

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER DELEGATED POWERS DECISION NOTICE**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 SECTION 9E**

**1 DETAILS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER TAKING THE DECISION**

Councillor Sandreni Bonfante, Executive Member, Environment

**2 TITLE OF REPORT**

Introduction of two amendment Traffic Regulation Orders to insert details to allow 3 hours free parking for disabled badge holders in Campus West, Hunters Bridge, Campus East Lower, Campus East Upper and Cherry Tree car parks during charging hours.

**3 DECISION TAKEN**

For the reasons set out in this decision notice, and following full consultation in which no formal written objections were received, I agree the following:

To introduce the following Traffic Regulation Order:

**THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (CAMPUS WEST) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2022 (AMENDMENT NO.1) ORDER 202X**  
and

**THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS CAR PARKS) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2017 (AMENDMENT NO.5) ORDER 202X**

**4 IF URGENT, REASONS FOR URGENCY**

Not applicable.

**5 DETAILS OF OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S) CONSULTED**

Name

Sandreni Bonfante

Signature

Date this decision was taken

16-01-2025

Date of circulation/publication of this decision

20/01/2025

## **6 EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND**

On 16 October 2024, Parking Services advertised two Traffic Regulation Order to amend car park Orders relating to pay and display car parks in Welwyn Garden City. This is to allow disabled badge holders when displaying a valid disabled badge to park for free for 3 hours exemption from pay and display charges.

The Order was published as a public notice on 16 October 2024 in the Welwyn Hatfield Times and displayed on the Council's website. The deadline for written objections was the 8 November 2024. No objections were received in response to these proposals.

### **6.1 Legal Implications:**

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 into the proposals in this report.

### **6.2 Financial Implications:**

The cost of Traffic Regulation Order advertisements and associated costs, such as any signage, will be funded through existing Parking Services revenue and capital budgets. In this instance, there would be a reduction of pay and display income if a disabled badge holder parks for 3 hours or less.

### **6.3 Risk Implications:**

Changing the parking conditions in this road could generate negative publicity. Some parking may be displaced into nearby roads.

It is standard procedure to monitor new parking restrictions for the first 6 months after any are implemented. During this period all reports of safety issues or parking displacement will be recorded. If any significant safety issues are discovered during the monitoring period, Parking Services will investigate and carry out the appropriate remedial action.

### **6.4 Other Implications (including communications, security and terrorism, human resources, procurement, climate change, human rights, health and wellbeing, equality, and diversity)**

#### **Communication and Engagement**

When making any changes to parking restrictions there is a statutory consultation process set out in the Local Authority Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which the Council needs to adhere to. This includes consulting directly with all affected parties and several statutory consultees, such as the Police and Hertfordshire County Council.

#### **Equality and Diversity**

I confirm that an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been carried out. The EqIA found that there is no known positive and negative impact on any protected characteristics.

6.5 Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):

None

**7 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION**

Notice of intent, traffic regulation Order, and statement of reasons advertised on 16 October 2024.

**8 DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

8.1 No members or officers declared an interest in this matter

**9 ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 None

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