

WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
CABINET – 10 JULY 2018

Recommendations from the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on 7 June 2018:-

RESIDENT PARKING PERMIT SCHEME, DOUBLE YELLOW LINES AND VERGE PROTECTION ORDER IN CROP COMMON AND CECIL CRESCENT AREAS, HATFIELD

Members received a report of the Corporate Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services) on the resident parking permit scheme, double yellow lines and verge protection order in Crop Common and Cecil Crescent areas, Hatfield.

The report noted that in November 2016, the Council delivered parking survey forms to all residents within the Birchwood area. Residents were asked if they required any resident permit schemes or double yellow lines. Birchwood was split into three areas. This report focuses on Area Three (Appendix A). This area being mainly residential with some commercial premises on the edge of the consultation area along St. Albans Road East. Just outside of the consultation area is Beaconsfield Road which has many industrial and office premises. Hatfield Railway station is only a short walk away.

Residents within the consultation area had previously contacted Parking Services highlighting significant parking demand in certain roads, with commuters and/or local workers parking on the roads in the residential streets. This parking demand for on-street parking had created concerns with local residents, due to already limited on-street parking availability.

The report set out the results of the informal consultation, the formal consultation and the recommended course of action. The residents and businesses at 634 addresses were consulted as part of the statutory consultation. Three formal objections had been received (see Appendix B).

The majority response from residents in Cecil Crescent, Clarkes Road and the Stonecross Court section of Stonecross Road opted for a resident parking permit scheme.

Members commented on the commuter's parking and vehicles parked outside business for long periods. A question was raised whether the residents had agreed to the residents' parking permit scheme and double yellow lines and the Officer explained that there had not been any objection on the specified restriction times. There were three objections received; two from non-residents relating to the proposed resident parking permit scheme and one from a resident living within the scope of this project whose objection related to a section of double yellow lines.

The Officer explained that the Council was still looking to see if there were any areas that could be converted to provide additional parking provision. If any locations were identified these would have to go through the relevant approval process dependent on the status of the land. Further consultation with the residents in the rest of Birchwood would have further consultation, this would mainly be to look at Verge Protection Orders (verge and

pavements), double yellow lines at junctions and a small resident parking permit scheme in Great North Road.

RESOLVED:

That the Panel considers the objections received, in particular the issues raised around equalities and diversity and all the detailed issues in the report and recommends to Cabinet to proceed with the creation of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for all the reasons set out in this report.