

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Julie Laws
Portfolio:	Environmental Services & Sustainability
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision: 23/01/2013	

Title of Decision:
To advertise, make and introduce The Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012.
Decision made and reasons:
To advertise and introduce the above named Order.
The proposals would:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Extend the current K (Kodak) zone to include St Johns Road cul-de-sac.• Extend the shared use bays in K zone on the eastern side of the southern section of Cotterells• Change the designation of the residents' bay outside 8 to 12 Heath Lane to shared use bays with a limited wait of 30 minutes no return within 2 hours for non-permit holders any length of time by permit holders.• Introduce junction protection outside house numbers 7 to 9 Collett Road to prevent parking that currently obstructs the view of drivers turning into Collett Road.• To extend the operational hours of the TS Zone to Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 6.00pm.• To bring the pay and display charges for using the shared use bay in H zone in line with those charged in the C Zone and the K Zone.• To introduce revised charges for visitor vouchers
The effective date is provisionally planned to be 8 th April 2013.
Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)
Report: The Initial Consultation on: The Proposed Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012, dated 1 st February 2012.
Report: Formal Consultation on: The Proposed: Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012, dated 1 st November 2012

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Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Formal consultation documents were sent to:

- Residents within the current Controlled Parking Zones within the Borough
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- Ward councillors
- 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
- DBC Parking Operations Manager

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to this report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

The costs of implementing this scheme are covered by existing revenue budgets and the allocation of S106 funds approved by Cabinet on 24 May 2011. Ongoing enforcement costs will be absorbed within existing operational budgets, with the estimated annual income of £7k reducing the current deficit incurred by the Council's on-street parking operation.

Implications:

Without appropriate measures, inappropriate parking in St Johns Road cul-de-sac, Station Road, and Collett Road will continue, additional parking opportunities for residents and visitors in the southern section of Cotterells and in Heath Lane cannot be made available and the Cabinet decisions to adjust the cost of visitor vouchers and shared use pay and display bays cannot be implemented.

Risk:

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

Value for Money:

On-street parking is not designed to produce any income above the costs of enforcement and maintenance. Government policy has been that no surplus should be made from on-street parking. The sum of income from on-street parking does not cover the full costs of on-street parking operations and maintenance.. The shortfall is more than covered by our off-street operations. (Information on this can be found on the DBC public web site.

There will be no day to day additional cost to running the scheme as they will be absorbed into the current on-going operations.

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There are sufficient funds available in the 2012/13 advertising budget to cover the approximate £850 cost of advertising the Traffic Regulation Order leaving a balance of approximately £277 from the annual budget of £5,000.

Implementation costs will be met by s106 funding allocated by CSSG on 28th April 2011. The project to introduce the proposals is in its final stages, consultations have already taken place. There is currently a balance of £7,116 of which £3,480 will be allocated to the purchase of a pay and display machine, software and installation, the residual £3,656 will cover new lining and replacement signing.

The estimated annual income from the St Johns Road cul-de-sac shared use bays is £6,740, however this estimate should be treated with caution as no resident only bays are to be installed in this area which would reduce the number of bays available for non-permit holders if resident demand for parking is high.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to implement the Order will leave the inappropriate parking issues unresolved and the Cabinet decisions not implemented.

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: 22/01/2013

Date Decision Published: 23/01/2013

Decision No: PH/004/13

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 30/01/2013

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

BACKGROUND

The Order will maintain the provisions of the Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2009 with the following changes:

St Johns Road cul-de-sac

There has been public demand for management of parking in the cul-de-sac area at the south-eastern end of St Johns Road.

Inappropriate parking in this area has recently been exacerbated by the closure of the western section of Corner Hall and the increasing occupation of the Image development.

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The proposal is to include St Johns Road cul-de-sac within the existing "K" Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and to designate the area as shared use bays. Other solutions considered would either seriously disadvantage the residents or the businesses located in the road. This compromise solution would allow residents who purchase a permit to park at no additional cost and would provide low cost pay and display short stay parking for customers of the businesses.

Cotterells southern section

The current schedules to the Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2009 were compiled from plans of the area during the construction of the new residential blocks. Now the buildings are in place there is an opportunity to increase the length of the shared use bays without obstructing traffic.

In this area where parking is at a premium the extension would provide additional shared use parking opportunities for resident permit holders and for customers of local businesses requiring low cost pay and display short stay parking.

Heath Lane

Submissions have been received from Heath Lane Nursery requesting provision for parents and guardians to be able to park for short periods to drop-off and pick-up their children when their own pick-up area is fully occupied. Currently parents and guardians park within the CPZ and risk being issued with a Penalty Charge Notice. It is proposed to change the designation of two of the current resident only bays outside 8 to 12 Heath Lane to shared use bays with a limited wait of 30 minutes no return within 2 hours for non-permit holders.

Collett Road

Ward councillor, Neil Harden, has received requests from residents for additional junction protection outside house numbers 7 to 9 to prevent parking that obstructs the view of drivers turning into Collett Road.

Station Cottages

A charge for parking at weekends has been introduced by London Midland at Tring station resulting in inconsiderate parking by commuters. A petition has been received from residents of Station Cottages requesting an extension to the existing operational hours of TS zone. The proposals are to extend the operational hours to Monday to Sunday 8.00am to 6.00pm.

Alexandra Road

It is proposed to bring the pay and display charges for parking in the shared use bay in Alexandra Road into line with charges in the C and K zones. This will not affect vehicles displaying permits or visitor vouchers, who, as at present, will not have to pay any additional charge. If introduced, the revised scale of pay and display charges will be as follows: up to 1 hour - £0.50, 1 to 2 hours - £1.00, 2 to 3 hours - £2.00, 3 to 4 hours - £4.00.

This is a Cabinet decision

Visitor Vouchers

Since Controlled Parking Zones were introduced in the borough in 2003, the charges the council makes for permits and visitor vouchers have remained unaltered. However, over that time, the cost of administering and enforcing the zones has risen

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significantly, and a change in prices to reflect this is one of the current proposals. Under this proposal, the price of a permit would stay the same as at present and the cost of visitor vouchers would change to £4.00 for a book of 25 x 1 hour visitor vouchers, and £12.00 for a book of 20 x 5 hour vouchers. A 50% discount would apply to pensioners and Dacorum card holders. This is a Cabinet decision.

The Order is proposed to revoke and replace the Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2009.

The effective date is provisionally planned to be 8th April 2013.

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