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REPORT OF:	HEAD OF CORPORATE POLICY, PERFORMANCE & PARKING
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AGENDA ITEM NO:	9	WARD(S) AFFECTED:	NORK
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SUBJECT:	PETITION: NORK WAY PARKING FACILITIES
PURPOSE OF THE REPORT:	TO RECEIVE A PETITION IN LINE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PETITION SCHEME
RECOMMENDATION: Council notes the petition and refers it to the Executive to agree further action as necessary.	
SUMMARY Under the Council's Petition Scheme, any petition with more than 400 signatures is referred to Council for debate. The Council has received a petition of 564 signatures relating to parking facilities at Nork Way. The Petition asks that the Council "keep parking bays as they are but adding small car parking area which will charge a small fee for our businesses and residents". Options open to the Council in considering this petition are to: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Refer the petition to the Executive for further consideration. (Recommended Option); or2. Reject the request of the petitioners. The first option is recommended to ensure that the petition is given full consideration in the appropriate forum.	

STATUTORY POWERS

1. The Council approved a Petition Scheme on 24th June 2010, in accordance with the *Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009*. The scheme sets out how the Council will respond to petitions.
2. The Localism Act 2011 revoked requirements placed on Councils in relation to petitions. The Executive in May 2013 agreed to retain its Petition Scheme. Council Procedure Rule 11 requires that the Council adhere to its Petition Scheme.

PETITION SCHEME

3. The scheme sets out the type of response the Council will provide, based on the number of signatories to the petition.
4. The table below summarises the Council's approach:

Number of signatories	Response
less than 20	Response from Officer (treated as standard correspondence).
20 - 199	Response from relevant Member of the Executive.
At least 200	Referred to the Executive.
At least 400	Debated at a meeting of the full Council.

PETITION

5. A petition has been received regarding parking in Nork Way. The petition has two sections, requesting that the council should
 - *“keep parking bays as they are;*
 - *but adding small car parking area which will charge a small fee for our businesses and residents”.*
6. The first part is a matter for Surrey County Council, as Local Highways Authority, as they are responsible for parking restrictions across the county. The proposed changes to the on street parking restrictions are set out in Annex 1. Surrey County Council has confirmed that no formal objections were received during their consultation, and that they are proposing to implement these proposals later this year. Any further changes to on street parking restrictions would need to be considered in the 2017 review. The local County Councillor has been advised of this petition so as to consider any amendments in the review.
7. The second aspect requests that a small car parking area be added, with a small fee for business and residents. The petition proposes a car park be located between Fire Tree Road and Eastgate in Nork. A location map is shown in Annex 2. Any proposal for this area would be subject to planning aspects and a suitable business case.
8. In line with the petition scheme, details of the petition have been published and are available from the Council's website.

RECEIVING AND RESPONDING TO THE PETITION

9. Under the Petition Scheme, a spokesperson for the petitioners may present the petition and speak at the Council meeting for up to 5 minutes. A representative of the Petitioners will be attending the meeting to address Council.
10. The petition scheme provides that Council will decide how to respond to the petition at this meeting.

11. The options for the Council in relation to the petition are:
 1. Refer the petition to the Executive for further consideration. (Recommended Option); or
 2. Reject the request of the petitioners;
12. Option 1 is recommended to ensure that the petition is given full consideration in the appropriate forum.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13. There are no direct financial implications in respect of the recommendation for the petition to be noted and referred to the Executive. There would, however, be significant capital expenditure required to create and maintain a car park.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

14. The statutory position is set out at paragraphs 1 and 2 of this report.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

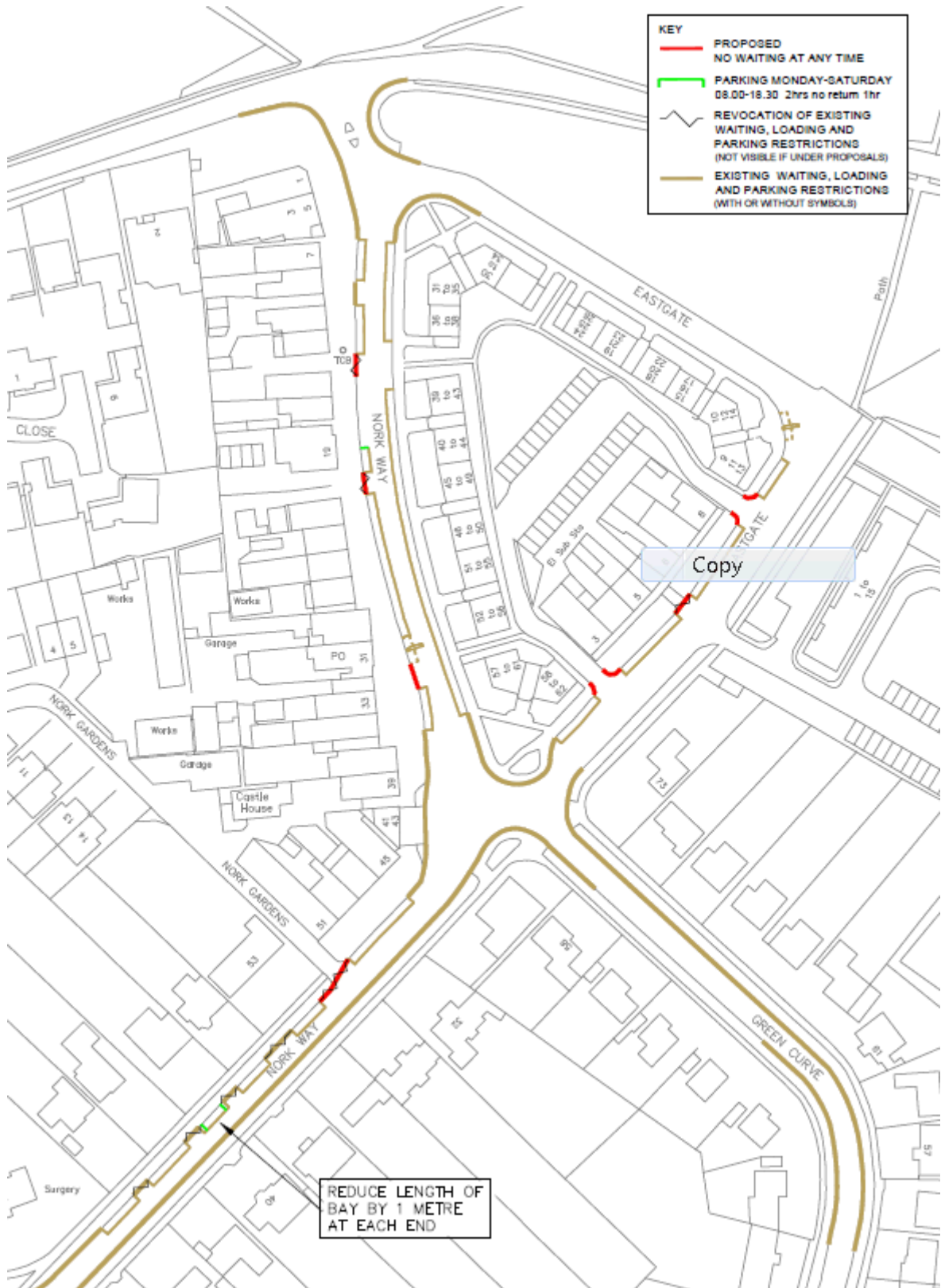
15. The car park location proposed within the petition (and set out in Annex 2) is designated as Metropolitan Green Belt and common land. The provision of a car park in this location would be contrary to these designations.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

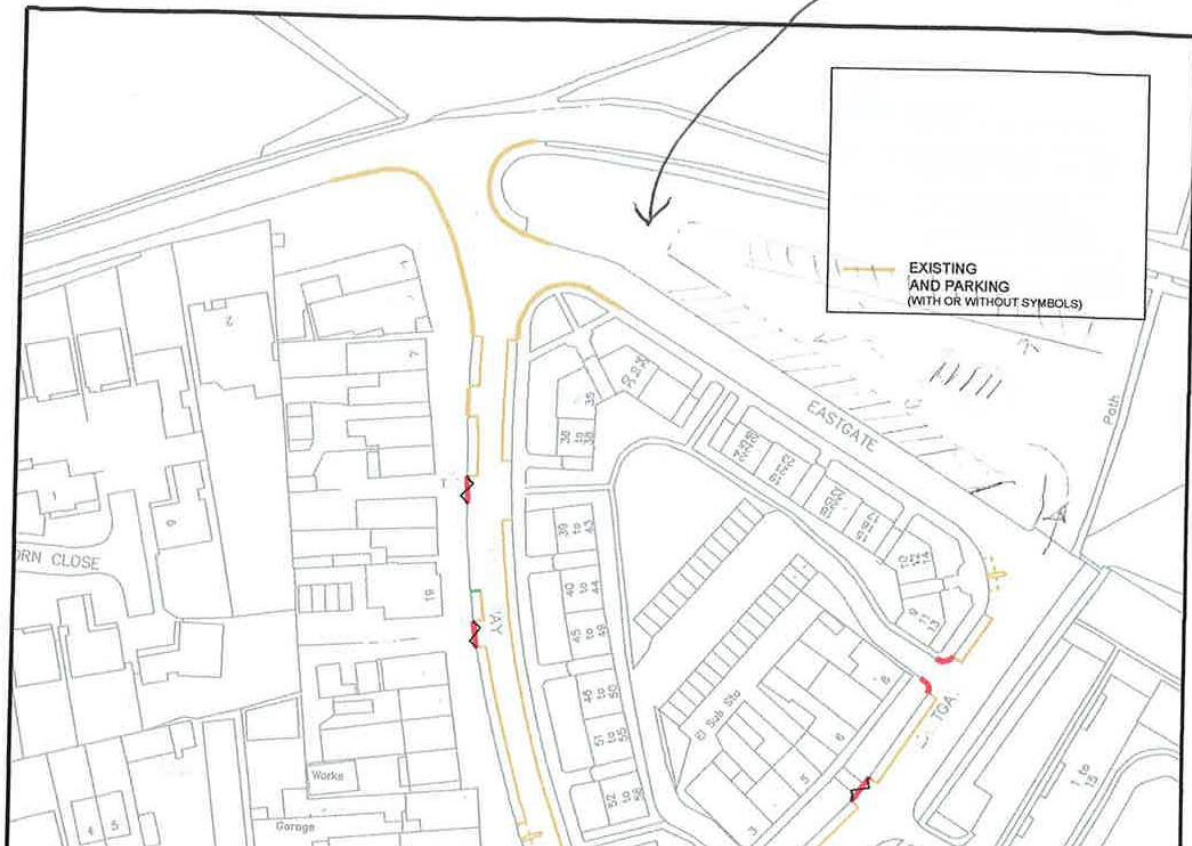
16. There are no equality implications directly related to the petition.

Background Papers: Reigate and Banstead Petition Scheme
Petition submitted

Annex 1: On street parking restriction proposals



Annex 2: Petition – proposed parking location



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