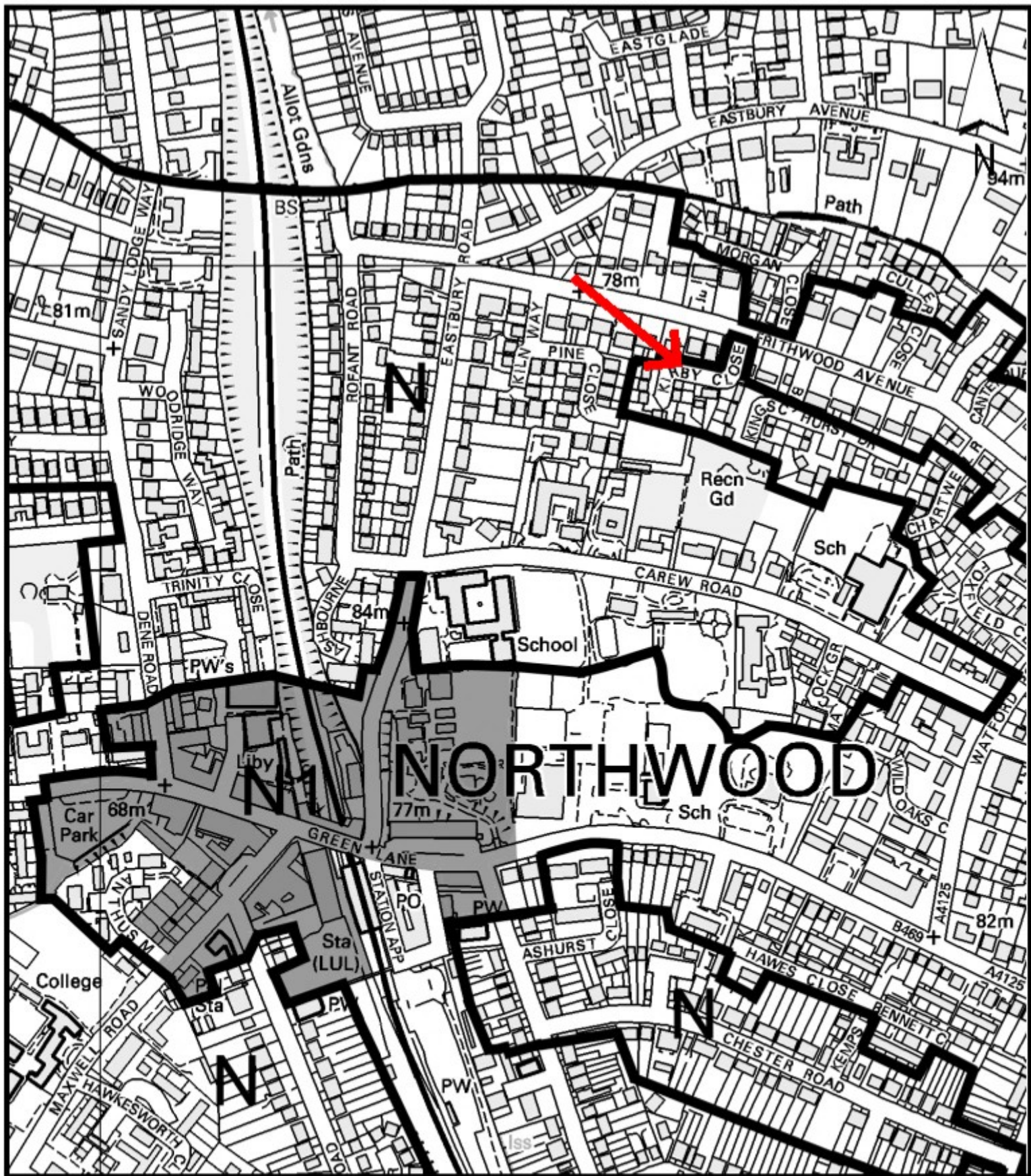
None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition received.

## **TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**



Appendix A - Location plan



Kirby Close, Northwood  
Location plan

Appendix A

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Scale 1:5,000

-  Nearby extent of the Northwood Parking Management Scheme
-  Extent of the town centre scheme