

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 6 SEPTEMBER 2016

Recommendation from the Cabinet Housing and Planning Panel on 14 July 2016:-

ROWANS, SLOANSWAY AND SURROUNDING ROADS - RESTRICTION OF WAITING PROPOSALS

The report of the Director (Finance and Operations) set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action in relation to the restriction of waiting proposals for Rowans, Sloansway and surrounding roads. The residents at 694 addresses were consulted and three formal objections had been received.

Residents from two areas in Welwyn Garden City were consulted about proposals to prevent drivers from parking too close to junctions, traffic congestion near schools and possible locations for constructing new parking spaces in the verge and nearby green areas.

The Parking and Cemetery Services Manager informed Members that although she was hoping to move shortly she currently lived in a road in the area which would be affected by the decision made on this scheme.

The Parking and Cemetery Services Manager went on to explain that at the Members' request there would not be a separate detailed Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) but that any significant differential impacts found would be highlighted in the report presented at the meetings of the Panel.

Members considered the following amendment to section 11 of the report – Equality and Diversity.

- that an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) had been carried out. No significant differential impacts were found. However the following could be impacted by the proposed restrictions.
- a number of elderly and disabled residents lived in this area. From the results of the consultation it appeared that none would be adversely affected by the new restrictions. If needed disabled drivers with a valid blue badge could park on yellow lines for up to three hours.
- however during the monitoring period should any unintended impacts come to light, Parking Services would investigate and carry out the appropriate remedial actions.

Following clarification provided by the Parking and Cemetery Services Manager regarding the following issues:-

- the nature of the parking problems and layout of the road, particularly around the junction at Maple Grove and Runsley which was difficult to ascertain from the interpretation of the map alone;
- parked vehicles obscured sight lines;
- due to the narrowness of the road, vehicles were parked on the grass verges;
- dangerous parking on the junctions and corners;
- confirmation that full consultation took place with the residents of the area.

RESOLVED:

That having considered the objections received, in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity and all of the detailed issues in the report, including any proposed mitigating actions, the Cabinet be recommended to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order for all the reasons set out in the report.