

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

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

Title of Decision:

To undertake a formal consultation on a proposal to Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the southern area of Boxmoor and Two Waters Road, Apsley.

Decision made and reasons:

To engage consultants to undertake scheme designing, mapping, production and distribution of formal consultation packs, analysis of the feedback from the consultations and production of a report for the Portfolio Holder on the proposals to Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the southern area of Boxmoor and Two Waters Road, Apsley, and to consider the introduction of additional waiting restrictions north of St Johns Road, Boxmoor.

To discontinue the proposals to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in Apsley with the exception of the southern section of Two Waters Road.

The reason for the decision is to gather information and seek residents' views on schemes which would offer some relief in these areas, where there is a conflict between residents and in-coming commuter parking.

The costs from the current stage to installation of a scheme, should a decision to introduce the proposed scheme be taken after consideration of the feedback from the formal consultation contained within this Portfolio Holder decision will be approximately £54,000 with £6,000 contingency.

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

Preliminary Public Consultation Results and Analysis, Apsley and Boxmoor Potential CPZs – November 2012

Preliminary Scheme Design Consultation and Analysis Apsley and Boxmoor Proposed CPZs – April 2013

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

- The residents within the proposed area and those in adjacent streets
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- Ward councillors: Cllr Williams, Cllr Marshall & Cllr Harden
- Ward councillors: Cllr Ayling, Cllr Clark & Cllr Peter

Should the decision be approved further consultations will take place with:

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- The residents within the proposed area and those in adjacent streets
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Hertfordshire Police
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- Ward councillors: Cllr Williams, Cllr Marshall & Cllr Harden
- Ward councillors: Cllr Ayling, Cllr Clark & Cllr Peter

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to this report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

At its meeting of 29 May 2013, Audit Committee approved a draw-down of £60k from the earmarked 'On Street Parking' reserve in order to fund this consultation.

Implications:

Without appropriate measures, 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.

The consultants selected for this function carried out the initial consultations and design works and are familiar with the area. They are also one of the named contractors in the framework agreement for the provision of consultancy for traffic related operations and parking with Watford Borough Council which is available to all district councils in Hertfordshire.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to consult on the proposals, which would leave inappropriate parking issues unresolved.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date: 19 June 2013

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:		
Date Decision Published:	25 June 2013	Decision No: 028
Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 2 July 2013		
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 Boxmoor. 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.

An initial survey took place in September 2012 which indicated that residents in a number of areas were in favour of a further consultation.

A consultation which included draft designs for the proposed schemes was undertaken in January 2013.

The formal consultation will gauge support for, or objection to, definitive schemes for these areas.