

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Andrew Williams
Portfolio:	Commercial Strategy & Delivery
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	

Title of Decision:

To undertake consultations on the proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Old Fishery Lane, Hemel Hempstead and to delegate the decision to introduce the restrictions, if applicable, to the Head of Commercial Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Commercial Strategy & Delivery.

Decision made and reasons:

1. To engage ADL Traffic & Highways engineering Ltd consultants to undertake an informal residents/business consultation, and then a statutory consultation on the proposal to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions on both sides of Old Fishery Lane, Hemel Hempstead from the bridge and including the turning head:



1. 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.

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The reason for the decision is to deter inappropriate and obstructive parking by commuters to the train station, local businesses and by boat users using the Grand Union Canal.

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:

No comments to add to the report.

S151 Officer Comments:

The costs of implementing the proposed scheme are to be met by HCC funds and the ongoing maintenance requirements will be funded through existing approved parking maintenance budgets.

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Implications:

Without appropriate measures, obstruction to the road will continue preventing emergency service access and local residents from accessing their driveway.

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 £9,000, consisting of the following estimated costs: £6,257 consultancy (including consultation, reports and Traffic Regulation Order), £500 lining, £2000 advertising, and £300 any ancillary works/contingency. 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.

Parking Services has been in communication with Hertfordshire County Council concerning the obstructive parking in this area. Parking Services has agreed to undertake the work and the county councillor (Fiona Guest) has provided the £9k from her HCC Locality Budget.

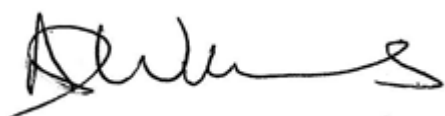
Parking Services has already invoiced HCC for the £9k to undertake the works, the funds will be paid into MB200 6290 (Other Receipts and Contributions from Government Bodies).

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 an obstructive parking issues unresolved.

Portfolio Holders Signature:



Date:10/10/22

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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:	
Date Decision Published:	Decision No:
Date of Expiry of Call-In Period:	
Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:	

BACKGROUND

Cllr Fiona Guest has been in contact with Parking Services concerning the inconsiderate parking on Old Fishery Lane, which is highway maintainable at public expense.

Local residents have contacted both Cllr Fiona Guest and Cllr Simy Dhyani to express their concerns about inconsiderate and obstructive parking happening at the southern end of old Fishery Lane, as vans and other vehicles are parking on the turning head, and on both sides of the road preventing residents from accessing their driveway and preventing vehicles from turning round.

Local residents have also explained:

- That Hertfordshire Fire & rescue had to attend a canal boat fire and they experienced obstructive parking causing the fire crew to have to pump water from the canal rather than from the truck increasing the time to extinguish the fire.
- That the Box Moor trust cannot move their livestock or machinery safely when the gate at the end of Old Fishery Lane is blocked by vehicles.
- That they need fuel delivered to their property, the smallest truck available to make the delivery (due to the 5ton weight limit on the bridge on Old Fishery Lane) constantly experiences obstructive parking preventing essential fuel deliveries.

It has been agreed that Parking Services will undertake the process to introduce double yellow lines just after the bridge on the road, around the turning head to the gate, and then around to the other side up to the bridge to prevent the obstructive mass parking of vans and other vehicles .