

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
CABINET – 6 FEBRUARY 2018

Recommendation from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 14 December 2017:-

MULTI-STOREY CAR PARK, THE COMMON - HATFIELD PARKING STRATEGY

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the Multi-storey car park, The Common was considered. The Council had added a project to the Capital work programme to seek planning approval for the construction of a multi-storey car park (MSCP) in The Common, Hatfield. This would release other sites within the town centre which have been highlighted as development opportunities by the multi-agency Visioning Group as part of the Hatfield 20130+ project.

The sites which have been highlighted were mainly surface car parks and the creation of the MSCP would enable these to be developed. To minimise displacement during construction, a temporary upper deck would be installed in Lemsford Road car park which would provide up to 100 of the 148 parking spaces that would be temporarily lost from The Common car park.

The report noted that it was crucial to consult residents and businesses as early as possible to ensure parking restrictions were introduced in roads surround the town centre before the multi-storey car was operational to reduce the effect of any displacement. It was noted that there were a number of private roads that have yet to be adopted by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC). Restriction in neighbouring roads increases the likelihood of displacement of vehicles parking into these roads. If it appears to materialise then the Council would need to consider any practical and legally allowable solutions to assist residents in these roads, especially if the solution cannot be a TRO.

The report noted that the Hatfield Central and East Wards were currently on the Parking Services work programme. The work had already begun with the introduction of resident parking permit schemes in the Galleria area, the Ryde and Heyford Way. Aldykes and surrounding roads as illustrated on the map attached to the report were not with Hatfield Central and East Wards. Officers recommended that they should be included in the project due to their close proximity to the town centre.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Panel recommend to Cabinet the inclusion of the Aldykes (Appendix A) and surrounding roads within the scope of the project.

- (2) That the Panel note the risks as indicated in 6.1 – 6.5 and recommend to Cabinet to proceed.