

Appendix C

Dear Resident/Business Owner,

NOTICE OF INTENT FOR PROPOSING – PARKING RESTRICTIONS

As you know, a multi-storey car park has been constructed in The Common for Hatfield Town Centre. Built to consolidate surface level car parking, freeing up sites elsewhere for new homes, shops and leisure, the multi-storey is part-funded through a £4.8m Local Growth Fund contribution from the Hertfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). The multi-storey will provide approximately 420 new spaces on site. Link Drive car park, as well as the temporary car parks of Fourways and Wellfield Road will close in due course. <https://one.welhat.gov.uk/Hatfield-parking-FAQS>

As part of the process, new parking restrictions are being proposed in The Common multi-storey, Kennelwood Lane and Dog Kennel Lane car parks. It follows a parking survey carried out with local businesses which revealed 70% of customers need to park for under three hours, in line with the town's current time limit restrictions. However, local businesses also wanted greater flexibility to enable people to stay for longer periods than most restricted spaces currently allow. The new charges would reflect Hatfield remaining the only town in Hertfordshire to offer free parking for up to 3 hours.

The parking restriction proposals will be advertised as a public notice on Wednesday 13th January in Welwyn Hatfield Times, on lampposts near the car parks and on our website. On the following page is an outline of our proposals. Any further general enquiries relating to the Order should be referred to Matthew McCann, Parking Services Team Leader, 01707 357000 or parking@welhat.gov.uk

Objections to the proposed restrictions should be made in writing via post to Durk Reyner, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6AE OR by email at parking@welhat.gov.uk by **Friday 5th February 2021**, stating the grounds on which they are made.

Any objections will be considered and put forward to the Council's Cabinet Planning Parking Panel in a report alongside Parking Services response to the points. The CPPP will take place on 4th March 2021, and will be shown online at: www.welhat.gov.uk/committees/watch

Any approved parking restrictions would likely take effect in May 2021.

The council's fees and charges for 2021-22 are being set as part of the wider budget setting process, which ensures a balanced budget to fund and maintain services provided by the council. The below are the provisional fees and charges which will be considered at the Full Council meeting on 1 February 2021.

Hatfield Car park season ticket for residents and local workers - £50 per quarter or £200 per year.

Pay and Display in The Common and Kennelwood Lane car parks: 3 hours free parking, 3-4 hours £3.50, All day (above 4 hours) £6.50.

Outline of proposals:

The Common Multi Storey – charges (for over three hours) apply Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm:

8 Electric vehicle charging points – limited to 4 hours charging stay limit 7am to 6pm
18 Disabled Bays – disabled badge must be displayed at all times including out of charging hours
Dedicated Motorcycle parking area for up to 7 motorcycles
387 Pay and display parking spaces (three hours free)

Kennelwood Lane – charges (for over three hours) apply Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm:

8 Disabled Bays as per current locations – disabled badge must be displayed at all times including out of charging hours
All 3 hour parking bays will change to pay and display spaces. The existing B05 permit bays bordering the health centre would also change to pay and display conditions ensuring better use of space for all. Total of 64 pay and display spaces (three hours free).

All parking bays, including disabled and electric bays in the above car parks, would be subject to the pay and display conditions. For 3 hours free parking, a ticket would be acquired from the ticket machine and displayed on the dashboard, the machines will be set to allow one free ticket per vehicle per day. Anyone who wishes to park for longer would pay the relevant charge to enable longer stay parking. For paid parking over 3 hours, paybyphone can also be used to make payment.

Dog Kennel Lane – season ticket restrictions apply Monday to Saturday 7am to 6pm

4 Disabled Bays would stay in situ – disabled badge must be displayed at all times.
Existing permit bays and the 3 hour bays would all transfer into season ticket holders only bays to enable better access for businesses located on this side of the town to get parking. Total of 56 season ticket spaces.

Season Tickets

Once new restrictions are ready to start, a season ticket can be purchased by local workers and town centre residents online upon relevant proof being submitted (headed letter/council tax bill AND proof of vehicle), for one car park of the applicant's choice: The Common, Dog Kennel or Kennelwood Lane. A season ticket would be valid for ONE vehicle registration only, changes to vehicle details can be made throughout the year free of charge upon correct proof being submitted.

Our online parking permit system NSL Apply would be available for the purchase of season tickets as per the current B04 business permits.

The choice of one car park only would also enable us to manage demand better ensuring less chance of a waiting list. Initially, we would anticipate 60 being available for Dog Kennel, 25 for Kennelwood and 180 for The Common. We would of course monitor demand and availability if there was higher demand in one location, whilst ensuring there is availability for shoppers/visitors in Kennelwood/The Common.

Any existing B04 business permits will eventually cease to exist, any remaining time on a permit when the new restrictions come into force will be transferred to a season ticket. Parking Services will contact the permit holders nearer to the start of the new restrictions to find out which car park you require it for and advise on any further details. "All Zones" health care permits would also no longer be accepted in any car parks; they are issued for the purpose of health care workers to carry out home care/visits to the borough's residents in on street permit schemes not for the purpose of workplace parking.

The car park restrictions proposals with the relevant layout plans can be viewed on the council's website from Wednesday 13th January 2021 at: <https://www.welhat.gov.uk/HatfieldCP> A paper copy of the plans can also be requested by calling 01707 357000.

Sent on behalf of
Parking Services

