

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 6 FEBRUARY 2018

Recommendation from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 11 January 2018:-

Traffic Regulation Order – Resident Parking Permit Scheme and Double Yellow Lines in various roads Welham Green

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the resident parking permit scheme and double yellow lines in various roads in Welham Green. Residents and businesses of Welham Green were consulted about proposals to prevent drivers from parking too close to junctions.

The report set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action. The residents and businesses at 272 addresses were consulted. Three formal objections had been received and these were shown in Appendix A attached to the report.

It was noted that following the review of the existing parking restrictions in Holloway Lane and adjoining roads, a number of new parking restrictions were implemented in January 2017. These included two small permit schemes in Bulls Lane and Somers Road and double yellow lines at a number of other junctions.

The Officer explained that during the six month monitoring period following the introduction of the new parking restrictions, a number of residents reported incidents of cars parking on the junctions of Station Road and Dellsome Lane had increased. Residents in Nash Close also requested double yellow lines opposite number 62 to prevent obstruction of the junction in front of numbers 51 to 52 Nash Close. This request had been made on the grounds of road safety. It was noted that Corporate Property had also requested parking restrictions to prevent obstruction of the garage forecourt in Parsonage Lane.

The report noted the two formal objections from the residents living on the junction of Nash Close and one objection from residents living in Welham Close. The responses to the objections were considered as set out in the report. The Officer explained that further highway safety matters relating to speed, would be passed to Hertfordshire County Council as the highway authority. The Officer has requested the Police to install a data box to collect traffic information at the locations affected.

Members agreed that the best option for the junctions in question would be the yellow lines. Also a discussion ensued on highway safety verses resident's desire and that parked cars do provide a mechanism of slowing traffic in built up areas. A question was raised in respect of monitoring period and potential investigations; the Officer clarified that during the monitoring period should there be any unintended negative impacts that come to light, Parking Services would investigate and carryout the appropriate remedial action.

RESOLVED:

- (1) That it be noted that three objections had been received by the Council.
- (2) That following consideration of the objections received, in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity and having considered all the detailed issues set out in the report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) including any proposed mitigating actions, the recommendation to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order in regard to the resident parking permit scheme and double yellow lines in various roads in Welham Green be made to the Cabinet.