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**To: COUNCILLOR STEVE TUCKWELL, CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, HOUSING & GROWTH**

c.c. All Members of the Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee.  
c.c. Kevin Urquhart – Place Directorate  
c.c. Karrie Whelan - Corporate Director Place  
c.c. Ward Councillors Ruislip Ward

**Date:** 15 November 2024

## Non-Key Decision request

## Form D

### Outcome of informal consultation for possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip

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 Monday 25 November 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.

Amy Helps  
Senior Technical Support Officer

**Title of Report:** Outcome of informal consultation for possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip

**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 Planning, Housing & Growth

# Outcome of informal consultation for possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip

<b>Cabinet Member &amp; Portfolio</b>	Cllr Steve Tuckwell, Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing & Growth
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Karrie Whelan - Corporate Director Place
<b>Report Author &amp; Directorate</b>	Kevin Urquhart – Place Directorate
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendices A to D

## HEADLINES

<b>Summary</b>	To inform the Cabinet Member on the results of the informal consultation carried out with residents of Bembridge Gardens to establish if residents would support extension to the Parking Management Scheme in all or part of the road.
<b>Putting our Residents First</b>  <b>Delivering on the Council Strategy 2022-2026</b>	<p>This report supports our ambition for residents / the Council of: Live in good quality, affordable homes in connected communities</p> <p>This report supports our commitments to residents of: Safe and Strong Communities</p>
<b>Financial Cost</b>	The estimated cost associated with the recommendations to this report is £2,000, to be managed within existing Transportation Services revenue budgets.
<b>Select Committee</b>	Corporate Resources & Infrastructure Select Committee.
<b>Ward(s)</b>	Ruislip Ward

## RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Cabinet Member:

- 1) Notes the responses received to the informal consultation for the possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip.
- 2) Approves statutory consultation to be carried out on the proposed extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip between the junction with Chichester Avenue and Lymington Drive, as shown on the plan annexed at Appendix D.

- 3) **Decides that no further action is taken to progress an extension to the scheme in the section of Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip situated to the south of the junction with Lymington Drive, where the majority who responded to the informal consultation gave a preference of no change.**

### **Reasons for recommendations**

The recommendations reflect the majority of responses received to the consultation with residents and views expressed by the local Ward Councillors after considering the individual responses from residents throughout the road.

### **Alternative options considered / risk management**

The Council could have decided to leave the current parking arrangements unchanged or formally proposed an extension to the scheme throughout all of Bembridge Gardens.

### **Select Committee comments**

None at this stage.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

1. The Council has received a petition signed by some residents of Bembridge Gardens requesting the incorporation of part of the road into the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2. Bembridge Gardens is a residential road consisting of two parts, the northern section consisting of 14 houses (which forms a through route between Lymington Drive and Chichester Avenue) and the southern no through end of the road comprising four blocks of flats. This petition had only been signed by residents living in the houses within Bembridge Gardens and has specifically asked for an extension to the scheme to now be reconsidered for just the part of the road outside where they live.
2. Under the overview of the previous Cabinet Member, as recently as 2023, area-wide informal and subsequent formal consultations were carried out within the roads off Chichester Avenue to see if these residents would like their road to be included into an extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2. However, the resulting outcome was for only an extension to the scheme to be progressed in Whitstable Close given the mostly negative responses received from all other surrounding streets during the formal consultation. As Bembridge Gardens is effectively surrounded by the Zone WR1 and WR2 Parking Management Schemes, the parking problems from these surrounding roads have been compounded into this street.
3. Although this latest petition specifically requests an extension to the scheme just outside the houses in Bembridge Gardens only, given the likelihood parking could be displaced to the rest of the road, an informal consultation was suggested throughout Bembridge Gardens so that all residents' views could be sought on the idea of a scheme from the outset.

4. Following the above, all residents of Bembridge Gardens received a letter and a questionnaire to indicate their preference either for or against their road being included in a possible extension to the Zone WR2 Scheme. Residents were also provided with a prepaid reply envelope so that they could return their completed questionnaire free of charge. A plan showing the extent of the existing West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme and the informal consultation area is shown on Appendix A to this report.
5. Responses received to the consultation are tabulated in Appendix B. There were 27 responses received from 62 consultation documents delivered, representing a return of 44%. This can be further broken down into nine responses from the houses and 18 responses from the flats. Residents were also given the opportunity to provide any further comments on the questionnaire that they felt were relevant. During the informal consultation a variety of comments were received with some residents strongly in favour, some vehemently opposed and others wanting a scheme but with alterations to be made to its operational aspects. Attached as Appendix C is a table of all the comments received.
6. The consultation responses indicated a clear majority in favour of a scheme outside the houses in the section of Bembridge Gardens between the junctions of Chichester Avenue and Lymington Drive. However, the majority of residents in the flats indicated that they did not support an extension to the scheme in the section of the road where they live.
7. The summary of responses received along with comments by residents during the consultation have been shared with the local Ward Councillors. Their views are that because there is only an indication of clear support for a scheme outside the houses, at this present time an extension to the scheme should only be progressed in the section of Bembridge Gardens between the junctions of Chichester Avenue and Lymington Drive. As the majority of responses from the flats have made a preference for no change, it is recommended that the parking arrangements south of the junction with Lymington Drive outside the flats remains unchanged at this present time.
8. In summary, all residents of Bembridge Gardens have been informally consulted on the option of their road being included in a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2. Following extensive discussions with the local Ward Councillors it is recommended that residents of Nos. 2-12 and 1-17 Bembridge Gardens are now formally consulted on a detailed design for an extension to the Zone WR2 Parking Management Scheme, with the existing operating times of between 'Monday to Friday 9.30am to 10.30am and 3.30 to 4.30pm'. Residents will then have the opportunity at this next stage to submit their individual views in response to these proposals, indicating whether they support or oppose the changes being offered for their road.

## **Financial Implications**

The estimated cost associated with the recommendations to this report is £2,000 which will be managed within existing revenue budgets for the Transportation Service. If a scheme is subsequently approved for implementation, costs will be eligible for capitalisation subject to the relevant approval process with Transport for London and Capital Release protocols.

## **RESIDENT BENEFIT & CONSULTATION**

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

The recommendations of this report will allow the Council to formally consult on a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 within the section of Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip where residents have indicated that they would support a scheme extension.

## **Consultation & Engagement carried out (or required)**

Residents of Bembridge Gardens were informally consulted; however, if the recommendations to this report are approved, formal consultation will be required for the proposed introduction of a Parking Management Scheme in the section of Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip between the junctions of Chichester Avenue and Lymington Drive as shown on Appendix D.

## **CORPORATE CONSIDERATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the recommendations to this report and concurs with the financial implications as set out above.

### **Legal**

The Council has conducted informal consultation in relation to the potential installation of a Parking Management Scheme in Bembridge Gardens, Ruislip. There are no legal impediments to the Council now conducting statutory consultation in accordance with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulation 1996.

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

### **Comments from other relevant service areas**

None at this stage.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Individual consultation responses

## **TITLE OF ANY APPENDICES**

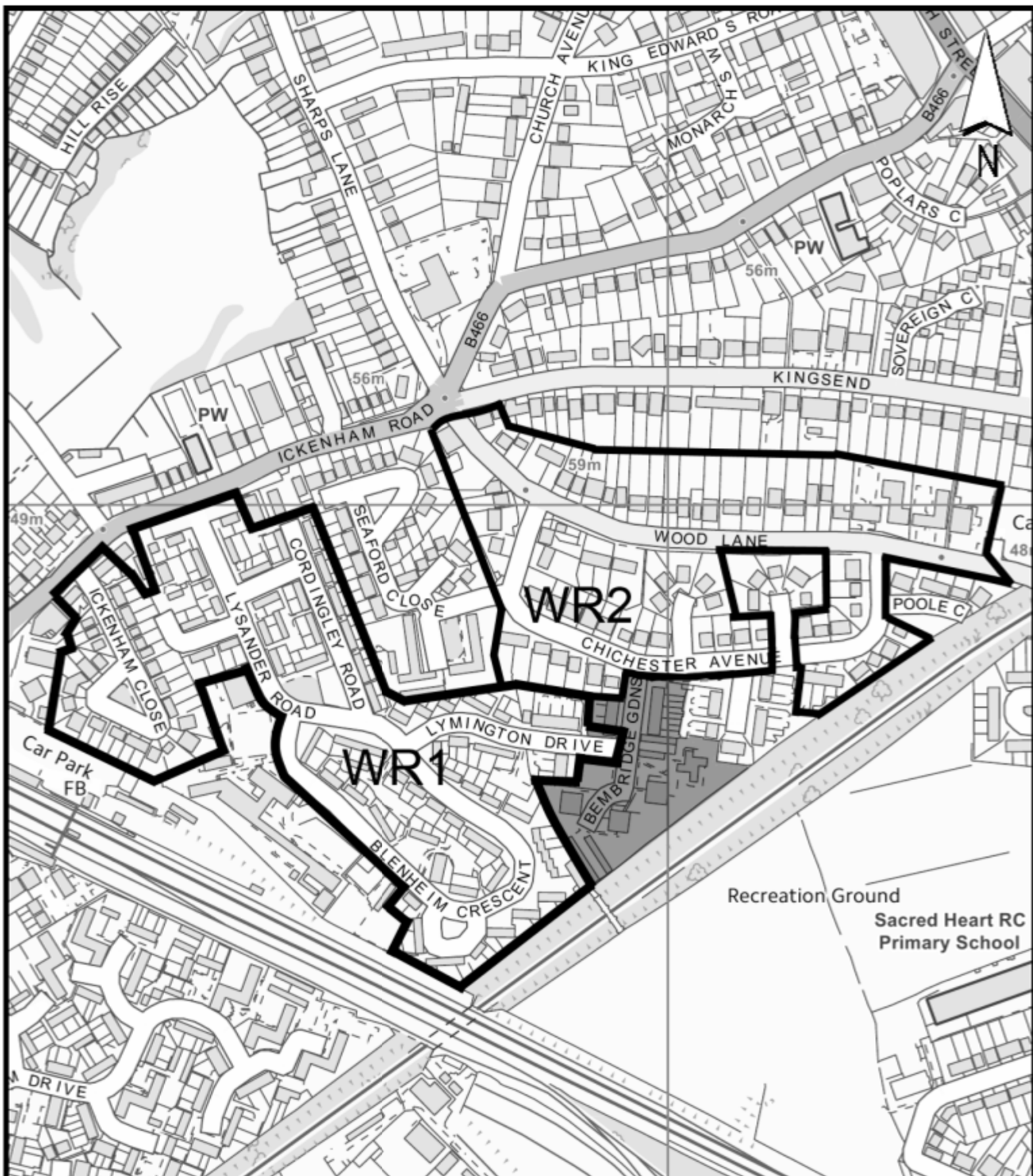
Appendix A - Plan – Location plan and extent of informal consultation area for a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens

Appendix B – Table – Responses received to the informal consultation for a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens

Appendix C – Table – Comments received to the informal consultation for a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens

Appendix D – Plan – Recommended formal consultation area for a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2





# Informal consultation for a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 into Bembridge Gardens

## Appendix A

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Extent of the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme

Informal consultation area for a possible extension to the Zone WR2 scheme

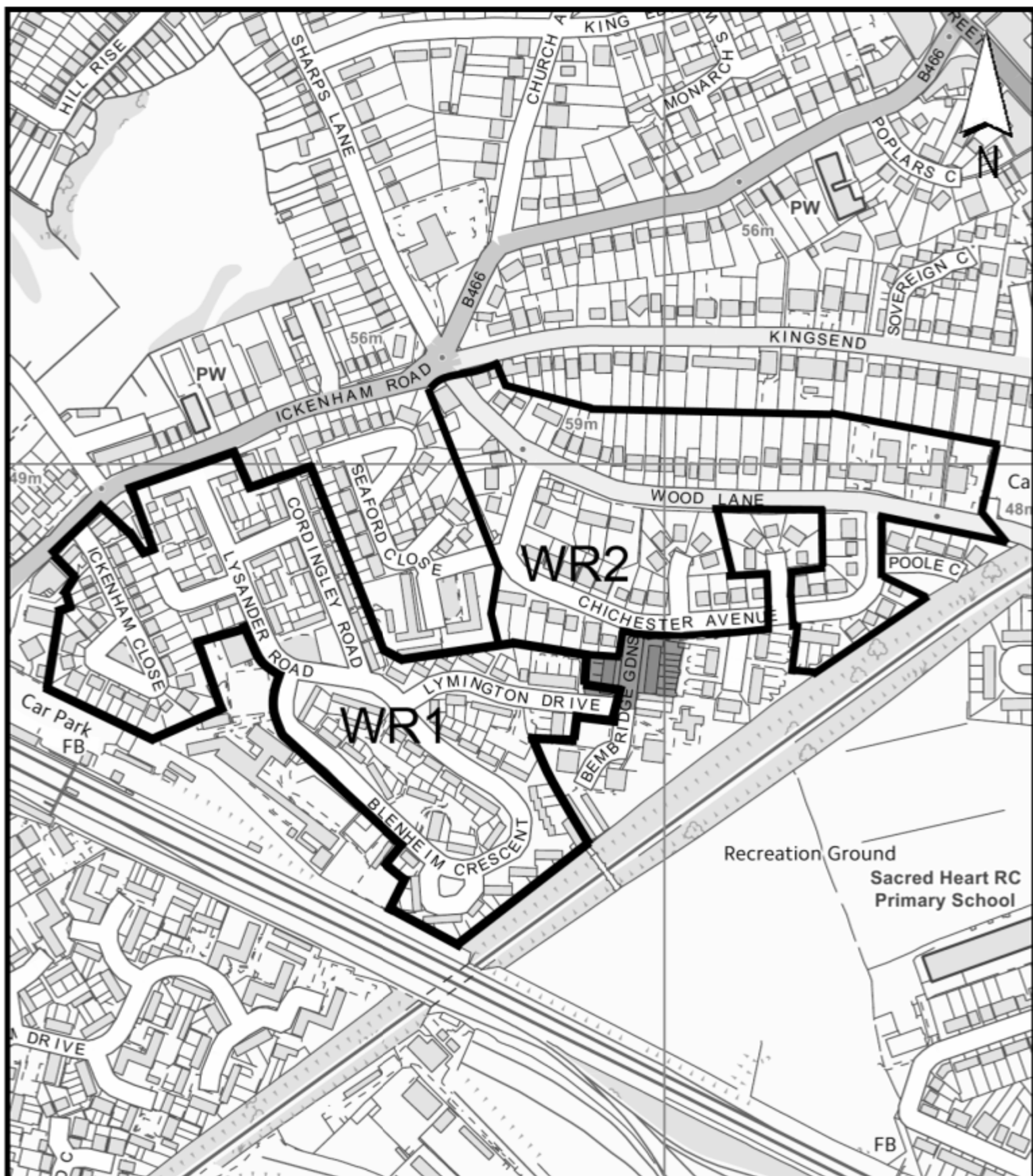
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Outcome of informal consultation on a possible extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2 in Bembridge Gardens					
Road	Do you support an extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme in your road?		Number of responses	Number delivered	Response rate
	Yes	No			
Bembridge Gardens Nos. 1 to 17 (Houses) and Chichester Avenue No. 21	8	1	9	14	64%
Bembridge Gardens - Falcon Court, Heron Court, Kestrel Court & Merlin Court (Flats)	7	11	18	48	38%
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>44%</b>



Approximate address	Comments
Bembridge Gardens - Houses	I support in principal the Parking Management Schemes. I wish the operating times were an hour longer, I also wish they extended over the weekend when we get a lot of very large vans parked outside our houses.
Bembridge Gardens - Houses	Bembridge Gardens has approximately 9 available parking spaces. Most of them (5 out of 9 today) are occupied by non-Bembridge Garden residents who park up for long periods of time which means we have no available parking. Parking on Chichester is further reduced by a very large poplar tree which is over the road and home to many birds which mess on cars. This takes out around 5 parking spaces in the WR2 Zone. Seems to make no sense that the neighbouring roads are in CPZ's and Bembridge isn't. Hope you can help.
Bembridge Gardens - Houses	We would favour extending the scheme outside the houses only to minimise the impact on the parking spaces used by those in the flats, unless the majority of residents in the flats also support an extension into the whole road.
Bembridge Gardens - Houses	<p>As previously stated on a number of previous occasions - The flats located at the end of Bembridge Gardens have their own parking area. The flat owners or tenants also park in the section of Bembridge Gardens where the houses are located. The householders want a scheme specific to them.</p> <p>Frankly this scheme no longer works, houses in Chichester Avenue also have their own driveways, have additional access to parking bays in the scheme. Houses in Bembridge Gardens have no parking scheme and have no access to a driveway.</p> <p>The road is fully blocked with cars all the time.</p>
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	<p>We both do not consider this a big issue and do not feel it is reasonable to have to pay to park outside our home. Households are already struggling with bills going up. Please do not extend the Zone to our road!</p> <p>There have only been a few occasions in our time living here where we have been unable to park. I believe this issue is being called for by the majority of residents who do not work and those who rent and work have to suffer. Please retain the current parking scheme.</p>
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	As I've suggested before why can't the Council change all of the parking restrictions to 1pm to 2pm in particular Chichester Avenue this would allow us who live off Bembridge Gardens more access to parking spaces as we are so limited with spaces where we are and the times I'm suggesting would still stop people parking all day and going to work. We live here we should have the right to park near where we live.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	This feels like the same survey, different day. It also feels like an opportunity for the Council to make money. The houses at the top of Bembridge Gardens have adequate parking, I would suggest that one side of the road has dropped kerbs and off-road parking leaving a minimal number able to park outside their houses, and recent removal of the disabled bay. If the top of Bembridge Gardens wish to pursue a parking permit scheme, let them. But please leave us in the four blocks of flats alone.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	How many times have you tried lobbying for this scheme? Its been rejected every time. You clearly have an agenda. I would be in favour of it if you didn't treat van drivers like absolute scum. Yours sincerely disgruntled van driver.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	My comments on this subject should date back years - original Chichester Avenue fiasco these should be on record.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	In the lower park of Bembridge Gardens we generally do not have a parking problem during the day when parking restrictions would apply. Our problem is at weekends and evening when parking restrictions do not apply.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	Please could you advise me as an individual if this extension to the scheme is not voted in how I can become part of the scheme. I want to be able to park legally without all this stress when I come home from work after 12 hour shifts.
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	I do not think residents should be expected to pay for the first permit, I would prefer a Parking Management Scheme but should not be expected to pay to park in my own road as a Council tax payer.

Approximate address	Comments
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	As previously consulted on this scheme, I see no benefit to extending the scheme to include the parking bays and road leading to the garages by Merlin and Heron Court. I see some of the house in Bembridge Gardens have had driveways done for their cars which helps and if other residents feel it will help, they can go for it!
Bembridge Gardens - Flats	With regards to the parking permits for Bembridge Gardens as I've suggested several times before why can you not put signs saying no parking between 1pm and 2pm? This would stop any commuters from parking all day and this should be done for Chichester Avenue as well. This would solve our parking problems. You ask for our views but they fall on deaf ears, you are determined to bring parking restrictions in and then charge us the residents for parking here, life is very expensive already and this will result in more hardship.



## Proposed extension to the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme Zone WR2

## Appendix D

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Extent of the West Ruislip Parking Management Scheme

Formal consultation area for a proposed extension to the West Ruislip PMS Zone WR2