Name of decision maker: Councillor Andrew Williams

Portfolio: Corporate and Contracted Services

Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:

Title of Decision:

To undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Station Road and to delegate the decision to introduce the restrictions, if applicable, to the Assistant Director Legal & Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services.

Decision made and reasons:

 To engage consultants to undertake a statutory consultation on the proposal to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on Station Road, Hemel Hempstead from the junction of the Plough roundabout to the junction with Cotterells.



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

The reason for the decision is to deter inappropriate parking by commuters to the town centre and by local residents whose addresses do not qualify for a residents parking permit to park within the 'C' or 'K' Controlled Parking Zones.

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)

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.

Implications:

Without appropriate measures, obstruction to pavements and the grass verge 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 £6,490, consisting of the following estimated costs: £4,401 consultancy (including consultation, reports and Traffic Regulation Order), £500 lining, £1000 advertising, and £590 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 to maintain and enforce the yellow lines

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: 01/06/2022			
Date Decision Published: 01/06/2022 Decision No: PH-015-22			
Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 10/06/2022			
Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:			

BACKGROUND

Cllr Stewart Riddick has been in contact with Parking Services concerning the inconsiderate parking on the dual carriageway on Station Road, Hemel Hempstead just southwest of The Plough Roundabout in Hemel Hempstead.

Currently there is a gap between the end of the double yellow lines protecting the junction of Cotterells and Station Road and at the end of the double yellow lines protecting the junction with Station Road and the Plough roundabout. Vehicles are

parking on the grass verge in this gap preventing enforcement. This is causing obstruction and congestion for passing traffic and reducing road safety generally.

We do not condone or recommend parking on grassed areas as it may be unsafe, it will more than likely damage a public amenity, it may involve driving over pavements (a police matter) as well as being unsightly and inconsiderate to users of the amenity.