

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET – 6 JANUARY 2020

Recommendation from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 17 December 2019:-

INTRODUCTION OF RESIDENT PERMIT SCHEME, DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, VERGE AND FOOTWAY PROHIBITION AND CLEARWAY IN ALDYKES AREA, HATFIELD

Report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the introduction of Resident Permit Scheme, double yellow lines, verge and footway prohibition and clearway in Aldykes area, Hatfield.

In March 2018, Parking Services wrote to residents in the Aldykes area of Hatfield to seek their views on parking options in their area. This was partly based upon past and present requests that had been received from some residents in the area who highlighted parking concerns from local workers and university. Also there was a need to provide suitable parking arrangements in the area to accommodate the construction of a multi-storey car park in Hatfield as displacement could occur into nearby roads when parking is limited. Initially 1,146 residences were consulted in 2018. The original consultation received less than 20% responses for some roads. In May 2018, residents were given a further opportunity to share their views. At this stage, Parking Services reminded residents that the Council was proposing to install double yellow lines as a safety measure on junctions to prevent dangerous and obstructive parking and a verge and footway prohibition to address parking on footways and verges. Further to this, it had been identified that a number of suitable locations which could be converted into additional parking spaces, had been completed or planned to be completed by the end of October 2019.

Members noted the concerns raised by some residents in Woods Avenue having to park in Sycamore Avenue or Briars Lane due to no parking spaces near their property, there is also the influx of university parking within Woods Avenue. In March 2019, an additional consultation had been carried out with the 54 Woods Avenue residential properties.

In recognition of the parking challenges this area has with high numbers of residential vehicles and less parking places available compared to other roads; the Council has provided an extra 61 parking spaces within the area to assist residents and others to finding parking spaces, rather than parking on verges and pavements.

**RESOLVED**  
(unanimously)

1. Although the majority of responses opted for resident parking permit scheme to operate Monday to Saturday, the Council is recommending that the scheme operates Monday-Friday. This is due to the responses received to the adjacent Hatfield town centre car park amendment consultation, which proposes that the parking permit restrictions are applicable only Monday to Friday. Therefore, it is recommended that Aldykes corresponds with the Hatfield town centre area and operates Monday-Friday 9am to 5pm.
2. That the Panel considers the objections received in paragraphs 5.1 to 5.27 and in particular the issues raised in Section 16, around equalities and diversity having considered all the detailed issues within this report including any proposed mitigating actions, recommend to Cabinet to proceed with the amended proposals (Appendix C) and the creation of the Traffic Regulation order (TRO) for all the reasons set out in the report.