

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Andrew Williams
Portfolio:	Leader of the Council
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	12 March 2012

Title of Decision:

Formal Consultation on The Dacorum Borough Council (Berkhamsted) (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012.

Decision made and reasons:

To undertake a formal consultation on the proposal to introduce the Dacorum Borough Council (Berkhamsted) (Controlled Parking Zones) Order 2012. The proposal is to consult formally on the introduction of 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. 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
Berkhamsted Town Council Transport and Environment Committee minutes dated 6th February 2012.
Both documents are available from Berkhamsted Town Council.

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

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

- The public
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- 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
- DBC Parking Operations Manager

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Deputy Monitoring Officer's comments have been incorporated in the report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

Costs of the consultations will be met by Berkhamsted Town Council. If the consultations indicate that the CPZ is required or desired, approval to implement the proposals will be required and funding for any works sought accordingly.

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.

Consultation and installation 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 at this phase)

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

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

Portfolio Holders Signature:**Date:****Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:****For Member Support Officer use only**

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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 principle, there is now support for this type of scheme.

A draft scheme has been designed for review by stakeholders.

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 and 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 for, or objection to, the proposals.

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