

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET HOUSING AND PLANNING PANEL COMMITTEE – 6 OCTOBER 2016
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (FINANCE AND OPERATIONS)

CRANFIELD CRESCENT AND PART OF BACONS DRIVE – PROPOSED RESIDENT
PARKING PERMIT SCHEME & HOMEWOOD AVENUE - RESTRICTION OF WAITING

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 During 2015, a number of consultations were carried out throughout Cuffley. In response to the formal stage of the parking proposals (mixture of single and double yellow lines) for Bacons Drive, Cranfield Crescent and Homewood Avenue, a number of objections were received.
- 1.2 The objections mainly centred on the need for residents in Cranfield Crescent and part of Bacons Drive to park during the proposed restriction times, which a single yellow line would not permit. A number of properties share a driveway which in most cases is also quite steep. The practicality of using this with modern day vehicles means they could easily damage the vehicles undercarriage. Further consultation was carried out to establish if residents in both roads agreed with the objectors.
- 1.3 In addition to the above, a request was received to extend the double yellow lines at both junctions of Homewood Avenue and Tolmers Road to further improve visibility for all road users entering and exiting Homewood Avenue.
- 1.4 This report sets out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action. No objections have been received by the Council during the formal consultation.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Panel note that no objections were received by the Council and in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity. Having considered all the detailed issues in this report, including any proposed mitigating actions. That the Panel recommends to Cabinet to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

3 Explanation

- 3.1 On the 17th August 2016, **THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (BACONS DRIVE, CRANFIELD CRESCENT AND HOMEWOOD AVENUE, CUFFLEY) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2016**

(Appendix A) was advertised in the Welwyn Hatfield Times with notices erected in the affected roads.

Implications

4 Legal Implication(s)

- 4.1 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 in to the proposals in this report.

5 Financial Implication(s)

The cost of TRO works recommended in this report will be funded through existing Parking Services revenue budgets.

6 Risk Management Implications

- 6.1 The risks related to this proposal are:

Changing the parking conditions in the above mentioned roads could generate negative publicity. The risk is likely but any significant safety issues will be reviewed and dealt with following the six month monitoring period.

7 Security & Terrorism Implication(s)

- 7.1 There are no security & terrorism implications inherent in relation to the proposals in this report.

8 Procurement Implication(s)

- 8.1 There are no procurement implications inherent in relation to the proposals in this report.

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

- 9.1 There are no climate change implications inherent in relation to the proposals in this report

10 Link to Corporate Priorities

- 10.1 The subject of this report is linked to the following Council's Corporate Priorities:
- Protect and enhance the environment – Deliver effective parking services;
 - Engage with our communities and provide value for money

11 Equality and Diversity

- 11.1 I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out. No significant differential impacts were found.
- Age – Elderly residents may benefit from a less congested environment, with improved access to and egress from their properties. Residents in receipt of a state pension are eligible for 50% discount when purchasing visitor vouchers.
 - Carers for the elderly - If elderly residents need a carer there are a number of options:

- The restriction is only for two hours Monday-Friday. Carers could visit outside of the 2 hour restriction
- If they are family members they could apply for a free 'Carers' permit
- Practices already purchase Doctor/Health Visitor permits for their staff and these can be used in all of the Council's permit areas
- Disability – Disabled residents may feel encouraged to use their vehicle in a less congested environment. Residents with a valid blue badge receive their first permit free of charge.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)