

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

HEYFORD WAY, HATFIELD – PROPOSED RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME  
AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING

**1 Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Heyford Way in Hatfield is a relatively new development close to the Hatfield rail station. Even before the road was formally adopted by Hertfordshire County Council, requests were received from residents for some type of parking restriction to manage the significant amount of non-residents who parked in this road and then walked to the rail station.
- 1.2 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 Heyford Way is a relatively new road which was recently adopted by Hertfordshire County Council. In January 2016, Parking Services requested a boundary plan from Hertfordshire County Council to ascertain which areas had been included in the adoption process.
- 3.2 On 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016, letters were sent to all residents advising of the areas within Heyford Way which were adopted and the parking areas which were still classed as private land. It was explained that any restriction would only apply to the carriageway as the other 'parking areas' were private (Appendix A). Residents were asked to complete a survey form, taking this information into consideration.
- 3.3 The Council received a very good response to the consultation, with 27 out of the 38 properties returning a completed form. All of which agreed with the introduction of sections of double yellow lines, with some additional suggestions.
- 3.4 Of the 27 residents, 20 opted for the resident parking permit scheme to operate Monday – Friday. Sixteen opted for the restrictions to be in place between 9am – 4pm.

- 3.5 14th August 2016, **THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (HEYFORD WAY, HATFIELD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2016** (Appendix B) was advertised in the Welwyn Hatfield Times with notices erected in the affected roads. No objections were received during the formal consultation period.

### **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:
  - If carers 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)