

HUNTERS GROVE, HAYES - PETITION REQUESTING A PARKING MANAGEMENT SCHEME

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

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents who live in Hunters Grove, Hayes requesting a “ <i>residential parking zone</i> ”.
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)	Hayes Town

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Meets with petitioners and listens to their request for a Parking Management Scheme to be implemented in Hunters Grove.
- 2) Subject to the outcome of the above, asks officers to add this request to the Council’s extensive Parking Scheme Programme for further investigation and possible informal consultation in an area agreed with Ward Councillors.
- 3) Asks officers in the relevant department to investigate any possible cases in Hunters Grove where it appears that off-street parking is taking place, but the proper installation of the necessary dropped kerbs and reinforcements to the adjacent paving have not been undertaken.

Reasons for recommendations

The Petition Hearing will provide a valuable opportunity to hear directly from the petitioners regarding 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 40 signatures has been submitted to the Council by residents who live on Hunters Grove, Hayes, signed under the following heading:

“Due to [the] high volume of businesses on Coldharbour Lane, shop owners and their employees park their vehicles from early morning till late night.

People [who] live in the flats at the top of the road park their vehicles.

People come for shopping in Hayes Town and leave their vehicles for longer hours.

Those people, who commute to work by train from the Hayes and Harlington station, park their vehicles from early morning till late.

People go for holidays, park their vehicles by occupying two parking spaces for days and weeks,

People block our driveways and reverse their vehicles into it, as a result breaking our lamp post, lamp poles and front driveway walls.”

Additionally, the petitioners have helpfully provided the following additional information on what measures they would like to see in their road:

“Residential Permit Zone only.

This will avoid congestion on our street and noise free.

Residents and their guests should be able to park free on the road.

This will stop blocking our driveways or breaking our lamp post/lamp poles or walls.”

- 2) Hunters Grove is a mainly residential road close to Hayes Town centre’s extensive shops, places of worship and other local amenities. Hayes and Harlington Station and local bus services are all conveniently located nearby. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.

- 3) Hunters Grove largely comprises semi-detached or terraced type properties which mostly appear to benefit from off-street parking, although several appear not to have a formally constructed driveway across the footway. In such cases, if the kerbs and footways have not been properly modified and reinforced to accommodate vehicles driving over them, then driving across them to and from private frontages is an offence, and any residents who may have been in the habit of doing so need to understand this. This may, therefore, be a matter the Cabinet Member may wish officers to refer to the relevant Council departments.
- 4) Within the petition, residents have suggested that one of their desired outcomes was for *“residents and their guests should be able to park free on the road.”* It will be useful at the outset to advise petitioners that the Council operates a Virtual Permit System where parking sessions are registered against the registration number without a physical permit being required. The current annual cost of the 1st permit is £75. Additional permits are charged at £110 for the 2nd permit, £145 for the 3rd permit, £180 for the 4th permit, and the 5th and any subsequent permit will cost £215. The first the visitor permits/sessions per year are free, and subsequent permits are £1.30 per day.
- 5) These prices are subject to change on a yearly basis as agreed by the Council’s Cabinet so the request for *“free”* parking cannot be agreed by the Cabinet Member.
- 6) 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. It is also suggested that subject to the outcome of the petition hearing, Ward Councillors are asked for their views on a suitable consultation area because, as the Cabinet Member is aware, experience has shown that it is likely parking could easily transfer to unrestricted roads close by, and in such cases the local knowledge and guidance of Ward Councillors can be invaluable.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations to this report. However, if the Council was to consider the introduction of managed parking in the area around Hunters Grove, 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

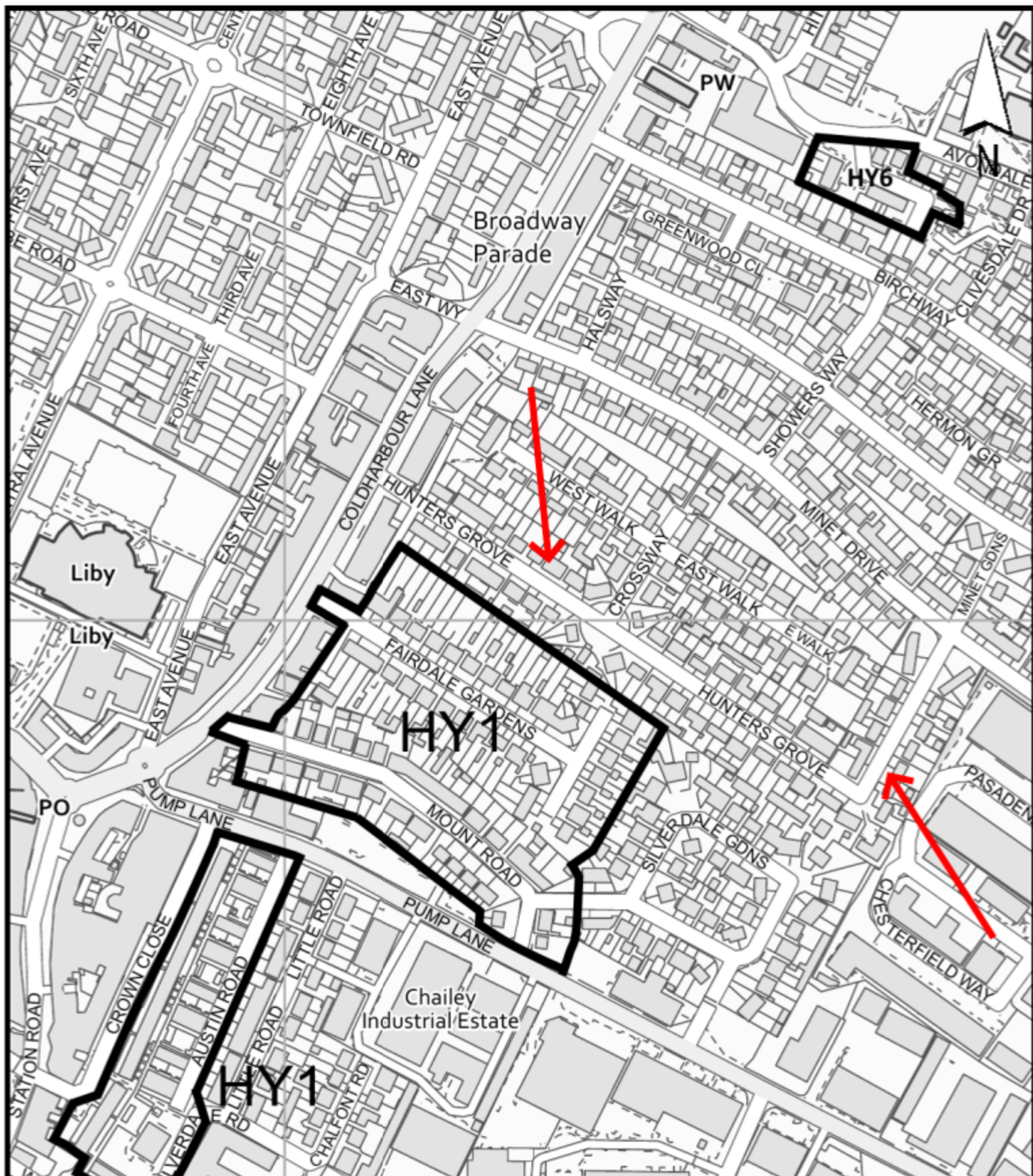
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Petition received.

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A – Location plan



Hunters Grove, Hayes Location plan

Appendix A

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Scale 1:4,000



Nearby extent of the existing Hayes Parking Management Scheme

