

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

CHURCH CLOSE AND TOLMERS GARDENS, CUFFLEY – PROPOSED RESIDENT
PARKING PERMIT SCHEMES

1 Executive Summary

- 1.1 In response to comments received to the parking study conducted in 2013,. Parking Services has further consulted residents and businesses in 22 roads about proposed changes to the current parking regimes.
- 1.2 During these consultations the majority of residents in two roads, Church Close and Tolmers Gardens fed back support in favour of a resident parking permit scheme. No objections have been received by the Council, in response to the formal advertisement of these proposals.

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 3.4.

3 Explanation

- 3.1 In late 2014, Parking Services started further consultations with residents in Church Close and Tolmers Gardens. A number of consultations took place before the majority of residents in both roads decided on the days and times the resident parking permit schemes would operate.
- 3.2 Due to the close proximity of Tolmers Gardens to the train station the residents there opted for the scheme to operate Monday – Saturday, 9am – 5pm (Appendix A).
- 3.3 Although some of properties have ample off-street parking in Church Close, there are a number of maisonettes at the bottom of the road, who need to park on the road. The majority of residents opted for their scheme to operate Monday – Friday, 11am – 1pm (Appendix B).
- 3.4 The Borough of Welwyn Hatfield (Tolmers Gardens and Church Close, Cuffley)(Restriction of Waiting and Permit Parking Zones) Order 2015 was formally advertised on 18 November 2015 (Appendix C).

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)

- 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 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 Council's Corporate Priorities:

- Protect and enhance the environment – Deliver effective parking services;
- Help build a strong local economy – Revitalise our town centres and other shopping precincts and;
- Engage with our communities and provide value for money

11 Equality and Diversity

11. I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been carried out (Appendix D). No significant differential impacts were found.

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Background papers to be listed (if applicable)