



## EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

2. To delegate the decision to implement the restriction, if applicable, to the Assistant Director (Legal and Democratic Services) in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services.

Having considered the duty imposed under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, It appears to the local authority that it is necessary and expedient to make an Order in the interests of:

- 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)

The reason for the decision is to deter inappropriate parking by commuters using the local shops and facilities

### **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 proposed consultation to make new Traffic Regulation Orders meets the requirements following the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulation 1996.

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

The costs associated with undertaking the proposed consultation will be met from within existing resources. Should this decision be taken, final costs arising from implementation of the restrictions will be detailed in a separate decision report.

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### Implications:

Without appropriate measures, traffic congestion and obstruction to pavements and driveways 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 £8,900, consisting of the following estimated costs: £6,901 consultancy (including consultation, reports and Traffic Regulation Order), £900 signs, and lining, £100 advertising, and £880 any ancillary works/contingency (10%). 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.

The cost will be taken from the Parking Services 'On-street consultancy budget' - MB200 3950.

There will be on-going revenue costs for line and signs and enforcement.

### 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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Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 12/05/22

Date Decision Published: 12/05/22 Decision No: PH-012-22

Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 19/05/22

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

## BACKGROUND

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Cllr Christopher Townsend contacted Parking Services as commuter's park in the roads all day preventing residents and their visitors from parking resulting in obstruction to the free flow of traffic and inconvenience to local residents who have to walk in the road as footpaths are inaccessible, and some driveways being blocked.

Cllr Townsend has found from his regular communication with local residents that the parking in the area is a common concern.

Parking Services have visited the area on a Sunday afternoon and the roads within the area were clear, with no parking issues. Consultants (ADL Highways & Traffic Engineering Ltd) have visited the area on a weekday and the roads were parked to capacity with additional inconsiderate and obstructive verge parking happening, which confirms that the parking problem is commuter related.

Parking Services have worked with the consultants and have now provided a preliminary scheme for Cobbetts Ride, Barbers Walk and Abstacle Hill, please see the proposed plan above.

For consistency we have proposed a 2 hour daytime commuter ban restriction, which are single yellow lines restricted between 11am-1pm Monday to Friday on both sides of the road to prevent all day parking with 'at any time' double yellow lines to protect the junctions for safety. We have kept it to the Cobbetts Ride, Abstacle Hill and Barbers Walk loop, to cover migration of parking.

The initial informal and then statutory consultation will gauge support for, or objection to the proposals.