

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Julie Laws
Portfolio:	Environment Services & Sustainability
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	29 June 2011

Title of Decision:

To undertake formal consultations on the proposals to introduce the Manor and Park controlled parking zones in the town centre area and a "commuter ban" waiting restriction in Bridgewater Road, Broadwater, Delahay Rise, Gaveston Drive, Trevelyan Way, Murray Road, New Road, South Park Gardens, and White Hill, Berkhamsted.

Decision made and reasons:

To undertake formal consultations on the proposals to introduce the Manor and Park controlled parking zones in the town centre area and a "commuter ban" waiting restriction in roads near the railway station that may be subject to displacement parking should the Controlled Parking Zones be introduced.

The proposals are to formally consult on the introduction of controlled parking zones in the residential area close to Berkhamsted railway station and to the residential area to the central south western area between Berkhamsted High Street and Kings Road. Additionally to formally consult on the introduction of a commuter ban waiting restriction in Bridgewater Road, Broadwater, Delahay Rise, Gaveston Drive, Trevelyan Way, Murray Road, New Road, South Park Gardens, and White Hill. The proposed restrictions are to discourage inappropriate parking by commuters, to improve the safety of road users and pedestrians and to provide parking opportunities for the residents living in the neighbourhood.

Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)

Berkhamsted Town Council informal consultation/survey report dated 24th November 2010

Available from Berkhamsted Town Council.

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Should the decision be approved consultations will take place with:

- The public, by letter and exhibition
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
Ward Councillors
- Berkhamsted Town Council
- Hertfordshire Passenger Transport Unit
- Hertfordshire Land Charges
- Hertfordshire Highways Traffic Order Manager
- Hertfordshire Highways Area Office
- Hertfordshire Police Road Policing Strategy Unit
- Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service
- East of England Ambulance Service

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- DBC Parking Operations Manager

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to this report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

No specific comments. The agreement to consult will incur no costs that will have a material impact on budgets.

Implications:

Should consultation not be approved, inappropriate parking in these areas will continue.

Risk:

The intention of this consultation is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

Value for Money:

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

Consultation costs will be met by Berkhamsted Town Council.

(Some DBC officer support in terms of time/advice will be necessary but no additional costs will be incurred by DBC)

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

To formally consult on the proposals to introduce the controlled parking zones and "commuter ban" restrictions.

Not to consult on the proposals and leave inappropriate parking issues unresolved

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 28 June 2011	
Date Decision Published: 29 June 2011	Decision No: PH/032/11
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Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:	

BACKGROUND

Residents were consulted in 2002/2003 and overwhelmingly rejected proposals to introduce Controlled Parking Zones in Berkhamsted. Since that time parking by commuters has significantly increased resulting in inappropriate parking on pavements and residents being unable to find parking opportunities within their neighbourhood during the day.

Berkhamsted Town Council has undertaken a survey of residents and found that, in principal, there is now support for this type of scheme.

A draft scheme has been designed for review by stake holders.

Berkhamsted Town Council will fully finance the establishment of the schemes should the results of the consultation be in favour of their introduction.

Dacorum Borough Council will manage the controlled parking zones once established in accordance with the conditions currently applying to the existing zones within the Borough. Revenues from the sales of permits, vouchers, pay and display machines will revert to DBC to off-set the costs of enforcement and administration should any of the proposals be introduced.

The formal consultations will gauge support or objection to the proposals.

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