

FIELD END ROAD, EASTCOTE - PETITION REQUESTING THAT RESIDENTS OF THE FLATS BE ENTITLED TO “ZONE E” PARKING PERMITS

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 has been received from residents who live above the commercial premises on Field End Road, Eastcote asking for “Zone E” parking permits to replace the current “Zone E1” permits they are currently entitled to.
Putting our Residents First Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026	This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: <i>Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities.</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.
Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Eastcote

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) meets with petitioners and listens to their request to be entitled to join “Zone E” residential parking scheme and any comments made by Ward Councillors.
- 2) notes the results of the previous parking stress surveys undertaken and the views expressed at the time by the Ward Councillors.
- 3) discusses the matter with the Cabinet Member for Residents’ Services.
- 4) subject to the outcome of the above, decides if officers should add this request to the Council’s extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation.

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 24 signatures has been submitted to the Council by some residents of Field End Road signed under the following heading:

“Residents of the flats in Field End Road, should be allowed to park in a residential street near to where they live – Therefore they should be entitled to join the residential parking scheme & be allowed to park in Zone E.”

In an accompanying letter the lead petitioner has provided the following information:

“Following on from my petition in 2017, I have recently had face to face meetings with David Simmonds CBE MP. He feels that the decision taken in relation to that petition was incorrect.

“David Simmonds explained that new build flats in Field End Road could be excluded from joining residential parking scheme. However, existing flats in Field End Road that have existed for more than 20/25 years should have been allowed to join the residential parking scheme, allowing the residents of the flats in Field End Road to park in a residential street near to where they live.

“David Simmonds has since raised this issue with London Borough of Hillingdon Council and Councillors. David Simmonds feels the best way forward would be for the residents of the flats in Field End Road to submit a new fresh petition. This would demonstrate to the Council the strength of feeling from local residents for the parking restrictions to be reviewed.

“A parking stress survey report clearly showed that 60-70% of parking spaces were available at all times following the 2017 petition. The Council paid for a parking stress survey report and then ignored the results.”

- 2) Field End Road runs through Eastcote Town Centre with its multiple shops, businesses and other local amenities. The main carriageway is bounded on both sides by service roads that provide paid for parking spaces for residents, visitors and customers. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) Currently, residents who live on Field End Road are entitled to a “Zone E1” permit which was introduced in 2000. There are currently 77 “Zone E1” parking permits on issue which

allow residents to park in the shared use/pay and display parking bays free of charge until 10am and thereafter residents can park in either Devonshire Lodge, Northview or Devon Parade car parks which provide a combined total of 365 parking spaces.

- 4) As the lead petitioner has alluded to in their submission, the former Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling considered a similar petition in March 2017. As a result of discussion with petitioners, a decision was made to undertake a parking stress survey in roads close to the town centre to establish spare parking capacity.
- 5) The surveys were subsequently undertaken at three different times of that day and over different days of the week. The results of the surveys are tabulated below:

Eastcote Zone E (Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm)

Road	No. of permit parking places	No. of cars parked	Permit parking stress (%)	Available spaces
Abbotsbury Gardens	61	17	28	44
Crescent Gardens	37	14	38	23
Deane Croft Road	30	15	50	15
Hawthorne Avenue	104	30	29	74
Morford Close	6	1	17	5
Morford Way	11	9	82	2
The Sigers	39	16	41	23
Total	288	102	35	186
 				
Road	No. of permit parking places	No. of cars parked	Permit parking stress (%)	Available spaces
Abbotsbury Gardens	61	18	30	43
Crescent Gardens	37	13	35	24
Deane Croft Road	30	16	53	14
Hawthorne Avenue	104	36	35	68
Morford Close	6	2	33	4
Morford Way	11	10	91	1
The Sigers	39	15	38	24
Total	288	110	38	178
 				
Road	No. of permit parking places	No. of cars parked	Permit parking stress (%)	Available spaces
Abbotsbury Gardens	61	14	23	47
Crescent Gardens	37	9	24	28
Deane Croft Road	30	20	67	10
Hawthorne Avenue	104	31	30	73
Morford Close	6	5	83	1
Morford Way	11	10	91	1
The Sigers	39	18	46	21
Total	288	107	37	181

- 6) The results of the surveys were shared with the Cabinet Member and, as Field End Road was located in two wards at the time, the six local Ward Councillors. Whilst the Ward

Councillors were sympathetic to the petitioners' situation, they all indicated that they were unable to support the request at that time. As a result, no further action was taken to amend the traffic management order that would allow residents of Field End Road to be eligible for Zone E permits.

- 7) However, in light of the new petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member listens to the testimony from petitioners and the views of the Ward Councillors. Subject to the outcome of these discussions, the Cabinet Member may also be minded to discuss this matter further with his colleague, the Cabinet Member for Residents' Services, whose portfolio includes parking permits and car parks, before he makes a decision on how to proceed.

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 Field End Road 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

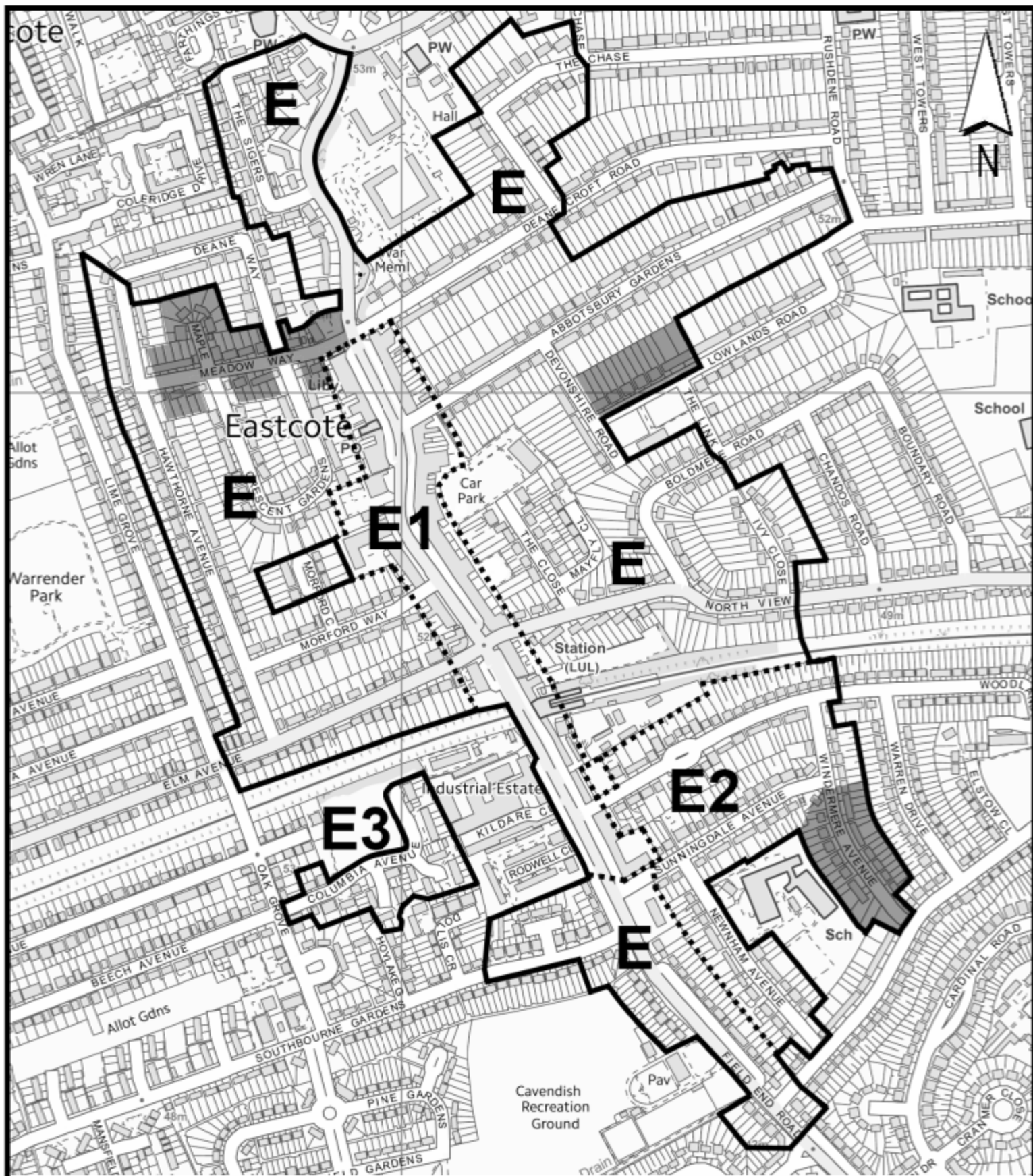
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES




Appendix A - Location plan



Eastcote Parking Management Scheme Scheme area plan

Appendix A

November 2022
Scale 1:6,500

-  Extent of the Eastcote Parking Management Scheme
-  Internal zone boundary
-  Approved inclusion of additional roads into the scheme

