



Report

Formal Consultation on:

**THE PROPOSED:
BOROUGH OF DACORUM
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2014**

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DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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Amendments to parking tariffs will increase council revenue income in support of front line services and will continue to support the council's objective to encourage greater thought on travel choice in line with its longer-term aim of encouraging a change to more sustainable transport modes.

The introduction of discretionary permits and the discontinuation of staff permits will simplify procedures for the issue of permits

Following the acquisition of land in the vicinity of Dacorum Way the Order will enable enforcement of these areas.

The introduction of a 30 minute stay tariff in Water Gardens (South) car park and a 4 hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park is to increase parking opportunities for customers wishing to use local facilities and to support local economies.

The introduction of electric vehicle Car Club bays in Wood Lane End car park will allow the council to test the viability of this type of initiative

Electric vehicle points have been installed in The Forge, Canal Fields and Durrants Hill car parks, the Order will allow these bays to be restricted for the sole use of electric vehicles while charging.

The proposal to change the name of Civic Centre car park to Dacorum Way car park is intended to reduce any possible confusion as the Civic Centre will move from this site in 2014.

Parking in Kings Langley and Markyate, and the first hour of parking in Tring and Boxmoor remains free to reflect the need to balance sustainable transport objectives against those of supporting the local economy.

A review of parking arrangements in Dacorum has indicated that the town centre car park charges levied in the Borough remain competitive in comparison to the tariffs levied in privately owned car parks within the Borough and when compared to most others in Hertfordshire and other local districts.

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Summary of proposals:

- Revision of tariffs as specified in table 1
- Annual season ticket for The Forge car park to £416
- Introduction of 30 minute stay in Water Gardens (South) car park
- Introduction of maximum 4 hour stay in Langley Hill car park
- Authorising Dacorum Borough Council to issue permits to park in DBC car parks at its discretion
- Introduction of Gadeside and Old Court House car parks
- Renaming Civic Centre car park to Dacorum Way car park
- Introduction of enforceable car club parking bays in Wood Lane End car park
- Introduce enforceable electric vehicle charging bays in DBC car parks

Table 1

Car park	Up to 30 minutes	Up to 1 hour	Up to 2 hours	Up to 3 hours	Up to 4 hours	4 to 10 hours	Annual permit
Hicks Road	Free						
Wood Lane End	£0.10	£0.30		£0.60	£0.90	£1.60	
The Gables	£0.50		£0.60	£0.70	£0.80	£1.50	
High Street	£0.50		£0.60	£0.70	£0.80	£1.50	
Gadebridge Lane	Free						
Queensway	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	
Alexandra Road	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	
Dacorum Way (Weekends & public holidays)	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	DBC
Old Court House (Weekends & public)	Free						DBC
Gadeside (Weekends & public holidays)	Free						DBC
Water Gardens (North) Lower deck	£0.80		£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	No Long stay	
Water Gardens (North) Upper deck	£0.80		£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	£3.50	DBC
Water Gardens (South)	£0.40	£0.80	£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	No Long stay	
Moor End Road	£4.00						
Park Road	£0.60		£0.70	£0.80	£0.90	£2.50	
Cowper Road	Free		£0.40	£0.50	£0.60	No Long stay	
Durrants Hill	£0.10	£0.30		£0.60	£0.90	£1.60	
The Nap	Free						
Langley Hill	Free						
Water Lane	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	No Long stay	
Lower Kings Road	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	No Long stay	
Canal Fields	Free						No Long stay
St Johns Well Lane	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	£3.50	
The Forge	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	£2.00	£416.00
Church Yard	£2.00						
Frogmore Street (East)	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long stay	
Frogmore Street (West)	£2.00						
Victoria Hall	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long stay	
Old School Yard	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long stay	

Car park tariffs apply Monday to Sunday 8:00am to 6:00pm except
Old School Yard Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays) 8:00am to 6:00pm

Timeline

October 22 2013

- Cabinet decisions made.

13 November 2013

- Consultation period commences
- Consultation public notice in press
- Site notices placed in all DBC car parks and proposed Old Court House and Gadeside areas

6 December 2013

- Consultation closed

13 December 2013

- Consultation report submitted to Portfolio Holder

Consultations

- Site notices on or near every information board within all DBC car parks
- Press notice Gazette 13 November 2012
- Berkhamsted Town Council
- Tring Town Council
- Kings Langley Parish Council
- Hertfordshire County Council
- Hertfordshire Constabulary

Objections, support and comments received during consultation

Correspondence concerning the consultation received within the consultation period is detailed in the appendix to this report.

A summary of the objections and support is tabulated in Table 2

Table 2

Supporting /Objecting Comment	Kings Langley	Berkhamsted	Hemel Hempstead	Chipperfield	High Wycombe	Not stated	Total
Four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park will displace vehicles to The Nap Car Park which is already full and further to surgery, library, community centre & church.	14		1		1	1	17
Four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park will have a detrimental influence on local businesses & staff	12				1		13
Four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park will result in displacement of vehicles onto on-street parking	11 + 50 petition (inc. duplicate addresses)			1	1	1	64
Langley Hill car park parking never been a problem	2						2
Don't want to pay for parking	1						1
Langley Hill car park was left by Dr Brown/Fisher to be used for free	5						5
Support for proposed changes to Berkhamsted car parks		1					1
Total	95	1	1	1	3	2	103

Portfolio Holder decisions requested on the following recommendations:

To advertise and introduce a Traffic Regulation Order in line with Cabinet proposals with the following amendments based on feedback from the consultation and requests from Hertfordshire County Council received outside the consultation:

- Drop the proposal to introduce a four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park
- Amend the Traffic Regulation Order to facilitate tariff changes via Notice of Variation
- Introduction of a nominated number of bays in Water Gardens (South) car park restricted to a maximum 30 minute stay
- Introduce the facility to issue season tickets in Durrants Hill car park (HCC request)
- Introduce the facility to issue season tickets in Water Gardens (North) car park (HCC request)
- Planned date of tariff changes, 6 April 2014

Appendix

Consultation comments

Comments received are tabulated below.

Many of the responses from Kings Langley raised similar issues therefore rather than fill the majority of commentary boxes with similar text the commentary below applies to Kings Langley responses.

The proposed four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park is to increase parking opportunities for customers wishing to use local facilities such as doctors, shops and surgeries where a one hour stay is insufficient in support of the local economy. It is anticipated that this would be of benefit to the local businesses however with the limited amount of parking available it appears that the balance of opinion is that concern over where staff should park takes precedence over the possible opportunity of growing businesses though improved customer accessibility. It is likely that some areas would experience displacement parking and that an increased proportion of The Nap car park would be taken by long stay parking however the opportunity to restrict parking times in some areas of this car park is currently not available to the council.

Correspondent	Support/Object	Commentary	Recommendation
Berkhamsted Town Council	<p>Berkhamsted Town Council considered the draft Order on car parks and fees at its meeting on Monday evening.</p> <p>The Town Council</p> <p>-noted the Order confirming the electric vehicle charging point installed at Canal Fields and that car parking remained free at this location.</p> <p>-supported the proposed increases in car park fees at Water Lane, Lower Kings Road and St John's Well Lane.</p> <p>On the St John's well Lane car park, the Town Council considered that there was higher demand for short stay spaces and lower demand for long-stay commuter and business parking spaces weekends and asked the Borough Council to consider a more flexible approach to car park spaces at that car park, so that the mix of short stay and long stay parking spaces from Monday to Friday becomes short-stay only at weekends.</p>	<p>St Johns Well Lane</p> <p>The current long stay/short stay split within the car park has resulted in some drivers receiving Penalty Charges through parking in the incorrect area. It is likely to cause further confusion should the regime become more complex</p>	<p>Maintain current bay designation.</p> <p>Should the proposed multi storey car be built to transfer all long stay to that site and make St Johns Well Lane car park short stay only</p>
Kings Langley resident	<p>I wish to object to the proposed plan for introducing limited parking times in the Langley Hill car park. Restricted parking in Langley Hill would send more people to the Nap car park. This car park is already often completely full. In addition to shoppers it is used by:</p>	<p>See introduction</p>	<p>Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation</p>

	<p>Patients attending the very busy Nap surgery [REDACTED]. A considerable number of classes are held in Kings Langley on weekdays.</p> <p>Overspill from the Baptist Church car parks. The halls here are used by many people during the week.</p> <p>Community Centre events. Again, many weekday bookings.</p> <p>Health Walks. These start from the Nap alternate Wednesday mornings attended by 30 or so people Walkers are encouraged to park in nearby streets but this is also getting more difficult.</p>		
Kings Langley resident	<p>I have learned with concern of a proposal to introduce restriction to the use of the car park in Langley Hill, Kings Langley. Whilst I have not seen the case for this I wish to register an objection for the following reasons.</p> <p>There is great pressure on parking in our village, as you will be aware. Whilst on the face of it there would appear to be ample provision, space remains at a premium, as on-street parking and the resultant congestion bears witness. Fortunately we are a village with several local business including shops which do much to sustain the vibrancy of our community.</p> <p>Restrictions on parking in Langley Hill will adversely affect those who come here to work, likely to have a detrimental influence on staff recruitment. There are great pressures on our business communities and we look to our local authorities for positive rather than negative governance. Increased competition for on street parking space will benefit no one.</p> <p>Finally there are local organisations of which Good Neighbours, Community Walking Groups and the WEA are but an example, which take significant voluntary contribution to sustain. Petty and unhelpful parking restrictions will hamper participant involvement.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
DBC staff member	<p>Having seen the notice in the local paper and now posted at locations of proposed sites. Can you confirm:-</p> <p>Who would have the discretionary permits? Would there be a fee for the permits?</p> <p>Thank you for your prompt response. As an essential car user, in and out of the Office all day I was concerned about the possible parking issues.</p>	Members and/or the senior team organising the decant into new premises will decide on the eligibility for discretionary permits. Again a decision	Comments noted

		concerning charges for permits will be made as above.	
Hemel Hempstead resident	<p>I would like to object to the parking restrictions being proposed for the Langley Hill Car Park.</p> <p>Should you put these in place, you will find that the traffic is only then likely to move to The Nap car park which is already difficult to park in.</p> <p>This is likely to also be problematic for elderly people and people with young children who need to park in The Nap to access the doctors surgery, the library and church.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Chipperfield resident	<p>I am writing to say how much I object to the proposed introduction of parking restrictions within the Langley Hill Car Park in Kings Langley.</p> <p>I feel you are only going to overload all the surrounding roads in the village which is far more detrimental than the system that now operates.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Address not given	<p>I understand that DBC is proposing to introduce parking restrictions within the Langley Hill Car Park in KL.</p> <p>I object to these restrictions due to the nature of how busy the alternative parking already is at the Nap in KL.</p> <p>DBC would be wiser to spend their time addressing the traffic madness in Coniston Road, Common Lane, Langley Hill and Vicarage Lane. At peak traffic times (morning and afternoon school runs) all of these roads are quite impossible to navigate through due to the ridiculous amount of double parking that occurs thus preventing the traffic to flow safely.</p> <p>My elderly parents live in [REDACTED] and my father has regular hospital appointments. When I collect him for these appointments [REDACTED] is an unsafe place to be due to the mindless school run traffic.</p> <p>The double parking in KL High Street at the Church Lane end also needs addressing before there is a major incident there.</p> <p>I welcome any comments that you may have to offer me in response.</p>	<p>See introduction</p> <p>Waiting restrictions to discourage dangerous and obstructive parking is the responsibility of Hertfordshire County Council</p>	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>I am writing to ask you to think again about the proposed 4 hour only parking in the Langley Hill car park in Kings Langley.</p> <p>Has anyone actually had a look at The Nap car park and how full it is most of the day? People who want to park for more than 4 hours will use side roads where</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>they can, and The Nap car park. I was there today to go to the doctor's surgery and there were only 3 spaces left. Surely it is important that people who need to come by car to see their doctor can find a space (which seems to be increasingly at a premium) - especially the elderly, disabled etc. And what about those that use the library and the Community Centre?</p> <p>I don't know who thought of the 4 hour restriction in the Langley Hill car park but I can't see the point, is it not possible to think again?</p>		
Kings Langley resident	<p>With regard to your proposal to limit the amount of time to 4 hours, no return within 2 hours;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There has never been, in my experience, any problem parking there at any time of day. 2. By making this rule, this could mean that The Nap car park would be full. This would then mean that people wanting to use the Nap surgery, often elderly or infirm, would not be able to park for the surgery. 3. It could also mean that instead of using a car park, people would park in the street all day, thereby further clogging up the side roads. 4. The shop owners have enough to deal with without further loss of trade or their staff finding it difficult to park all day. 5. The current system works well, why on earth change it?? 	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
High Wycombe Business address	<p>I understand that you are considering introducing a 4 hour maximum stay for this car park which is entirely ridiculous. The car park is used by staff employed in the village and is very well used. I currently live in the village and have worked in the village and this facility is much needed in terms of being able to attract staff to work in the offices, shops etc in the village centre.</p> <p>Having a vibrant village hub is essential. You need employees to support local businesses and those employed during the week. Otherwise the High Street will become a far less attractive place to visit and shop.</p> <p>By making workers move to the car park in The Nap, this will have a negative effect on the availability of parking spaces for those using the Doctors surgery, Library (which is also under threat) and The Community Centre.</p> <p>The car park is already very often full and spills out onto surrounding residential</p>	<p>See introduction</p> <p>Station Road and Roman Gardens are in Three Rivers District Council area.</p> <p>Restrictions in Watford Road were introduced by Hertfordshire County Council in consultation with residents</p>	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>roads. Whilst I accept this on occasions, I would not want this to happen on a daily basis primarily for road safety reasons. Previous parking plans included the poorly thought out college and the parking problems caused by the students in Station Road and Roman Gardens. This brought in residents permits which caused additional expenditure for residents and caused issues for visitors.</p> <p>The next wonderful plan was to again restrict parking on Watford Road because the students were parking there instead. A blanket ban during certain hours on Mondays to Saturdays (not Fridays) which beggars belief is now introduced.</p> <p>So your next plan is to try to stop businesses investing in the village, paying Business rates and making it more difficult for people to park and thus to recruit staff by making an unnecessary change and potentially causing significant issues in other areas of the village. It does not make any sense at all.</p> <p>If I was advising clients whether to take premises in one area compared to another, you are making the decision not to locate in Kings Langley a very easy one.</p> <p>I object to these proposals in the strongest possible terms and will be urging others to do so as well</p>		
<p>Kings Langley resident</p>	<p>I am writing to you with reference to the proposed changes being considered to Langley Hill car park in Kings Langley which is currently under no restrictions. Langley Hill car park is already full on a daily basis with local employees using it whilst at work. This would mean that users would have to park in The Nap car park which is difficult to find a space at the best of times and users of the Doctors surgery and Library will face additional difficulties finding a space.</p> <p>Kings Langley residents are extremely fortunate to have a thriving high street, which is a rare thing these days and should be encouraged. In my opinion, to a large extent this is due to the fact that parking is not restricted and shoppers and other users are able to access the amenities without extra difficulties being unnecessarily added to their ability to park.</p> <p>By bringing in 4 hour parking restrictions you will instead have the effect of people who work in the High street being forced to park in side streets and therefore clogging up residential areas.</p>	<p>See introduction</p> <p>School waiting restrictions supported by a Traffic Order are patrolled. If there is a particular on-going problem the school can contact The Parking Service to request additional patrols</p>	<p>Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation</p>

	<p>In my opinion, you are considering bringing in the restrictions to make it easier for parking penalties to be applied to workers and users of Kings Langley facilities. A better use of a traffic warden in the Kings Langley area would be for them to regularly patrol outside Kings Langley Secondary and Primary schools at dropping off and collection times.</p> <p>An old phrase "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" is applicable here – there is nothing wrong with the current practices so please do not make any changes.</p>		
Kings Langley resident	<p>I am horrified to hear of your plans to start restricting or charging for parking in the Nap car Park in Kings Langley!</p> <p>This us the car park used by patients visiting the Nap doctors surgery! Are we to be charged for being sick now like we are at the hospital? A little bit of compassion might be in order here wouldn't you think?</p>	No charges to use Langley Hill or The Nap car parks were proposed in the consultation	
Kings Langley resident	<p>I am upset about the new proposed parking restrictions in Kings Langley on Langley Hill, in the car park.</p> <p>Our village struggles to thrive and we must support the local businesses and employees who work here. To make it 4 hours maximum would severely hinder things for people, as well and put additional overload of parking in other key areas, such as the Nap, which already struggles to provide enough space.</p> <p>We oppose this new restrictions in the Kings Langley car park, as mentioned.</p> <p>We have been residents here since [REDACTED]</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>Would you please send me details of the statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to change the parking arrangements for Langley Hill car park in Kings Langley. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the Council offices to view the document in person.</p>	A copy of the statement of reasons was sent as requested.	
Kings Langley resident	<p>I am writing to register an objection on behalf of myself and my husband, [REDACTED], to the making of the above order insofar as it refers to the Langley Hill Car Park, Kings Langley, under item (e) of the Order:</p> <p>Introduce 4 hour maximum stay or no return within 2 hours in Langley Hill Car Park, Kings Langley.</p> <p>Before stating my grounds for objection, I must point out that the Public Notice in the Hemel Gazette dated 13th November is headed:</p> <p>Dacorum Borough Council</p>	<p>See introduction</p> <p>The public notice was headed in error by Johnston Press and was republished with the correct header on</p>	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>The Borough of Dacorum (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012 and I would query whether a Public Notice with such an incorrect heading is legally valid. There is also a typographical error in the introductory line which is of less significance.</p> <p>I note that the Statement of Reasons for this change gives “to increase parking opportunities for customers wishing to use local facilities and to support local economies”.</p> <p>Grounds of Objection</p> <p>Insufficient consideration has been given in the reasons for the proposal to the knock-on effects of this change on parking in the remainder of the Village centre, and specifically The Nap Car Park and surrounding residential roads.</p> <p>The Nap Car Park provides essential parking for users of the Doctor’s Surgery, many of whose patients are elderly and infirm users of the Public Library the Community Centre which has many activities during the normal business day. users of the bowls club in the summer months.</p> <p>This car park historically developed as a parking area for the Community Centre whose ground was gifted to the local community by the late Dr. Fisher for the good of the community.</p> <p>Over the years the Library, Surgery and current bowls club have been added to the facilities serving the local community, and in due time the car park was tarmacked and laid out, and control orders made by the local authority.</p> <p>All these uses are short stay and frequently fill the car park to capacity now. If all day parking is displaced from the Langley Hill car park, then the additional pressure on The Nap car park will result in an overspill into the residential roads nearby which are quite unsuitable for non-resident parking and were never designed for it. I refer specifically to Fisher Close which is alongside the car park, and the residential cul-de-sacs off Rectory Lane. Parking in the unrestricted areas of The Nap and Rectory Lane is already hazardous enough.</p> <p>Non-resident parking in the residential cul-de-sacs frequently results in obstruction and can occasionally now make access and egress to and from individual properties difficult or impossible.</p> <p>Additional non-resident parking will make</p>	<p>20/10/13</p>	
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	<p>life very difficult.</p> <p>The Nap car park also serves the shops and businesses in the Village centre and they would not benefit from this car park being constantly at over-capacity, indeed it would serve to deter visitors to the Village who would otherwise contribute to the local economy by spending their money in Kings Langley.</p> <p>In conclusion, I would be grateful if you could treat this as a formal objection to the proposed Order, and submit it to Members when they come to make the final decision.</p> <p>Additionally, I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this objection, and advise me when and how a final decision will be made and communicated to interested parties.</p>		
Kings Langley Community Association	<p>We wish to register a strong objection to the above Order.</p> <p>We acknowledge that there is a problem of all-day and long-term parking in Kings Langley but your proposed order does nothing whatever to alleviate the problem but merely moves it from one location to another.</p> <p>There are only two car parks in Kings Langley available for use by the general public,: the Langley Hill car park, the subject of your proposed Order; and The Nap car park over which this organisation has certain legal rights given by Lease. If you persist with introducing 4 hour maximum stay car parking at the Langley hill car park the inevitable result is that most, if not all, of the longer term parking will be transferred to The Nap car park. This seems to be an undesirable result because The Nap car park serves the Library, the Doctors' Surgery and the Community Centre, all having significant short term parking requirement with a fairly high rotation.</p> <p>We ask you to note that we are already experiencing difficulties exercising our rights of access to our property due to the existing use of The Nap car park and the way it is laid out and marked, and any further increase in use, particularly for long term parking, will make the situation very difficult indeed. In such circumstances we may have to take whatever action is available to us to enforce our legal rights.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley business	<p>We write concerning the proposal to limit parking in Langley Hill's car park to four hours, with no return within two hours.</p> <p>We anticipate considerable difficulties</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to

	<p>arising from such alterations to the present convenient arrangements in the village, which appear at present to function most efficiently. Forcing those who need to commute to the village to work to seek alternative parking locations would no doubt cause friction with local residents, and presumably further restrictions to be introduced elsewhere. We believe that others in the locality are also anxious about this proposal. Where would you expect us all to park? Thus we reject most strongly to any such changes. Business has been extremely difficult over the past few years, and we look to the council for cooperation rather than hindrance. We reiterate that there appears to use to be no real problem for anyone negatively parking in Kings Langley now. Please ensure that this continues to be the case by dropping this proposal.</p>		<p>opposition raised in consultation</p>
<p>Kings Langley Health establishment</p>	<p>I am writing to you regarding Dacorum Council's proposal that the Langley Hill Car Park in Kings Langley should be limited to a 4 hours maximum free parking.</p> <p>To say that I am profoundly disappointed and saddened by such a proposal would be a great understatement. I am sure you are aware that this car park was left to the people of Kings Langley in a will by [REDACTED], Dr Brown who used to live and work at Haverfield Surgery. Dr Brown left her own orchard to the people of Kings Langley to be converted in to a free car park. Many [REDACTED] remember this well.</p> <p>Apart from [REDACTED] and the [REDACTED] a large number of other businesses on the Kings Langley High Street rely on the Langley Hill Car Park to park their vehicles during working hours. Imposing parking restriction will have a negative and detrimental effect on the functioning and opening hours of all these businesses as none of the staff will be able to park free of charge for longer than 4 hours. I have mentioned this matter to the [REDACTED]</p> <p>As the group represents 3500 people living in the Kings Langley area who use the excellent medical facilities currently offered they feel that their strong opposition to the current proposal should be taken into account. The [REDACTED] understands that car parking restrictions are likely to interfere</p>	<p>See introduction</p>	<p>Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation</p>

	<p>significantly with the patient's access to Haverfield Surgery, the Kings Langley Physiotherapy Clinic as well as the 2 Pharmacies located on the High Street. This is because all of our staff currently work longer than 4 hour shifts and park their vehicles in the Langley Hill Car Park. [REDACTED] feels confident that given the necessary time she will be able to present you with a petition signed by thousands of people living in Kings Langley who would oppose such proposal.</p> <p>Personally I remain extremely concerned about how patient's care could be affected negatively by the proposed restrictions. Will we, [REDACTED], have to leave the [REDACTED] building to move our cars rather than attend to our [REDACTED]? Are we going to have to close [REDACTED] intermittently throughout the day so that we can move our cars in order to avoid fines? How many of our dedicated, skilled [REDACTED] will leave us due to our lack of parking facilities? Who is going to benefit from these parking restrictions?</p>		
Kings Langley Health establishment	<p>[REDACTED] I have been asked to provide any knowledge of the above.</p> <p>In 1957 Dr Doris Brown GP lived at Haverfield Surgery and opened a Surgery in the building. In 1968she passed away bequeathing most of the land at the rear of Haverfield to Hemel Hempstead Rural District Council for a public car park and Haverfield was to remain in trust as a Doctors Surgery. One of the provisos regarding the car park was for 2 permanent bays solely for the use of Haverfield Surgery. Since then these bays have been in constant use by the Practice.</p> <p>I hope the information provided above will clarify some of the questions raised.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley Health establishment	<p>I write to you again regarding the proposal by DBC to limit the car parking time in Langley Hill Car Park to four hours. As I said before, this car park was formally an orchard owned by Dr. Brown who used to own and practice as a GP in Haverfield Surgery [REDACTED].</p> <p>[REDACTED] On her death, it was her wish that she left the orchard to the people of Kings Langley to be used as a free car park for all time. Like us, many of our neighbouring businesses use this car park as they do not have any or enough spaces for their staff and customers to park. [REDACTED]</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>█████ employs 14 staff. Limiting the time that they can park would severely Impact on our treatment of patients. We cannot be expected to leave the building (and patients) in order to move our cars after four hours and, where would they move them to? Neither should █████ be fined for parking In the only available area when they are here to █████; our hours can be up to 9 hours per shift. Would the staff at Hemel Hempstead or Watford General Hospital be expected to do this?</p> <p>We have to carry confidential █████ records to and from our cars, along with █████ equipment, which we could not do if we were forced to park much further away in the Nap car park. This would overload an already busy car park, which serves several community buildings, Including The Nap Surgery, which has difficulty finding enough spaces for their own patients and staff.</p> <p>We are all very concerned about this proposal and hope the DBC will see sense and allow Langley Hill Car Park's usage to remain unlimited. Currently there are no parking issues that we know of - the height restriction bar prevents large vehicles from entering the car park, so we cannot understand why DBC would think it beneficial to limit our parking times. DBC would simply be disadvantaging the patients, staff and rate payers of the community and severely Impacting one of many businesses In these difficult financial times.</p>		
<p>Kings Langley resident</p>	<p>Having lived in central Kings Langley for █████ I am keenly aware of the parking situation. Also I am regular user of the public car park in The Nap, As The Nap car park is the only alternative, to the Langley Hill car park, for unlimited parking it is inevitable that a time limit of four hours in Langley Hill car park will have the following impact. All day parkers will use The Nap car park instead of Langley Hill. This will seriously impact on those who park in The Nap car park to attend the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Nap Doctors' Surgery Events in the the Community Centre The Public Library Health Walks <p>Such users only park for part of the day so they will be displaced by all day parkers.</p> <p>At the moment public parking space in Kings Langley is just about equal to the</p>	<p>See introduction</p>	<p>Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation</p>

	<p>demand. All day parking does freeze some of this space but it is important for those who travel to the village to work. It would be very useful to have additional long term public parking space in Kings Langley but to ban it is not a sensible approach and I consider the proposal for Langley Hill car park is ill advised.</p>		
Kings Langley Bowls Club	<p>Both members of the Kings Langley Bowls Club and visiting players use the Langley Hill Car Park. If parking restrictions were introduced at the car park for a maximum of 4 hour stay, the players would not be able to park in this car park as players would be at the club for 5 hours or more. Hence players would park in the roads this adding to congestion, particularly at peak times e.g. school finishing times. The fewer cars we have parking on the streets and roads of Kings Langley, the better.</p> <p><i>50 signature petition</i></p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>The main purpose of car parks is to provide off road parking. For people working in the village all day, this is an essential requirement. If parking was restricted to 4 hours and no return within 2 hours, people would park on the roads thus causing mass congestion around the village. This would not be helpful to the residents of Kings Langley, and could be dangerous.</p> <p>Also more people would park all day in The Nap car park which services the doctors' surgery, library and community centre. This car park is always very busy and if cars were parked there all day the elderly and infirm people would have a long way to walk to the doctors and other facilities.</p> <p>Please think again and not introduce parking restrictions at the Langley Hill Car Park.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>I wish to register an objection to the proposed introduction of a 4 hour parking limit in the car park on Langley Hill, Kings Langley.</p> <p>I appreciate that the purpose of the change is to prevent people parking their cars in the car park all day, thereby preventing visitors to shops along the high street being able to park for the length of time required for, say, a hairdressing appointment or visit to the High Street Surgery. However, they do not address the underlying problem of there being inadequate parking provision for people needing to leave their cars for a whole day.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>My concern is that those that do park all day will simply move and park in The Nap car park, as they still have the requirement for all day parking and there is limited availability within Kings Langley.</p> <p>If these cars are simply re-parked on a daily basis at The Nap, then that car park will not have any spaces for those people visiting The Nap Surgery. As it is, there are occasions when The Nap car park is full and I have to drop my wife off, park elsewhere before returning to pick her up. However, the real problem can be seen when mothers bring children in on push-chairs, they do not have the flexibility of dropping off a child and then finding alternative parking, or individuals with walking difficulties..</p> <p>Your proposal will result in users of the Nap Surgery having difficulty getting access to parking spaces in The Nap as a consequence of those with long term parking requirements who used to park at Langley Hill simply changing location, as they did when single yellow lines were introduced between the roundabout and the 'Rose and Crown' public house. Hence the objection is on the impact this will have on users of The Nap Surgery and their ability to access medical services.</p> <p>An alternative suggestion would be to increase the on-street parking along Kings Langley High Street to 2 hours with a no-return policy of 2 hours. This provides adequate time for individuals to meet their appointment and use any of the coffee shops without a risk of a parking ticket.</p>		
Kings Langley Parish Council	<p>The Parish Council has consulted with the affected residents, businesses and shopkeepers following the notice received and its posting in the Langley Hill car park which identified the proposals to change the current arrangements to a 4 hour maximum stay, no return within two hours.</p> <p>The Parish Council has received numerous enquiries, comments and complaints regarding this proposal but more importantly residents of Kings Langley have raised petitions, signed by approximately a thousand (1000) residents, workers and visitors, who are opposed in the strongest terms to the introduction of any changes to the parking arrangements in Langley Hill car park.</p> <p>The general consensus is why introduce an unnecessary change to fix something</p>	<p>See introduction</p> <p>There has been a no return within two hours contravention applicable to Langley Hill car park since 2003</p>	<p>Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation</p>

which is not broken. There are a few occasions when the car park is full and residents and visitors find it difficult to park, but a study undertaken by the Parish Warden confirms that these are limited occasions and do not cause significant inconvenience.

The residents of Langley Hill are particularly concerned that the introduction of this proposal will drive the staff and workers of those businesses in the High Street into Langley Hill and the surrounding street areas thereby creating parking and safety issues in those roads which is not the case at the moment.

The proprietors of the High Street operations are also gravely concerned that the proposal will cause unnecessary difficulties for their staff and possibly push them to risk parking in the High Street all day, especially as they feel that the enforcement of restrictions there are somewhat inconsistent.

(Interestingly, those shopkeepers spoken to believe that it would be in the interests of the businesses to extend the one hour parking arrangement currently in operation in the High Street to two hours as many are of a 'boutique' nature where there needs to be time to browse, try on etc., prior to making a decision to purchase.)

Equally the businesses, the library and the doctors' surgery in The Nap are concerned that this proposal will shift the long-stay parking into that 'all day' car park, creating extreme difficulties, in particular, for patients visiting the surgery, many of whom are elderly and / or infirm, in being able to find a parking space.

The Parish Council has received three letters which clearly show the concerns of the staff and management of the doctors' surgeries and [REDACTED] that will be directly affected by these proposals which the Parish Council ask are noted and taken into consideration.

To summarise therefore: The petition of close to 1000 signatures indicates a clear mandate to make no alterations to the current parking arrangements in the Langley Hill car park.

The Parish Council is in support of these petitions which are a demonstration of

	<p>democracy in action and a view based upon the will of the local residents, workers and visitors who are most likely to be affected by any proposed changes.</p> <p>Therefore, the Parish Council urges that the proposed action is abandoned and to ask the Portfolio holder to remove this item from the agenda.</p> <p>The petitions and letters will be presented to Dacorum Borough Council's Chief Executive on Friday 6th December 2013, and copies of this email have been sent to her and to Julie Laws, the portfolio holder.</p>		
Kings Langley resident	<p>I have just read the Village newsletter regarding the proposed changes to parking in the Langley Hill Car Park. It states that village employees use the car park which means that other people have to park in side streets. This is a ridiculous statement. Where are the village employees going to park all day? - in the side streets. Then the residents will get annoyed and you will propose yellow lines (I am a resident and have experienced all day parking in my road which became very inconvenient and we now have yellow lines). At this rate the whole of Kings Langley will be under yellow lines. Surely it is better for short term parking in the side streets than cars blocking the side streets all day because they cannot park in the car park for more than 4 hours.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>We wish to object to the proposed order to change the parking terms at this car park to a maximum four hour stay with no return within 2 hours.</p> <p>We object on the grounds that this will have the effect of moving those people who work in the village, particularly the trades people who need to park all day, to other locations in the village. The shops and business are the life blood of the village and great efforts are made to maintain the attractiveness of shopping and working here. The result will be that there will be more road side parking causing severe disruption to through traffic on all roads leading to and from the High Street. There will also be great inconvenience to those who work in the village in finding local parking all day. Keeping a vibrant and viable range of shops and businesses in Kings Langley is already very difficult and the Order will be</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>the cause of further worries and risks for the life of the village.</p> <p>The village has recently seen an increase in double yellow line use, in order to deal with the excessive and inconsiderate parking relating to the offices and college off the Home Park Link Road, and if this car parking Order goes ahead further restrictions will be needed on more roads in the village.</p> <p>The Langley Hill car park works very well currently and it is difficult to understand why any change is needed. The implications and ramifications of the proposed changes will be wide and disruptive and unwelcomed by those who wish to see the village continue to be attractive to all users and residents.</p>		
Kings Langley resident	<p>I write to object to DBC's proposal to introduce a four hour maximum stay (with no return) at Langley Hill Car Park, King's Langley.</p> <p>My impression is that in the last few years more and more people are wanting to park in or near KL High Street, be it for a few minutes or all day, than previously. The Langley Hill car park appear to be close to full, if not full, for much of the working day; and I suspect that many (most ?) of the users are working nearby. If they cannot leave their cars there all day they will seek to use The Nap park - which will crowd out visitors to the surgery and library - and nearby roads, or take a chance and park on the High Street in the one-hour bays (as some do already, I suspect), thereby denying these valuable spaces to short-term users.</p> <p>Unless and until more public parking is made available (which seems unlikely in the near term) Dacorum BC should not restrict parking in the Langley Hill park, but should police the one-hour bays on and around the High Street much more rigorously. A daily "blitz" on the High Street, initially once a week and then once every 7-10 days (on different days of the week) would do wonders to provide plenty of short-term parking, leaving the parks mainly to those who need to park all the working day.</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation
Kings Langley resident	<p>I have read the objections lodged by the Kings Langley Parish Council and fully support the points made. I am sure that they reflect the views held by the traders and employees working in the village. It is not clear what considerations have</p>	See introduction	Proposal to introduce four hours maximum stay is dropped due to opposition raised in consultation

	<p>prompted the Borough Council to propose such measures. My own objections centre on the consequences for local residents if these proposals are implemented. Already we are witnessing a steady "creep" of parking up Langley Hill. The proposed measures would almost certainly increase the number of vehicles parked in York Close and Archer Close. I do not welcome the prospect of double parking along this cul de sac.</p> <p>I strongly hope that this proposal will be abandoned.</p>		
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End of report