

Report to: Andy Smith Head of Transport and Infrastructure

Date: 3rd July 2020

Report of: Tom Hayward – Traffic consultant

**THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD
(CALLOWLAND, WATFORD) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE NA)
ORDER 2020**

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

1.1.1 To inform the Head of Transport and Infrastructure of the need to implement the proposal, which forms the subject of the above Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

1.1.2 To seek authorisation to publish a “Notice of Proposals” and:

- a) where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn “Make” the TROs and implement the proposal and:
- b)where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer’s recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.

1.1.3 To seek authorisation to consult residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposal by means of a letter and plan drawing their attention to the published “Notice of Proposals” and explaining how they can obtain more details of the proposals and make representations should they wish.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Head of Transport and Infrastructure authorises all as described in paragraphs 1.1.2 and 1.1.3 above.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSALS

3.1 The proposals are related to the introduction of a new Controlled Parking Zone/Permit Parking Area in the Calowland Ward of Watford. The new Zone will be named Watford Callowland Ward NA and will encompass the area of Callowland surrounding Leavesden Road and St Albans Road shopping centre (see attached plan for exact extents of Zone). The Callowland Zone NA order will also incorporate all existing parking restrictions within the zone.

3.2 Proposals

The request for the introduction of a controlled parking zone (CPZ) originated from the local members (Cllrs Stotesbury, Allen-Williamson & Bashir). Members advised that they had received several requests from residents in Callowland for residents parking in the area due to commuter parking causing a lack of on street parking for residents during daytime as well as early morning and evening hours.

As a result of the member request the council consulted with residents and local businesses in July 2019 in order to come up with the most suitable proposed set of restricted hours for the CPZ. Residents and businesses responded by means of a questionnaire where it became apparent that the southern part of the Ward (Roads in the vicinity of Leavesden Road and St Albans Road) preferred a set of more restrictive hours than roads in the north of the ward (The Harebreaks, Sandringham Road etc). This was likely due to the fact that commuter parking was more prevalent in the southern part of the ward due to its proximity to Watford junction station. It was therefore decided to split Callowland into 2 separate CPZ areas with the following proposed restricted hours for each;

- Area 1 (Roads in the vicinity of Leavesden Road and St Albans Road)
Mon – Saturday 8am to 10am and 7pm to 10pm
- Area 2 (Roads in the vicinity of Gammons Lane, The Harebreaks, Sandringham Road etc)
Monday to Saturday 10am to 12 noon

It was felt that these hours mostly followed residents' feedback whilst went some way to mitigating local businesses concerns in relation to the loss of on street parking for staff and customers particularly off of St Albans Road during daytime hours.

The Council then re-consulted residents and businesses in order to ascertain whether there was a majority in support of the specific proposals outlined above in both Area 1 & 2 during February and March 2020. Residents and businesses in Area1 voted by a majority of 67.6% in favour of the proposals, however Area 2 only voted 51% in favour of the proposals with 47% Against and 2% unsure.

It was therefore decided to progress Area 1 to the Statutory consultation phase of the TRO process in order to begin the delivery phase of the scheme. It was also decided that there was not a significant enough majority in favour of the

Area 2 CPZ proposals to pursue it any further at this time.

Members have been party to the decision process throughout the process and are in support of this decision to progress to the statutory public consultation for Area 1. This includes the decision taken to progress the Callowland Zone NA as a Permit Parking Area not a traditional CPZ in that parking bays will not be marked and Zone entry signs will dictate the start and end of a permit parking area. A similar arrangement already exists in Cassiobury Ward.

All existing parking restrictions within the proposed Callowland Zone NA are proposed to be revoked and included within the new CPZ order.

There have been no objections from any of the statutory consultees.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The cost of the schemes is estimated at £20000.

4.1.2 The Head of Transport and Infrastructure has confirmed there is a sufficient capital budget in BEA004D1142.

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 Watford Borough Council has been given delegated authority to make traffic regulation orders and implement proposals to manage parking on public highways and other roads, pursuant to arrangements made under Section 19 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Government (Arrangement for discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 with Hertfordshire County Council, and is exercising the powers conferred on it under Section 1, 2 ,3 and 4 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (which said Act of 1984 is hereinafter referred to as “the 1984 Act”) and of all other enabling powers, and has consulted with the Chief Officer of Police and the County Council.

4.2.2 The Group Head of Democracy and Governance comments that if the recommendation is approved then the necessary statutory procedure will require consultation and may lead to a public inquiry should any objections not be resolved.

4.3 **Equalities**

4.3.1 This scheme aims to improve road safety and amenity for vehicles and pedestrians, thus paying regard to the council’s duty according to the Equality Act 2010 as set out below.

Under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010, the ‘general duty’ on public authorities is set out as follows:

A public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to -

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

4.3.2 Any impact as a result of the scheme will be equal to all parties.

4.3.3 A generic Equalities Impact Analysis has been carried out for parking schemes which has been considered and approved by the Equalities Working Group. It is available to view on the Council's website.

4.4 **Potential Risks**

4.4.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	Some members of the public/businesses will perceive on-street parking controls as an unnecessary imposition by the Council.	4	2	6
	Failure to implement new parking controls will lead to continued commuter parking issues and calls from residents for some form of parking control leading to reputational damage to the council	2	2	4

Background Papers

Copies of:

The "Draft Order"

A statement of reasons for this Order.

Plan

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

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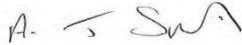
Decision Summary

1. That a "Notice of Proposals" is published and for those proposals where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn "Make" the TRO and implement the proposals and for those proposals where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer's recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.
2. That residents and businesses in the immediate vicinity of the proposals be consulted by means of a letter and plan drawing their attention to the published "Notice of Proposals" and explaining how they can obtain more details of the proposals and make representations should they wish.

Name of Officer exercising delegated authority:

Andy Smith: Head of Transport and Infrastructure

Signature:



Date: .14th July 2020