EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker: Councillor Andrew Williams

Portfolio: Leader of the Council

Date of Portfolio Holder Decision: 21 May 2013

Title of Decision:

To discontinue the proposal to introduce The Dacorum Borough Council (Berkhamsted) (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012

Decision made and reasons:

To discontinue the proposal to introduce to introduce the Dacorum Borough Council (Berkhamsted) (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012.

The proposals to introduce controlled parking zones in the residential area close to Berkhamsted railway station and in the residential streets to the central south western area of the town were instigated by Berkhamsted Town Council. The proposed restrictions were 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.

The decision to discontinue any progression to the schemes is at the request of Berkhamsted Town Council.

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

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

Berkhamsted Town Council Transport and Environment Committee minutes dated 6 February 2012.

Berkhamsted Town Council document: Report to Transport and Environment Committee dated 12 November 2013

Letter from Berkhamsted Town Council to Councillor Williams dated 11 February 2013

The above and additional relevant documents are available from Berkhamsted Town Council.

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

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Monitoring Officer Comments:

As Berkhamsted Town Council were the sponsors for the proposed CPZ and have now withdrawn its support for the proposals the Council could be the subject of legal challenge if it continued to implement the Order.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to the report.

Implications:

Inappropriate parking in these areas will continue.

Risk:

The intention of this decision is to comply with DBC procedures.

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.

All consultation and installation costs were to be met by Berkhamsted Town Council. No impact on DBC finances.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

The proposed schemes were instigated at the request of Berkhamsted Town Council. The request to discontinue progress of the schemes came from Berkhamsted Town Council.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

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

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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 undertook a survey of residents and found that, in principle, there was support for this type of scheme.

A draft scheme was designed for review by stakeholders.

Feedback from subsequent consultations have lead Berkhamsted Town Council to request that further work to progress the proposals are discontinued.

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