

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET HOUSING AND PLANNING PANEL – 18 FEBRUARY 2016
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR (FINANCE AND OPERATIONS)

VARIOUS ROADS WELHAM GREEN - JUNCTION PROTECTION SCHEME

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 Residents from Dellsome Lane, Knolles Crescent, Goulds Close and Greville Close were consulted about a proposal to prevent drivers parking too close to junctions and to construct new parking spaces in the verge and nearby green area.
- 1.2 This report sets out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action.

2 Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Panel note that no formal objections were received during the formal consultation period and recommends to the Cabinet to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) as named in item 3.3.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 The first informal consultation letter was sent out to residents on 27 January 2015. Residents were offered a small junction protection scheme for double yellow lines at two junctions and construction of eight parking spaces in Knolles Crescent. The majority of residents voted in favour of the design but requested more parking restrictions and parking spaces.
- 3.2 A second letter, containing a new design, was sent out to residents on 10 April 2015 (Appendix A). The number of parking spaces was increased to fourteen. Five junctions were included in the double yellow line proposal. The majority of residents voted in favour of the design but requested more parking spaces. Due to the layout of the surrounding environment and the design constraints imposed by Planning, Landscape & Ecology and Herts County Council it was not possible to create more parking spaces.
- 3.3 On 13 January 2016 “The Borough of Welwyn Hatfield (Various Roads, Welham Green) (Restriction of Waiting) Order 2016” (Appendix B) was advertised in the Welwyn Hatfield Times and notices were erected in the affected roads. Letters were also sent to residents. The closing date for formal objections was 3 February 2016. No formal objections were received during the consultation period.

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 Any revenue accrued through penalty charge notices will be retained by the Council to finance enforcement of the scheme.
- 5.2 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 long term parking by commuters and local workers 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 any reports of safety issues or parking displacement will be recorded. Any significant issues will be dealt with as part of the review process.

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 in relation to the proposal in this report.

9 Climate Change Implication(s)

- 9.1 There are no climate change implications in relation to the proposals in the 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 has been carried out (Appendix C). No significant differential impacts were found.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)