

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE BOROUGH OF DACORUM (MARLOWES, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD) (ON STREET CHARGING AND WAITING & LOADING RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2022

Proposals

It is proposed to implement changes to the existing waiting restrictions on Marlowes, north of its junction with Midland Road. The proposal comprises the following:

- Additional ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ and ‘No Loading at Any Time’ (Double Yellow Line with Double Kerb Blip) restrictions on Marlowes close to its junction with B487.
- Provision of Disabled Parking Bays ‘Mon-Sun 8am-8pm 3 hours no return within 2 hours’.
- Removal of small sections of existing waiting restrictions
- Conversion of the existing parking bays to ‘Pay to Park’ bays Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 1 hour no return within 1 hour’. The charges are detailed in the table below:

Up to 12 minutes	12 to 24 minutes	24 to 36 minutes	36 to 48 minutes	48 to 60 minutes
£0.20	£0.40	£0.60	£0.80	£1.00

Reasons

Residents, local businesses, and bus drivers have voiced concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and vehicles as a result of inappropriate parking on Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead. Dacorum Borough Council have therefore undertaken a review of the existing restriction arrangements on Marlowes north of its junction with Midland Road.

The introduction of ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ and ‘No Loading at Any Time’ (Double Yellow Line with Double Kerb Blip) restrictions on Marlowes close to its junction with B487 will prevent inappropriate and inconsiderate parking, including loading and unloading, close to this junction. Parking at or close to the junction could cause obstruction and create a hazard for passing vehicles as well as blocking pedestrian site lines at the informal crossing located there.

The provision of additional Disabled Parking Bays will support disabled individuals requiring access to the NHS Health and Wellbeing Centre and is designed to increase the number of available Disabled Parking Bays within the town. The removal of a small section of existing No Waiting During Restricted Hours (Single Yellow Line) restriction will accommodate this.

The conversion of the existing parking bays to ‘Pay to Park’ bays is designed to increase the turnover of parking on Marlowes. They will discourage all-day commuter parking which will free up spaces for potential customers seeking to utilise the businesses on the road and encourage them to park there for a small fee.

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

The specific grounds with which the Council are using for the implementation of the proposed scheme as above are encompassed in the following sections of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for making a Traffic Regulation Order:

- Section 1 (a) For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

- Section 1 (c) For facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians).
- Section 1 (f) for preserving or improving the amenities of the area through which the road runs.

Thorough consideration was also given to the factors set out in Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in proposing this Traffic Regulation Order which include:

- Section 122(2)(a) Securing and maintaining reasonable access to premises
- Section 122(2)(c) Facilitating the passage of public service vehicles

Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3

All of the associated signing and lining will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3.

Equality Act 2010

Thorough consideration has been given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.

Residents and Statutory Consultations

Residents of Marlowes have been consulted on the proposals in October/November 2021. 5 Objections were received from a total of 174 consultees which represents just 3% in objection to the proposals. The consultation process and objections were summarised in a report which was subsequently reviewed by the Portfolio Holder and Local Councillors and the decision was made to continue with the proposals.

Consultation for Marlowes has also previously been carried out with Statutory Consultees, including The Police, Emergency Services, Freight Transport Association, Road Haulage Association, and the local stakeholders in October/November 2021. No objections were raised.

A Public Consultation (Notice of Proposal) process is now due to take place, hence the publication of these documents.

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