

THE GREENWAY, ICKENHAM - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A “RESIDENTS PERMIT” PARKING SCHEME OR AN EXTENSION TO THE OPERATIONAL TIMES OF THE EXISTING WAITING RESTRICTITONS

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Officer Contact(s)	Steven Austin – Place Directorate
Papers with report	Appendix A

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition was received from residents mainly living on The Greenway, Ickenham requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme or an extension to the operational times of the existing waiting restrictions.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: <i>Be / feel safe from harm</i> This report supports our commitments to residents of: <i>Safe and Strong Communities</i>
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways & Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Ickenham & South Harefield

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their request to either extend the operational times of the existing waiting restrictions or to implement a possible Parking Management Scheme.**
- 2. Notes the extensive and ongoing dialogue between the Council and HS2 and their agents and contractors, in terms of better managing the parking and wider travel arrangements of their workforce, with a view to minimising the impact on our residents, as described in the body of this report; and,**

3. subject to the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council's extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation and 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 valid petition has been submitted to the Council, mainly by residents who live on The Greenway, Ickenham signed under the following heading:

"We the undersigned petition Hillingdon Council to introduce parking restrictions for non-residents of The Greenway, Ickenham, to reduce the volume of traffic and increase safety for a child populated road, as well as reduce the inconvenience created to local residents of the street.

Non-residents from nearby, as well as commuters and HS2 workers have been taking advantage of a section of The Greenway to block access gated and garages to park for free and leave their vehicles all day as there are no other areas to park nearby as they all have restrictions. Currently, the section of road that does have single yellow lines is only restricted between 10am and 11am, and subsequently, many non-residents come to park from 11am onwards for the entirety of the day and night, causing the road to become extremely congested and inconveniencing parking and driveway access for residents. This situation has progressively been becoming worse and given the roads proximity to the underground station and shops, there appears to be more people trying to take advantage of this road. "

In an accompanying statement the lead petitioner has indicated that they would like to see the following:

"We propose that the road has further parking restrictions on all parts of the road -either by way of introducing a residents permit only parking scheme or increasing the timings of yellow line restrictions (i.e., 10-12 and 3-5pm) on all sections of the road."

- 2) The Greenway is a mainly residential road located close to West Ruislip Station, a small shopping parade and other local amenities. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) There have been ongoing issues with parking of what is stated to be vehicles belonging to HS2 workers in the residential roads near to the West Ruislip Portal Site off Ickenham High Road including The Greenway. It could be argued that the HS2 workers are not doing anything wrong if they are parking on roads with no restrictions in place, but

complaints have been received from residents who claim that they have trouble parking their own vehicles near to their homes due to the HS2 workers parking.

- 4) There is a long-standing issue with lack of parking provision on the West Ruislip Portal Site, where HS2 contractors SCS use what was the Car Park of the Fairway Public House. Earlier this year SCS took measures to control the parking in the Car Park by allocating Parking Permits to workers who it was deemed could not possibly commute to West Ruislip by public transport due to where they live. While this alleviated the problem of too many vehicles for too little spaces in the SCS Car Park, it merely dispersed the problem onto the nearby residential roads.
- 5) HS2 via contractor SCS have taken the complaints raised by LBH on board and have carried out sessions to brief the workforce not to park on the local residential roads, but the problem of workers ignoring these instructions persists, even though admittedly at a lesser level than previous. SCS were in support of LBH carrying out parking enforcement and issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to vehicles, but as many of the residential roads where the issues with parking are located have no formal parking restrictions, the threat of parking enforcement cannot be applied.
- 6) HS2/SCS have been working with LBH over the last few months to seek approval for part of the land on the Golf Course next to the West Ruislip Portal Site to temporarily (until the end of construction works) be used for additional parking for the HS2 workforce. It is hoped that these plans will be approved through the planning process and the additional parking provision available over the next couple of months. Once the extra capacity of parking is available there is no reason to foresee further issues with HS2 workers parking on residential roads as the extra parking will be nearer to their work than having to park on a residential road and then walk to the Site.
- 7) As mentioned in the petition, there are existing waiting restrictions on The Greenway. These were implemented as a direct result of a petition submitted by residents and considered by the then Parking Sub-Committee on 5th June 2000 requesting the introduction on one-hour waiting restrictions, Monday to Friday. The petition also specifically requested that the restrictions should not apply to the area in front of Buckland Court and the section of highway behind the shops fronting High Road, Ickenham, as many of the residents here do not have access to off-street parking provision.
- 8) Following the above, an informal consultation was undertaken, and a consultation letter, questionnaire and plan was sent to all residents of The Greenway. 125 consultation packs were delivered with 90 returned (a 72% return rate). Of the 90 responses, 79 (88%) supported the one-hour waiting restriction with a preferred time of 10am to 11am Monday to Friday.
- 9) As a result, the required 21-day formal consultation was carried out in October 2001 and all comments received were reported to the Parking and Traffic Sub-Committee of the time in February 2002, who approved the introduction of the proposed one-hour waiting restrictions to remove all day non-residential parking.
- 10) In 2009 the single yellow lines at on the first part of The Greenway between High Road and the section of highway behind the shops were changed to double yellow lines

following concerns over obstructive parking raised by residents. In 2016 additional double yellow lines were implemented around most of the bends in the road.

- 11) In the present petition, residents are requesting that all of The Greenway should have parking controls and that the times which the existing single yellow lines operate be extended or that they are replaced with a residents' permit parking scheme. It may be helpful to petitioners and the Cabinet Member to consider the implications of all the suggestions put forward.
- 12) If waiting restrictions are proposed for the entirety of The Greenway, then the residents who live above the shops and in Buckland Court are likely to object to such proposals as in the past they have cited the fact that they do not have access to off-street parking.
- 13) If the current one-hour waiting restriction were to be changed to the suggest 10am – 12pm and 3-5pm times then it should be noted that these restrictions would apply equally to residents, their visitors, and non-residents alike.
- 14) If a residents' permit parking scheme is the preferred option, then the required marked bays and associated signs would normally be installed where parking places can be safely proposed. Currently residents are entitled to apply for one resident's virtual parking permit and 10 virtual visitor vouchers annually and after that there is a cost for additional residents permits and visitor vouchers may be subject to increased costs in the future.
- 15) In view of the suggestions raised in the petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for either an extension to the times the current waiting restrictions operate or the introduction of a resident permit only parking scheme, and if appropriate asks officers to add the request to the future extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation.

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 on Coldharbour Lane and any of the surrounding roads, 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

Legal Services confirm that there are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

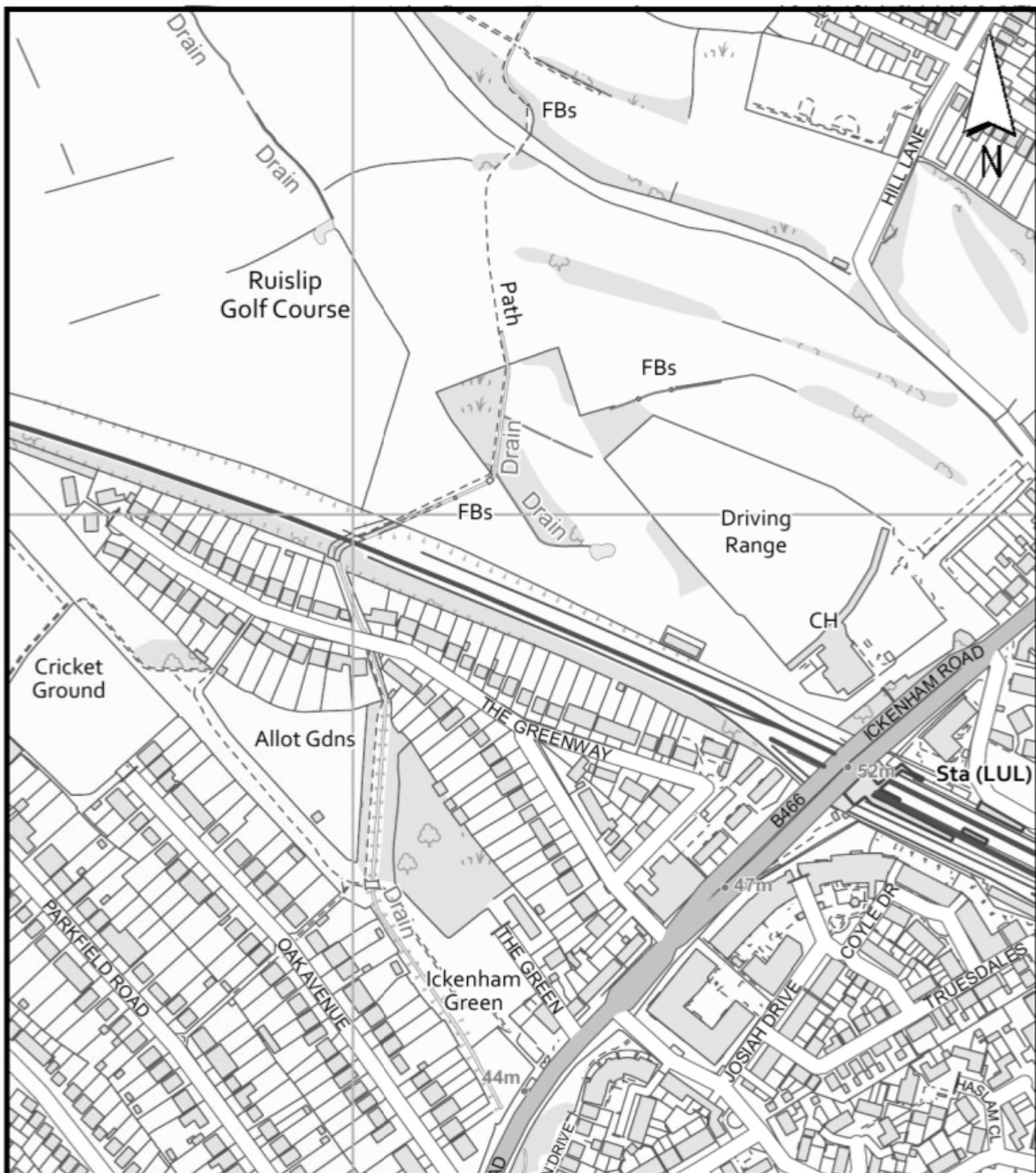
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan



The Greenway, Ickenham Location plan

Appendix A

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