

- 6.3. It is now established practice that with all new parking restrictions, the Council monitor any reports as to their effectiveness for the first 6 months following their implementation. Should the Council receive reports requesting changes or amendments to the new restrictions, then a review of the restrictions would take place which may result in further recommendations.
- 6.4. Several objections have been received relating to the proposed order(s)
- 6.5. The above changes as a public notice were advertised on 12th January 2022 in the Welwyn Hatfield Times. The deadline for objections was the 3rd February 2022. Several objections have been received in response to these proposals.
- 6.6. Full reports together with the above objections were considered at a meeting of the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 10th March 2022

RESOLVED (Unanimous)

A) That Members note the objections received in paragraph 4 in addition to the issues raised in paragraph 15 around equalities and diversity and recommend to Cabinet to proceed with the creation of the traffic regulation orders as advertised.

B) The Executive Member for Resources to exercise their delegated powers to authorise the creation of the traffic regulation orders as advertised.

6.7. Legal Implications:

TROs are created under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Consultations follow a statutory legal process as set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. No other legal implications are inherent in relation into the proposals in this report.

6.8. Financial Implications:

The cost of Traffic Regulation Order advertisements and associated costs, such as any signage and lining works, will be funded through existing Parking Services revenue and capital budgets.

6.9. Risk Implications:

Changing the parking conditions in these areas could generate negative publicity. Some parking may be displaced into nearby roads.

It is standard procedure to monitor new parking restrictions for the first 6 months after any are implemented. During this period all reports of safety issues or parking displacement will be recorded. If any significant safety issues are discovered during the monitoring period, Parking Services will investigate and carry out the appropriate remedial action. Many of the adjacent roads are also contained within the current parking services works programme and residents there will be consulted in due course.

6.10. Communication and Engagement

When making any changes to parking restrictions there is a statutory consultation process set out in the Local Authority Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which the Council needs to adhere to. This includes consulting directly with all affected parties and several statutory consultees, such as the Police and Hertfordshire County Council.

- In addition, Notices are required to be erected within all roads affected and advertised in the local newspaper, in this case the Welwyn Hatfield Times.

- Ward and County Councillors have been consulted and no objections have been received regarding these proposals.
- The relevant residents have also been consulted and informed of the proposals. Three objections have been received.
- This process has been carried out and there are no known implications in relation to the proposals in this report.

6.11. Equality and Diversity

I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been carried out.

- The EqIA found that there is potential for a positive impact on Disability and Age. Blue badge holders may park without a permit in resident permit parking schemes and can park on double yellow line restrictions for up to 3 hrs
- Visitor vouchers may be purchased at a discounted rate for those persons in receipt of a DwP Pension

6.12. Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):

No alternative options were considered.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION**

Notice of intent, traffic regulation orders, plans and statement of reasons advertised on 12th January 2022.

8. **DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

8.1 No members or officers declared an interest in this matter

9. **ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

None

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