

EXTRACTED MINUTES FROM THE MEETING OF
CABINET PLANNING AND PARKING PANEL
THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2020

68. PARKING SERVICES UPDATE ON IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2019-2020

Members considered the report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on Parking Services, which provided an update on the improvement programme for 2019-20.

The report noted that throughout the year, the Council received many requests for parking restrictions and parking improvements via several channels. The Council has to manage the public's request and expectations. Producing a yearly work programme, which covers both parking restrictions and parking improvements, helps the Council to achieve this. It is important for the Council to ensure a consistent programmed approach, as it assists in the efficient management of Traffic Regulation Order (TROs) work and providing transparency to the public.

Any objections received by the Council in response to the statutory consultation are considered by this Panel. However, occasionally there are no objections received, when this happens the Traffic Regulation Order can be approved using Officer's delegated powers.

The Officer advised that 98 additional parking spaces had been created. The cost per parking was around £2609. The Parking Team work on a number of requests within the work programme and sometimes outside of the work programme. The Team have highlighted a scheme which the Team had managed to obtain a design and technical approval for; Great Break, Welwyn Garden City (Appendix B). The project will cost £57,000 and there is £50,000 allocated for a parking scheme as a one-off sum for this financial year.

A discussion took place regarding an incident in which emergency vehicles were unable to access Great Break earlier this year, due to the width of the road and vehicles parked on either side.

Some concern was expressed in terms of not considering other schemes/areas that need updating, providing parking, footways and improvement. A question was raised as where the additional £7,000 would be made available from, and would this endanger any other schemes within the current work programme? Following a discussion, it was noted that £7,000 would be utilised from the work programme budget.

As there was not an equivalent scheme available at present it was felt that Great Break should proceed.

A vote was taken whether to spend the money on Great Break or to wait and consider all other scheme. Vote: (7 for Great Break, 4 for consideration of all schemes), Great Break carried.

RESOLVED:

1. The Panel notes the update on the current Parking Services Improvement Programme 2019-2020 (**Appendix A**).
2. The Panel recommends to Cabinet that £57,000 of the Parking Improvement budget is spent on a location outside of the Parking Services Work Programme and it will be spent on Great Break in Panshanger.