Name of decision maker: Councillor Andrew Williams

Portfolio: Commercial Strategy & Delivery

**Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:** 12/07/2022

#### Title of Decision:

To undertake consultations on the proposal to introduce on-street limited waiting restrictions at The Denes, Hemel Hempstead and to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on Barnacres Road, Pinecroft, and Georgewood Road, Hemel Hempstead to implement the restrictions if applicable.

#### **Decisions made and reasons:**

1. To engage ADL Traffic & highways Engineering Ltd to undertake a consultation on the proposal to introduce on-street limited waiting restrictions at The Denes, Hemel Hempstead.

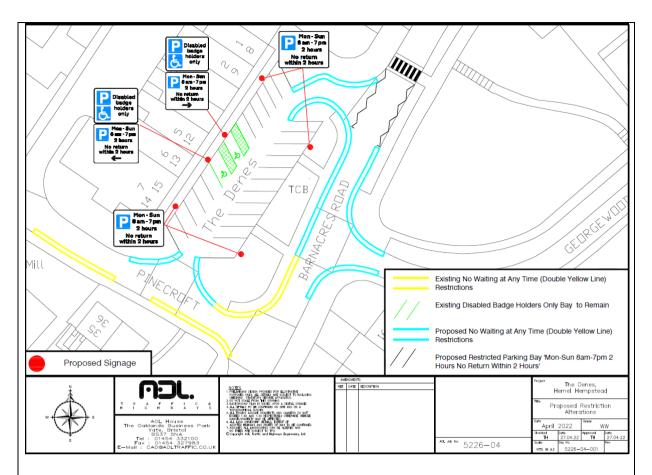
It is proposed to introduce a waiting restriction to the on-street parking area adjacent to the retail units in The Denes. The proposal for the restriction is:

- Monday to Sunday
- o 8:00am 7:00pm
- o Maximum stay two hours
- No return within two hours.

The introduction of the restrictions is proposed to regularise the on-street parking provision and improve amenities.

The reason for the decision is to deter inappropriate parking by commuters using the area for all day parking

- To delegate the decision to undertake a statutory consultation and implement the restriction, if applicable, to the Head of Commercial Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Commercial Strategy & Delivery.
- 3. No waiting at any time on the junctions of Pinecroft/The Denes, Barnacres Road/Georgewood Road, Barnacres Road/The Denes see plan below:



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 to consider

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

Hertfordshire Constabulary

Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue

East of England Ambulance Service

Hertfordshire Highways - Traffic Order Manager

Nash Mills ward councillor

Retail units fronting the parking area

Residential premises above the retail units

Site notices will be erected in the affected area to inform drivers of the consultation

# **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:**

This proposal can be funded utilising 22/23 approved budget reserve draw downs.

## Implications:

### Risk:

The intention of the 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 £8,973, consisting of the following estimated costs: £6,257 consultancy (including consultation, reports and Traffic Regulation Order), £900 signs, and lining, £1000 advertising, and £816 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.

### **Finance Comments:**

There is no fixed baseline revenue budget for this consultancy these works are funded by approved reserve drawn down from the On-Street parking reserve as and when required. The balance of this reserve at 1/4/22 is £108k. A growth bid of £40k was added for 22/23.

	22/23	23/24
Opening balance on reserve	£108,431	£98,656
Drawdown from reserve to fund the cost of public consultation and implementation of Controlled Parking Zones	(£49,775)	(£15,000)
Contribution to the reserve to fund future expenditure	£40,000	
Closing balance on reserve	£98,656	£83,656

The spend quoted above is in line with earlier projects.

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

## **Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Option considered and rejected, not to propose to introduce waiting restrictions would allow continued long term parking to the detriment of the local economy.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:** 

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

#### **BACKGROUND**

The on-street parking area is currently free to use with no time limit. Cllr Jan Maddern has received reports that vehicles are being parked for long periods by commuters using the local train station leaving the parking area to near capacity. The purpose of the introduction of charging is to support local facilities and businesses through encouraging bay turnover therefore providing more parking opportunities for their customers.