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ELM GROVE, BERKHAMSTED**



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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS SO FAR

1.1 Context

1.1.1 Concerns have been raised to local members and the council regarding inappropriate parking by commuters and visitors to the shops on Elm Grove Berkhamsted.

1.1.2 Dacorum Borough Council are therefore undertaking a review of the current parking arrangements on Elm Grove Berkhamsted. As part of this review, a site assessment was undertaken by officers in April 2022 and, following this, a design has been produced outlining the proposed changes on the sections of road under investigation.

1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 The proposed alterations to the existing parking arrangements on Elm Grove are shown in Appendix A and outlined below:

- Introducing a Permit Parking Area for Permit holders only between Monday to Sunday 8am to 8pm, from the car park entrance to the end of the cul-de-sac.
- Introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on the North West side of Elm Grove between the entrance to the Private Car Park and the end of the cul-de-sac.

1.2.2 The introduction of a Permit Parking area in Elm Grove will prioritise parking for permit holders (i.e residents), therefore, allowing them to park closer to their own properties, by preventing commuters and visitors to the local shops from parking there during the restricted hours.

The restricted hours (Mon-Sun 8am-8pm) were chosen specifically to prevent all day commuter parking, daytime and evening visitors to the High Street from parking in Elm Grove.

1.2.2 The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions aims to control the parking within the Permit Parking area in order to keep it to the one side of the road. Elm Grove is not wide enough to accommodate parking on both sides of the road therefore the proposed restrictions will help to prevent obstruction issues as well as inappropriate parking.

1.3 Previous Informal Consultations

1.3.1 Residents and businesses affected by the proposals were consulted over a four-week period from 12th August 2022 to 9th September 2022. A letter and plan were posted to the directly affected properties which explained the proposals and the reasoning behind them. Consultees were able to respond via email or post. The area comprised a total of approximately 30 addresses. Following the completion of the consultation process, a total of 13 responses were received. Of these responses 9 were in support, 3 were neither in support or stated an objection and 1 was an objection.

1.3.2 A consultation with the Statutory Consultees was also undertaken between 15th August 2022 to 5th September 2022. A letter and plan were emailed directly and consultees were invited to submit any comments via email. No objections were received.

1.3.3 Officers considered the responses received and it was resolved that the scheme is progressed to the statutory public TRO consultation process.

2.0 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL (PUBLIC CONSULTATION)

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 The Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process took place from 1st March 2023 to 22nd March 2023 – a period of 3 weeks. During this process, Site Notices and Plans were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, and they were also published in the Local Gazette & Express.

2.1.2 A copy of the Notice of Proposal document package is included as Appendix B.

2.2 Consultation Responses

2.2.1 Following the completion of the Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process, no objections were received from the Statutory Consultees or from the general public.

2.3 Conclusion

2.3.1 In light of the above, it is clear that the Statutory Consultees and the general public consider the proposal at Elm Grove to be acceptable.

3.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Dacorum Borough Council have undertaken an extensive Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process with regards to the proposed changes to existing parking restrictions on Elm Grove, Berkhamsted.

3.2 Site Notices and Plans were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, they were also published in the Local Gazette & Express.

3.3 No objections have been received from the Statutory Consultees or from the general public. It can therefore be concluded that the vast majority deem the proposals to be acceptable.

3.4 It is therefore recommended to continue to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order as proposed.