Name of decision maker: Councillor Andrew Williams

Portfolio: Corporate and Contracted Services

Date of Portfolio Holder Decision: 18 December 2020

#### Title of Decision:

To undertake consultations on the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Wood Lane End and Redbourn Road and to delegate the decision to introduce the restrictions, if applicable, to the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services.

### **Decision made and reasons:**

1. To engage consultants to undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Wood Lane End, Hemel Hempstead from Hales Park to the road closure. Monday to Saturday 08.30am to 6.30pm on both sides of the road



2. To engage consultants to undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Redbourn Road, Hemel Hempstead from the Queensway roundabout to the Link Road roundabout Monday to Saturday 08:00am to 6.00pm, Sunday 10am to 5pm on both sides of the road



3. To delegate the decision to implement the proposal, if applicable, to the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services.

The introduction of the restrictions is proposed 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
- facilitating the passage on the road or any other road of any class of traffic (including pedestrians)

# Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)

No reports

## Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Should the decision be approved consultations will take place with:

- The residents and/or businesses along the extent of the proposed restrictions
- Ward councillors
- Hertfordshire Constabulary Road Policing Strategy Unit
- Hertfordshire County Council Traffic Order Manager
- Hertfordshire County Council Highways Locality Officer
- Hertfordshire County Council Highways Strategy Manager (Dacorum)
- Hertfordshire County Council Passenger Transport Unit
- Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- East of England Ambulance Service

## **Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:**

The procedure for making Traffic Regulation Orders is set out at Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This includes an obligation to consult with the chief officer of police for the area and a number of other specified organisations and bodies. This Portfolio Holder decision complies with the relevant statutory requirements.

### **Deputy S151 Officer Comments:**

The costs of the proposed consultation and implementation if deemed appropriate will be met by Hertfordshire County Council (HCC).

### Implications:

Without appropriate measures, traffic congestion and obstruction to pavements will continue.

#### Risk:

The intention of this consultation is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

## **Value for Money:**

Based on previous projects, the costs of implementation are estimated to be approximately £12,495 consisting of the following

		Wood Lane End	Redbourn Road
Consultancy		£4,750	
Advertising NoP	Estimate	£850	£850
Advertising NoM	Estimate	£850	£850
Installation	Estimate	£1,995	£2,350
Estimated cost		£12,495	

If the two schemes can be coordinated to reach advertising at the same time there is the potential reduce this cost by around £500.

The consultancy selected for this function have previously carried out consultations and design works for DBC and are familiar with the area. They are also one of the named contractors in the framework agreement for the provision of consultancy for traffic related operations and parking with Watford Borough Council which is available to Dacorum Borough Council. The cost will be met by payments from Hertfordshire County Council of £6,000 in financial year 2020/21 and £6,000 in financial year 2021/22.

# **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:

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#### **BACKGROUND**

The section of Wood Lane End where the restrictions are proposed is narrow and often parked up by commercial vehicles resulting in obstruction to the free flow of traffic and inconvenience to local residents.

The section of Redbourn Road where the waiting restrictions are proposed is the part which consists of the busy A4147 which heads from Hemel Hempstead and Maylands Industrial Park to connections leading to Harpenden, Redbourn, Markyate, Dunstable, St Albans (North) and the A5183 (previously A5).

The pathway along this section of Redbourn Road is often obstructed by vehicles connected to one or more of the vehicle dealerships situated in the locality. This results in pedestrians, particularly those in wheelchairs or using a pram/baby buggy/stroller, having to step into the traffic to pass.