

<b>TITLE: HAWKESWORTH CLOSE, NORTHWOOD – PETITION REQUESTING A “RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING”</b>	
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<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Cllr Keith Burrows
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<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning and Transportation
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<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix A
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## HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member that a petition has been submitted from residents of Hawkesworth Close, Northwood requesting a “Residents Parking Scheme” be installed in their road.
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<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The request can be considered as part of the Council’s strategy for on-street parking.
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<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no costs associated with the recommendations to this report.
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<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents and Environmental Services
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<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Northwood
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## RECOMMENDATION

**That the Cabinet Member**

- 1. Meets and discusses with the petitioners their concerns with parking in Hawkesworth Close.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of 1 above, asks officers to add the request to the Council’s overall parking programme so consultation can be carried out on a residents parking scheme.**

## INFORMATION

### Reasons for recommendation

To give the Cabinet Member an opportunity to discuss with the petitioners the problems in their road and if appropriate consult residents on the possibility of introducing parking restrictions in Hawkesworth Close.

## **Alternative options considered**

None at this stage, as the petitioners have requested a Residents Parking Scheme. However, further options could arise from the discussion with petitioners.

## **Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)**

None at this stage

## **Supporting Information**

1. A petition with 26 signatures has been received from residents of Hawkesworth Close, Northwood, asking for a residents parking scheme. This petition was signed by 56% of the households in Hawkesworth Close under the following heading;

*“We hereby request for ‘Resident Only Parking’ in Hawkesworth Close, Northwood, HA6 2FT including two disabled parking bays”*

2. Hawkesworth Close as the name implies is a small cul-de-sac with a junction to Maxwell Road. Its location is indicated on Appendix A, and is close to Northwood College School and Northwood Underground Station, which makes it an attractive place to park for non-residents. In a covering letter with the petition the residents point out that parking problems are caused by commuters, people who work in Northwood and students at the nearby school.
3. Although the majority of roads surrounding Northwood Station are now part of a Parking Management Scheme, previous consultations have indicated there was no overall support from residents of Hawkesworth Close to be included in the scheme. However, the petition would appear to indicate there is now some support for a residents parking scheme.
4. Following discussions with the petitioners, the Cabinet Member could decide that a scheme for Hawkesworth Close be added to the programme so that consultation can be carried out as soon as resources permit. The Cabinet Member however, will be aware that when these controls are introduced, non-residential parking transfers and it may be prudent to consider Falcon Close, which is a small road off of Hawkesworth Close, as part of a consultation on a possible residents parking scheme.

## **Financial Implications**

If the Cabinet Member decides the Council should undertake informal consultation it would be undertaken within existing staff resources. If subsequently the Council were to consider the introduction of a residents parking scheme funding would need to be identified, and this would usually come from any unallocated Parking Revenue Account Surplus funds.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To introduce parking controls as requested by the residents.

## **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

The Council is required to carry out statutory consultation before a Residents Parking Scheme can be introduced.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

No comments

### **Corporate Procurement**

No comments

### **Corporate Landlord**

The report has no direct impact on the Council's Property holdings, the Interim Corporate Landlord has no comments.

### **Legal**

A meeting with the petitioners is perfectly legitimate as part of a listening exercise, especially where consideration of the policy, factual and engineering issues are still at a formative stage. Fairness and natural justice requires that there must be no predetermination of a decision in advance of any wider non-statutory consultation.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Petition dated 16<sup>th</sup> June 2010