



<b>Summary Report for:</b>	<b>Strategic Planning &amp; Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> September 2018</b>
<b>Part:</b>	<b>1</b>
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Title of report:		
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Recommendations	To report on the progress of the Parking, Access and Movement project	
Key issues for scrutiny focus:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Layout and design</li> <li>2. Access to the Water Gardens car parks</li> <li>3. Blue badge parking</li> </ol>	<p><u>Report references</u></p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.3</p> <p>5.6</p>
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parking, Access and Movement project puts forward a highway based scheme to form a new access into Water Gardens (South) car park from Leighton Buzzard Road, and to convert Bridge Street into a one-way egress from both Water Gardens (North) and (South) car parks, along with some changes to access arrangements to Water Gardens (North) car park from Combe Street. It also includes improvements to Bridge Street, west of Waterhouse Street, that will improve pedestrian movement through the Water Gardens and its car parks.</li> <li>• The project delivers access and movement objectives identified within the 2013 Hemel Hempstead Town</li> </ul>	

	<p>Centre Masterplan and completes the vision of the Jellicoe Water Gardens restoration by physically and visually linking the northern and southern sections of the Gardens at Bridge Street, where access is currently impeded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The alternations to Bridge Street to exit only from the car parks, and public realm improvements from the Leighton Buzzard Road will create a safe and accessible route to the pedestrianised shopping area for visitors.</li><li>• Total project costs are estimated at £759,000. There is currently a £200,000 shortfall in funding which will be addressed once costs are finalised through the tender process and opportunities to draw on s106 contributions and sustainable transport funding from HCC have been explored.</li><li>• Subject to Cabinet approval, construction will take place in 2019/20. A phased approach will be undertaken to enable the Water Gardens (South) car park to remain open, with partial closures to bays and access points over a 3 – 4 month period.</li></ul>
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