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Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS SO FAR

1.1 Context

1.1.1 Residents, local businesses, and bus drivers have previously voiced concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians and vehicles as a result of inappropriate parking on Marlowes, Hemel Hempstead.

1.1.2 Dacorum Borough Council are therefore undertaking a review of the current parking arrangements on Marlowes in Hemel Hempstead north of its junction with Midland Road. As part of this review, a site assessment was undertaken by officers in September 2021 and following this a design has been produced outlining the proposed changes on the section of road under investigation.

1.2 Proposals

1.2.1 The proposed alterations to the existing parking arrangements on Marlowes are shown in Appendix A and outlined below:

- Additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' and 'No Loading At Any Time' (Double Yellow Line with Double Kerb Blip) restrictions on Marlowes close to its junction with B487;
- Conversion of existing parking bays to 'Pay to Park' bays 'Mon-Sat 8am-6pm 1 hour no return within 1 hour'. Charges are detailed in the table below:

Up to 12 minutes	12 to 24 minutes	24 to 36 minutes	36 to 48 minutes	48 to 60 minutes
£0.20	£0.40	£0.60	£0.80	£1.00

- Provision of Disabled Parking Bays 'Mon-Sun 8am-8pm 3 hours no return within 2 hours';
- Removal of small sections of existing waiting restrictions.

1.2.2 The 'Pay to Park' bays are designed to encourage bay turnover and the introduction of new Disabled Parking Bays will support disabled individuals requiring access to the NHS health and Wellbeing Centre. The introduction of No Waiting and No Loading At Any Time restrictions will prevent inappropriate parking on the road which currently takes place.

1.3 Previous Informal Consultations

1.3.1 Residents and businesses affected by the proposals were consulted over a four-week period from 15th October 2021 to 12th November 2021. A letter and plan was posted directly which explained the proposals and the reasoning behind them. Consultees were able to respond via email or post. The area comprised a total of approximately 174 addresses. Following the completion of the consultation process, a total of five Objections were received equating to 3% of those consulted.

1.3.2 A consultation with the Statutory Consultees was also undertaken which garnered no objections.

1.3.3 Officers considered the responses received and it was resolved to continue with the scheme as proposed.

2.0 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL (PUBLIC CONSULTATION)

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 The Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process took place from 30th March 2022 to 4th May 2022 – a period of 5 weeks. During this process, Site Notices and Plans were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, and they were also published in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette. A copy of the Site Notice and Plan was also directly posted to residents and businesses of the area – a total of 174 addresses.

2.1.2 A copy of the Notice of Proposal document package is included as Appendix B.

2.2 Consultation Responses

2.2.1 Following the completion of the Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process, no responses were received from the Statutory Consultees nor the general public.

2.3 Conclusion

2.3.1 In light of the above, it is clear that the Statutory Consultees and the general public consider the proposals on Marlowes to be acceptable.

3.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Dacorum Borough Council have undertaken an extensive Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process with regards to proposed changes to existing parking restrictions on Marlowes in Hemel Hempstead.

3.2 Site Notices and Plans were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, they were also published in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette and a copy of the Site Notice and Plan was directly posted to residents and businesses of the area – a total of 174 addresses.

3.3 No comments have been received from the Statutory Consultees nor the general public. It can therefore be concluded that they deem the proposals to be acceptable.

3.4 It is therefore recommended to continue to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order as proposed.