

EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORD SHEET

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Andrew Williams
Portfolio:	Corporate and Contracted Services
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	14/01/20

Title of Decision:

Consultation on the proposal to introduce the E-zone Controlled Parking Zone in Ebbens Road, Apsley

Decision made and reasons:

1. To engage consultants to undertake a consultation on the proposal to introduce the E-zone Controlled Parking Zone in Ebbens Road, Apsley
2. To delegate the decision to conduct a statutory consultation and implement the proposals, if applicable, to the Assistant Director Corporate & Contracted Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Contracted Services.

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

Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)

No reports to be considered

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Should the decision be approved consultations will take place with:

- The residents in and around the proposed zone
- Ward councillors
- Hertfordshire County Council (the highway authority)
- Hertfordshire Constabulary Road Policing Strategy Unit
- Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service
- East of England Ambulance Service

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

A Controlled Parking Zone has to be supported by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The procedure for making and varying TROs is set out at Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. This includes an obligation to consult with the chief officer of police for the area and a number of other specified organisations and

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bodies. This Portfolio Holder decision complies with the relevant statutory requirements.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

As part of the 2020/21 budget approval process, funds will be allocated to meet the cost of this consultation.

Implications:

Without appropriate measures, inappropriate parking will continue.

Risk:

The intention of this consultation is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

Value for Money:

The on-street parking service is not designed to produce any income, but, in line with government guidelines, to be self-financing.

Based on previous schemes, it is likely that this proposed scheme will take approximately 15 months to establish if approved. The estimated cost to complete the scheme is £27,500. The initial £17,000 costs to be raised in two payments of £8,500 from the 2020/21 Parking Services consultancy budget and the balance of £10,500 from the 2021/22 budget although if there is general agreement from residents the full £27,500 would need to be fully financed from the 2020/21 budget. If approved the informal consultation is planned to commence in April or May 2020.

The consultants selected for this function have carried out similar consultations and design works 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 with Watford Borough Council which is available to Dacorum Borough Council.

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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BACKGROUND

This area has been an area of mixed residential and industrial properties, recently some of the industrial sites have been closed and the land redeveloped to provide homes a substantial proportion of which are flats. There are many properties in the road without off-street parking availability. Although unsubstantiated, a number of residents claim that the road is being parked up by commuters, both those using Apsley railway station and those working in the retail areas. Additionally there is seasonal pressure on kerb-side parking related to parking by users of Apsley Marina and Dickinson Quay retail outlets. These parking pressures have had an adverse effect on the local residents who can have difficulty finding parking opportunities near their homes.

Under request from a Ward Councillor, this area, which was not planned for consultation in 2020 is being consulted in lieu of the planned consultation with residents in the Lawn Lane/Corner Hall area of Hemel Hempstead which will now be put on hold.