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c.c. All Members of the Corporate Resources and
Infrastructure Select Committee
c.c. Gordon Hill – Place Directorate
c.c. Karrie Whelan – Corporate Director of Place
c.c. Ward Councillors for West Drayton

Date: 9 October 2024

Non-Key Decision request

Form D

CHURCH CLOSE, WEST DRAYTON REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING - REPORT ON FORMAL CONSULTATION

Dear Cabinet Members,

Attached is a report requesting that a decision be made by you as an individual Cabinet Member. Democratic Services confirm that this is not a key decision, as such, the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 notice period does not apply.

You should take a decision **on or after Thursday 17 October 2024** in order to meet Constitutional requirements about publication of decisions that are to be made. You may wish to discuss the report with the Corporate Director before it is made. Please indicate your decision on the duplicate memo supplied and return it to me when you have made your decision. I will then arrange for the formal notice of decision to be published.

Liz Penny
Democratic Services

Title of Report: Church Close, West Drayton Request for Resident Parking – Report on Formal Consultation

Decision made:

Reasons for your decision: (e.g. as stated in report)

Alternatives considered and rejected: (e.g. as stated in report)

Signed Date.....

Cabinet Member for Property, Highways & Transport

CHURCH CLOSE, WEST DRAYTON REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING - REPORT ON FORMAL CONSULTATION

Cabinet Member(s)	Councillor Jonathan Bianco
Cabinet Portfolio(s)	Cabinet Member for Property, Highways and Transport
Report author	Gordon Hill - Place
Papers with report	Appendix A - Location Plan

HEADLINES

Summary	To inform the Cabinet Member of the results on the informal consultation undertaken in Church Close on resident parking.
Putting our Residents First	This report supports the Council objective of Our People. Results of the consultation will be considered in relation to the Council's strategy for parking in residential areas.
Financial Cost	There are no costs associated with the recommendations set out in this report.
Relevant Select Overview Committee	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee
Relevant Ward(s)	West Drayton

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

1. **Notes the responses to the informal consultation on resident parking in Church Close, West Drayton.**
2. **Based on the responses received, and the views of local ward councillors, it is recommended that the proposals are deferred at the present time but to keep the situation under review.**

Reasons for recommendations

There is no consensus from local residents as to a way forward and this reflects the views of the local Ward Councillors.

Alternative options considered / risk management.

None at this stage

Select Committee comments

None at this stage

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. A petition with 21 signatures was submitted to the Council, mainly from residents of Church Close, West Drayton signed under the following heading:

"Residents parking or yellow lines on Church Close, West Drayton."

In an accompanying statement, residents helpfully provided the following additional information:

"Parking on Church Road, UB7. Residents on Church Road are using Church Close to park their cars/vans causing access issues for residents of Church Close."

The petition is to request yellow line restrictions or residents' parking in line with other roads surrounding us."

2. Church Close is a mainly residential road within easy walking distance of shops, West Drayton Station, local schools, and other local amenities. Church Close also provides a vehicular access point to The Closes Recreation Ground. At the junction of Church Close and Church Road there are existing double yellow lines. The width of the carriageway is approximately four metres and is bounded on the east side by a very narrow footway and on the west side by a pavement of approximately 1.9 metres. A plan of the area is attached as Appendix A.
3. The Cabinet Member was made aware that in June 2019 the Council implemented a Parking Management Scheme 'Zone WD5' in adjacent roads, close to Church Close. In a separate email submitted to officers from the lead petitioner of the present petition, they make reference to this fact, indicating that residents would like a separate zone for their road. Whilst this is not the Council's usual practice, such an option can be considered.
4. Whilst it is not the Council's usual practice to implement parking schemes for individual roads, it was recommended that the Cabinet Member discuss with petitioners and their Ward Councillors the nature of their concerns and suggestions in greater detail. Following these discussions, the Cabinet Member asked officers to add the request to the extensive parking scheme programme for further investigation and informal consultation with residents.
5. Officers conducted an initial investigation into possible solutions to the parking in the road and observed that the road width is just over four metres wide and there is a car park

access at the end of the road that must be maintained. Normally the Council would mark bays along the length of the road and between the dropped kerbs, but due to the width of the road, this was not deemed a suitable option without blocking access for emergency vehicles and other Council services. For unimpeded access, generally there should be a minimum of 2.4 metres of space which in this instance would leave little space for parking. There are also very limited options for parking places at the far end of the road.

6. It was suggested that a 'past this point' type scheme could be an option but due to the location of the entrance to The Closes Recreation Ground and the width of main section of the road there would need to be extensive double yellow lines to ensure access was maintained, especially in the main section of the road where an existing 'informal' footway parking exemption would no longer be permitted.
7. A 21-day informal consultation was prepared, and a letter and questionnaire sent to every property within the proposed parking scheme, asking if they would support a scheme and if they would prefer a 'past this point' scheme. A reply-paid return envelope was also supplied, and residents were given three weeks to respond.
8. Of the 15 properties, five responded to the consultation. Three responses were in favour of a scheme whilst two were against. The responses in favour also indicated that they would prefer a 'past this point' scheme. A 'past this point' scheme is different to a regular scheme as generally no markings are placed on the road which could in theory, allow other residents to park in front of resident dropped kerbs with a valid permit and would prevent the Council from taking enforcement action.
9. However, following a detailed examination of the responses, it was shown that the properties in favour of a scheme were also the ones unlikely to be negatively impacted by vehicles blocking their dropped kerb as they would need to have double yellow lines in front of these properties to maintain access to the road. The two properties most likely to have vehicles parking in front of them were opposed to the scheme and report that they already encounter difficulties with obstructive parking.
10. These responses were shared with local Ward Councillors who felt there was no clear way forward or strong support for a scheme.
11. As there is no overall support for the scheme from residents that will be directly affected, and if a scheme were to be installed there would be very limited space for about two vehicles between 15 properties, it is recommended that the scheme be deferred at the present time but to keep the area under review.

Financial Implications

There are no costs associated with the recommendations set out in this report.

RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION

The benefit or impact upon Hillingdon residents, service users and communities

Residents' opinions have been taken into consideration, and this represents the majority of the affected residents that responded.

Consultation carried out or required.

Residents were informally consulted on options for resident parking in Church Close.

CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS

Corporate Finance

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and concurs with the financial implications set out above.

Legal

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

Whenever necessary, legal advice is given in relation to specific issues as they arise to ensure that the Council always meets its legal obligations.

Infrastructure / Asset Management

None at this stage.

Comments from other relevant service areas

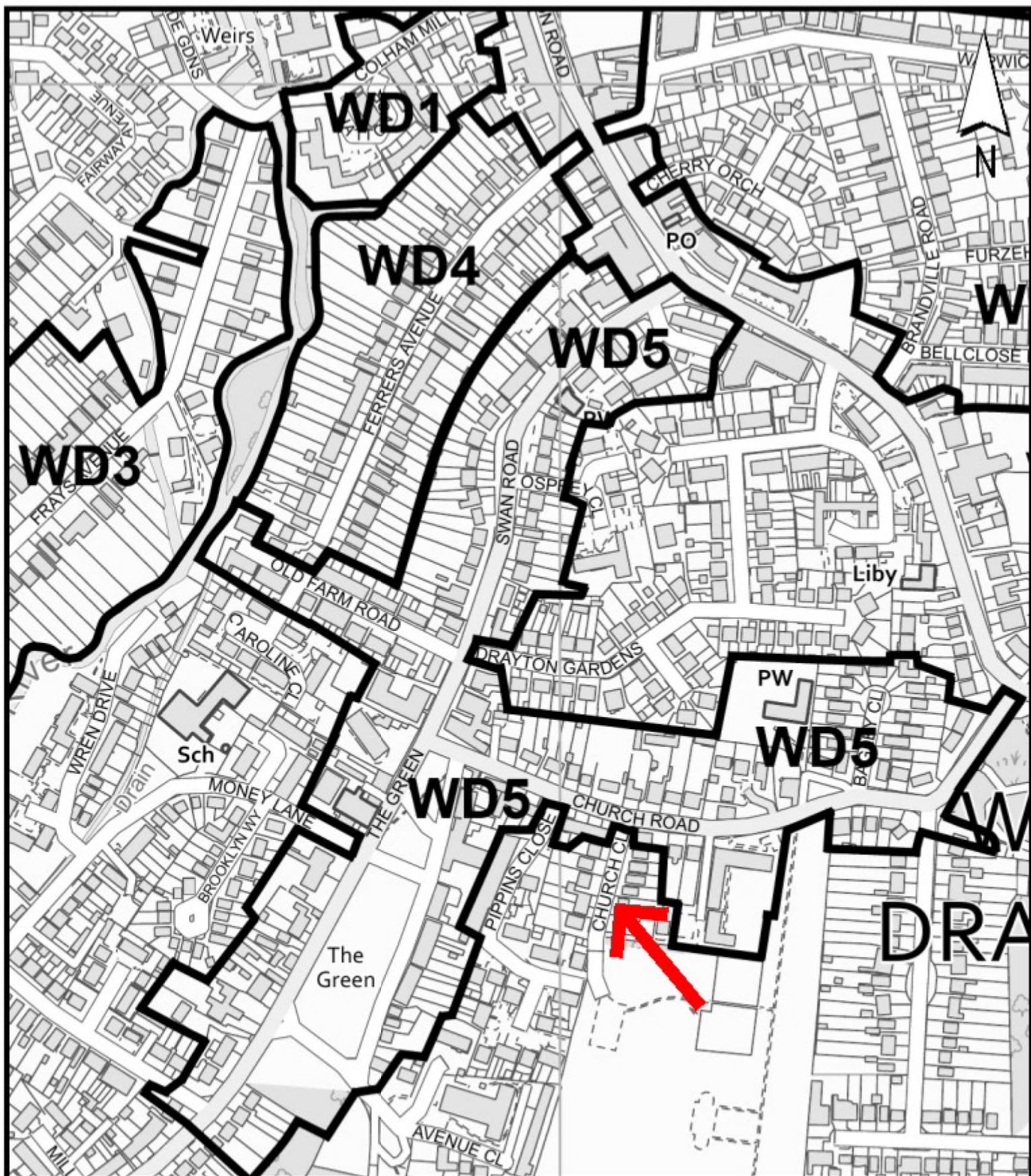
None at this stage.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES

Appendix A - Location Plan



Church Close, West Drayton
Location plan

Appendix A

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Nearby extent of the West Drayton
Parking Management Scheme

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