

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

RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME AND DOUBLE YELLOW LINES IN VARIOUS
ROADS WELHAM GREEN

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Residents and businesses in Welham Green were consulted about proposals to prevent drivers from parking too close to junctions and on resident only parking.
- 1.2 This report sets out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action. The residents and businesses at 952 addresses were consulted. One objection letter from three residents living at the same address has been received. See Appendix A.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Panel consider the objection received, in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity and having considered all the detailed issues in this report including any proposed mitigating actions, recommends to Cabinet to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for all the reasons set out in this report

3 Explanation

- 3.1 Following the results of the South Rural Hatfield Parking Study in 2013 a number of parking consultations were carried out in Welham Green. These consultations concentrated on the parking issues affecting the shopping parade in Dellsome Lane, resident parking Holloways Lane an adjoining roads and Knolles Crescent and adjoining roads. New parking restrictions have already been implemented these areas.
- 3.2 Last summer 2015 the remaining roads in Welham Green were split into five separate areas and they were consulted on various parking proposals. The current proposal is based on the results from areas 1, 3 and 4. The results of the consultation for each area are as follows.

a) Area 1

	Double Yellow Lines at junctions	
	For	Against
Alderman Close	5	0
Bushwood Close	2	0
Charckham Mews	0	0
Dellsome Lane	20	3
Fourways Market	2	0
Frowick Close	6	0
Grove Place	0	0
Huggins Lane	20	3
Merrit Walk	0	0
Parsonage Lane	15	1
Parsonage Road	11	0
Pooleys Lane	17	0
Puttocks Close	2	0
Puttocks Drive	16	0
Twysdens Terrace	2	0
Vincenzo Close	20	3

b) Area 3

	Parking spaces		Double Yellow Lines at junctions			
	For	Against	For	Against		
Coningsby Close	2	3	3	0		
Lydia Mews	1	0	2	0		
Somers Road	13	1	10	3		
Somers Square	5	0	5	0		
Welham Close	1	1	2	0		
	Bulls Lane		Somers Road		Changes to Double Yellow Lines in existing permit Zone	
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Booths Close	3	0	2	0	3	0
Holloways Lane	26	2	22	2	22	2
Meadow Close	2	0	1	1	1	0
Nash Close	12	0	11	0	11	3
Sibthorpe Road	2	0	2	0	0	0
Skimpans Close	7	0	5	0	0	0
Station Road	12	4	12	3	0	1
Bulls Lane	9	0	6	0	0	0
Totals	73	6	61	6	37	6

c) Area 4

3.3 Later on, requests were received for minor amendments to the lengths of restrictions, for additional double yellow lines at the junction of Somers Road and

Coningsby Close. The residents living at the junction of Station Road and Bulls Lane sent in a small petition requesting resident only parking, following a short consultation with the petitioners, the proposal was amended further.

- 3.4 Residents and businesses in each consultation area were sent a notification letter on the 9th August 2016 stating our intention to create the new parking restrictions. These letters contained plans showing the updated designs. The final design showing the extent of the proposed restrictions may be viewed in Appendix B.
- 3.5 On the 31st August 2016 the public notice proposing “**The Borough of Welwyn Hatfield (Various Roads, Welham Green) (Restriction of Waiting and Permit Parking Zones) Order 2016**” was advertised in the Welwyn Hatfield Times. Notices were also erected near the affected roads. The closing date for formal objections was 22 September 2016. See Appendix B.
- 3.6 There is one formal objection from Huggins Lane see appendix A. Below is a summary of the grounds for objection
 - a) In 1982 the police agreed with the resident that it was acceptable to park within 7.62 metres (25 feet) of the junction. Some years later this agreement was confirmed by the new village constable.
 - b) Both constables were satisfied that it was safe to park in Frowick Close an area with little traffic.
 - c) Neighbours also prefer to park in Frowick Close due to speeding cars on Huggins Lane
 - d) The proposed 10 metre restrictions will prevent the residents at this address from parking two cars in front of their property in Huggins Lane and one car at the side of their property in Frowick Close.
- 3.7 The reasons for moving forward with this proposal are as follows
 - a) During the initial consultations in Welham Green the requests for double yellow lines at the junction were made by three residents of Frowick Close, they indicated that they were affected during the day and evening, and also at the weekends. In the 2015 consultation the Council received six responses from the fourteen addresses in Frowick Close. All six voted in favour of the double yellow lines.
 - b) Regardless of the historical agreement with the local Police officers, Parking Services considers that it is not safe to park close to this junction. A Council officer visited the site in 2015 to follow up on the requests from the Frowick Close residents. On the day of the visit, a car was parked directly on the corner in Huggins Lane. Even if the objector does not park directly on the corner other drivers may do so.
 - c) Preventing cars from parking within 10 metres of this junction will help the residents of Frowick Close to enter and exit Huggins Lane. In addition, the Highway Code advises drivers that they should not park within 10 metres of a junction.

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)

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

6 Risk Management Implications

- 6.1 Changing the parking conditions in the above mentioned roads could generate negative publicity. Some parking may be displaced into nearby roads.
- 6.2 It is standard procedure to monitor new parking restrictions for the first 6 months after they are implemented. During this period all reports of safety issues or parking displacement will be recorded. If any significant issues are discovered during the monitoring period, Parking Services will investigate and carryout the appropriate remedial action.

7 Security & Terrorism Implications

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

8 Procurement Implications

- 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 Council's Corporate Priority Protect and Enhance the Environment, and specifically to the achievement to Deliver Effective Parking Services
- Protect and enhance the environment and 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.

11.2 A number of elderly and disabled residents live in this area. From the results of the consultation it appears that none will be adversely affected by the new restrictions. If needed disabled drivers with a valid blue badge can park on yellow lines for up to three hours.

11.3 However during the monitoring period (6.2) should any unintended impacts come to light, Parking Services will investigate and carryout the appropriate remedial action.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)