

TEMPLE PARK, UXBRIDGE - PETITION REQUESTING THE INTRODUCTION OF A “RESIDENTS’ PERMIT” PARKING SCHEME

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 of Temple Park, Uxbridge, requesting the introduction of a Parking Management Scheme.
Putting our Residents First	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.
Financial Cost	There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report.
Relevant Select Committee	Property, Highways and Transport Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	Colham & Cowley

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1. meets with petitioners and listens to their request for a possible Parking Management Scheme;**
- 2. Notes the results of the previous consultations with residents of Temple Park, as detailed in the body of the report; and**
- 3. Subject to the above, considers asking 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 petition with 22 signatures has been submitted to the Council by residents who live on Temple Park, Uxbridge signed under the following heading:

“We would like some sort of parking scheme to make it easier for residents to park outside their homes, something similar to the surrounding roads.”

In an accompanying statement the lead petitioner has helpfully provided the following information:

“The roads surrounding us have parking schemes so this has pushed non-residents parking in our close. We also have company vehicles parking overnight. Sometimes these non-resident cars don’t move for days so we believe they may be catching the A10 to the airport. The cars park inconsiderately leaving no room for residents to park and block access to No.13.”

- 2) Temple Park is a small cul-de-sac comprising 14 residential properties situated just off Harlington Road which is served by the A10 bus route. Uxbridge Road is within easy walking distance and is served by bus routes 278, 427, U2 and N207 and has local shopping parades and other local amenities. As a result, Temple Park could provide an attractive place for non-residents to park if they wish to use these facilities. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
- 3) As mentioned by the lead petitioner, the service road immediately adjacent to Temple Park already benefits from a Parking Management Scheme, which was implemented in October 2021. As part of the process which commenced in 2019, but which unfortunately was delayed by the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic, Temple Park residents were included in an area-wide informal consultation
- 4) During the above, the Council delivered a letter, plan of the area, a questionnaire and reply-paid envelope to every property in the area agreed with ward councillors. Responses received from residents in Harlington Road (Nos.3 to 47. Odds, and Nos. 26 to 82 Evens) and Hilliers Avenue generally supported the principle of a Parking Management Scheme.
- 5) However, residents of Coney Grove and Temple Park indicated they were happy with the current arrangements. Of the 14 consultation documents delivered to residents of Temple Park, one indicated support for a possible parking scheme while three were returned opposing any changes to the unrestricted parking. This represented a response rate of 29%.

- 6) The results were shared with the Cabinet Member and local ward councillors who were concerned that should a scheme be implemented in Harlington Road and Hilliers Avenue, parking could transfer to Temple Park and Coney Grove.
- 7) As a result, officers were asked to reconsult residents of the two roads that did not support a possible scheme, to see if they would like to reconsider their decision, given the fact that a scheme may be implemented nearby.
- 8) A further informal consultation was subsequently undertaken with residents of Coney Grove and Temple Park, and again consultation packs were delivered to every property.
- 9) Results from Coney Park again indicated residents from this road did not support managed parking. Responses from the 14 properties in Temple Park were balanced with three indicating support for a scheme and three indicating they would prefer no change. This represents an improved response rate of 43%.
- 10) Again, the results were shared with ward councillors who on reflection felt that there was still no clear consensus, and on that basis, they recommended that the current parking arrangements should remain the same in Temple Park.
- 11) In view of the submission of this petition, it is recommended that the Cabinet Member discusses with petitioners their request for 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. Ward councillors may at the same time wish to offer their views on the matter in light of the fact that two previous comprehensive consultation exercises resulted in no support for changes to the parking arrangements in Temple Park.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with recommendations to this report. However, if the Council were to consider the introduction of managed parking on Temple Park, 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

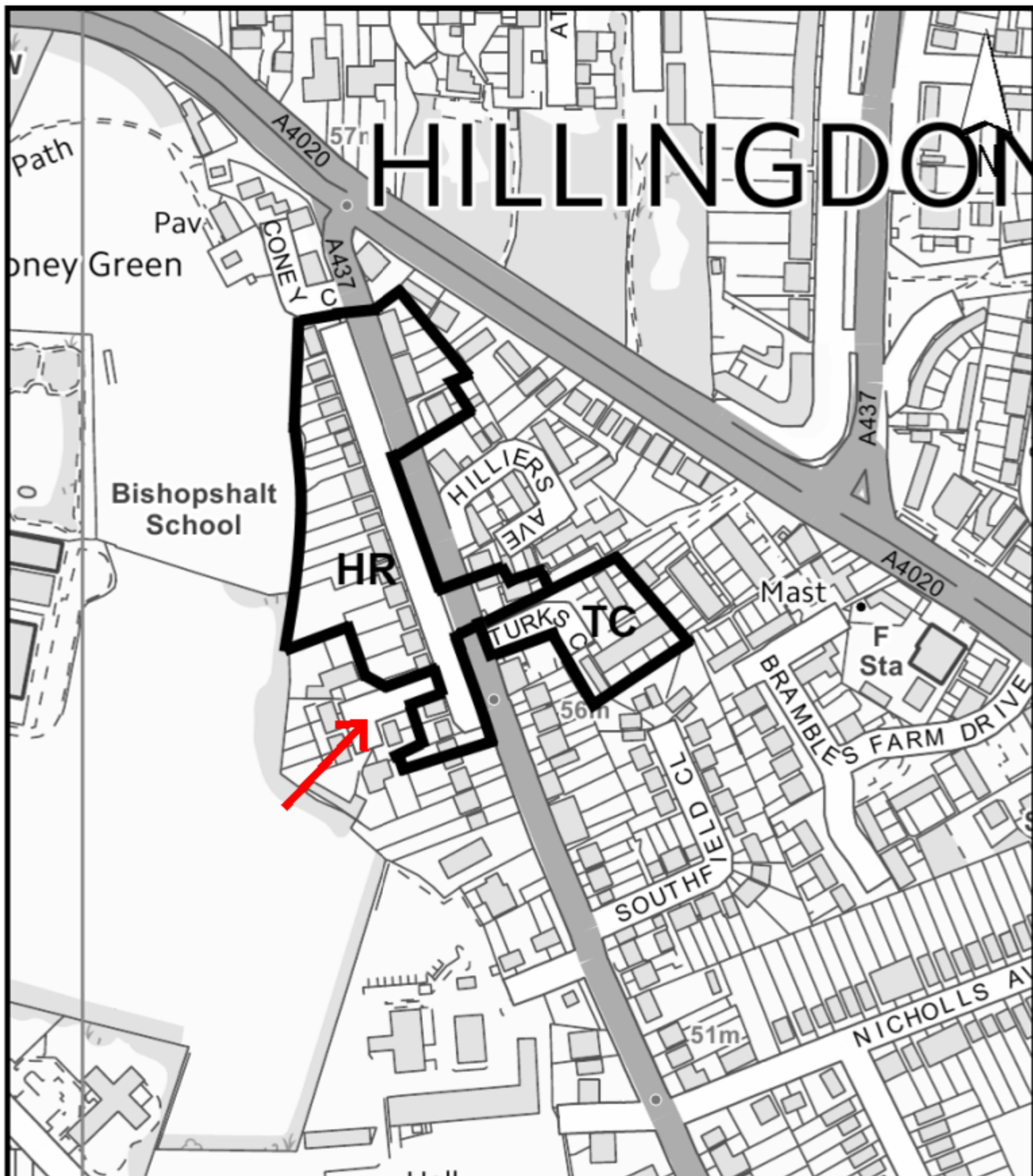
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location plan



Temple Park, Uxbridge - Location plan and nearby Parking Management Schemes

Appendix A

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Extent of the Harlington Road Zone HR and Turks Close Zone TC Parking Management Schemes