

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Herbert Chapman
Portfolio:	Environment & Sustainability
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	10 September 2009

<p>Title of Decision:</p> <p>To consult on the proposed introduction of a 33 metre 07:30am to 6:30pm waiting restriction in Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead.</p>
<p>Decision made and reasons:</p> <p>To consult on the proposed introduction of a 33 metre 07:30am to 6:30pm waiting restriction in Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead.</p> <p>The restriction would re-introduce a small proportion of waiting restrictions removed by Hertfordshire Highways.</p> <p>The purpose of the waiting restriction is to improve the safety of road users entering and exiting the car park at the Henkel industrial plant through increasing the sight lines along Wood Lane End which are presently often obscured by heavy goods vehicles parking in close proximity to the car park access.</p>
<p>Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)</p> <p>The Hertfordshire (Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead) (Restriction of Waiting) (Amendment) Order 2008</p>
<p>Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:</p> <p>Mike Peacock, Site Manager, Henkel, Hemel Hempstead Rebecca Oblein, Maylands Partnership Co-ordinator Hertfordshire Highways (verbally)</p>
<p>Monitoring Officer Comments:</p> <p>No further comments to add to this report.</p> <p>Chief Financial Officer Comments:</p> <p>Financial Services (Accountancy) have confirmed that the cost of the amendment can be met from within existing budget.</p>
<p>Implications:</p> <p>Should the consultation not take place inappropriate parking issues will remain unresolved with the increased possibility of collisions.</p> <p>Risk:</p> <p>The intention of this consultation is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.</p>

Value for Money:

The on-street service is not designed to produce any income, but, in line with government guidelines, to be self financing.

Up to £500.00 of the cost to install the lines and signs will be met from the "Support for Employees Under Threat" budget held by Chris Taylor, Senior Manager, Hemel 2020. The cost of the lines and signs is estimated to be at around this level.

Costs of consultation and advertising can be met from the existing Parking Development budgets.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to consult on the proposal would leave inappropriate parking issues unresolved

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:**For Member Support Officer use only**

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BACKGROUND

In 2008 Hertfordshire Highways removed the existing waiting restrictions from a length of Wood Lane End outside the Henkel Industrial Plant.

The consequence has been that the sight lines along Wood Lane End when exiting from the site's car park have often been obscured by heavy goods vehicles parked close to the car park access, this has resulted in several near collisions.

The Henkel Site Manager has approached Hertfordshire Highways with the request that the waiting restrictions be reinstated. Hertfordshire Highways have refused on the basis that there have been no recorded accidents.

Maylands Partnership contacted The Parking Service for advice on a resolution.

A compromise solution would be to introduce a 15 metre length of waiting restriction on either side of the car park access in order to improve sight lines through preventing inappropriate parking by vehicles close to the junction. This reintroduction represents only a small proportion of the restrictions removed by Hertfordshire Highways. This proposal has the support of the Site Manager, Henkel and of The Maylands Partnership. It is on this proposal that The Parking service would consult.