

Report to: Andy Smith Head of Transport and Infrastructure

Date: 10th February 2021

Report of: Andrew Sturgeon – Traffic Engineer

**THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) AMENDMENT
ORDER No 11 - (ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PLACES) ORDER 2021**

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 a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to cover the proposals in areas where Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Points are to be located within Controlled Parking Zones. The purpose of this report is:

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- a) where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn “Make” the TROs and implement the proposal and:
- b)where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer’s recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.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

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 have been brought forward as part of Watford Councils mission to make Watford carbon neutral by 2030. The promotion of electric charging points encourages greener travel for residents, and through providing the ability for residents without off street parking facilitates to be able to charge efficiently, the Council is proposing a number of EV parking places for charging, within dedicated bays in Controlled Parking Zones, at seven locations across the borough.
- 3.2 The provision of the charge points has been funded by the Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV) and Electric Blue in partnership with Watford Borough Council, and appropriate site locations identified following consultation with residents/HCC and Electric Blue.
- 3.3 Consultation has been ongoing with residents in relation to the promotion of EV charging across the borough, and information on EV charging where the Council proposes to implement bays, was sent to residents in October 2020 (Annex A). In addition a webpage was created www.watford.gov.uk/evchargers where residents could give feedback on the proposals.
- 3.4 Following further exploration works with Electric Blue and UK Power Networks, seven sites were identified as suitable for immediate use, and provision for 7kW fast EV chargers. Other sites require further exploration work with the electricity supplier.
- 3.5 Proposals are based on the EV Charging Points being available for Residents within the identified CPZ Area, so that vehicles using the EV charging facilities will require a Permit for the designated zone during the operational times of the Controlled Parking Zones.
- 3.6 As these are '7kW Fast chargers', it is deemed appropriate to limit the EV charging period to 4 hours during the operational times of the Zone to enable an increased opportunity for different users of the charge point.
- 3.7 To ensure best use of kerb side space each charging facility will be 'dual use' and able to accommodate two vehicles at any one time.
- 3.8 As with the existing CPZ bays, there would be no limit on the length of stay either for parking or charging outside of the controlled hours. This would enable vehicles to charge for longer periods overnight.
- 3.9 **Proposals**
The proposal are therefore to proceed to statutory consultation and introduce parking places for Electric Vehicle Charging for a maximum time of 4 hours, no return within 2 hours, during the CPZ operational times within the following seven streets:
- Granville Road (Central) Controlled Parking Zone E
 - Sotheron Road (Central) Controlled Parking Zone B

- Grosvenor Road (Central) Controlled Parking Zone C
- Sutton Road (Central) Controlled Parking Zone B
- Westland Road (Central) Controlled Parking Zone A
- Stamford Road (Nascot) Controlled Parking Zone D
- Mildred Avenue(Vicarage/Park) Controlled Parking Zone S

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

- 4.1.1 The cost of the Traffic Regulation Order advertising is estimated at £2,500 for advertising and £5,000 for Signing & Lining Works.
- 4.1.2 Construction, infrastructure and future maintenance works do not form part of this report, as this has been funded from the OLEV (See 3.2)
- 4.1.3 The Head of Transport and Infrastructure has confirmed there is a sufficient budget in BEA002 D1142 for the advertising and sign/line works.

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 2000 with Hertfordshire County Council, and is exercising the powers conferred on it under Section 1, 2, 3 and 4, 45, 46, 46A, 47, 49, 51 & 53 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.
- 4.2.2 The proposed restrictions do not include loading and unloading restrictions therefore a Public Inquiry cannot be requested.

4.3 **Equalities**

- 4.3.1 This scheme aims to improve the amenity of the area through enabling residents with an opportunity to use ‘greener’ fuel vehicles and have access to charge points. ,

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 A Draft Equalities Impact Assessment is attached in **Annex B** this concluded that any impact as a result of the TRO being advertised and implemented will be equal to all parties.

4.4 Potential Risks

4.4.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	Some members of the public/businesses will perceive the provision of EV charging bays as detrimentally resulting in a loss of on street parking spaces within the CPZ	2	1	2
	Failure to implement EV Charging Bays would not adhere with the Councils Climate Change mission	1	2	2

Background Papers

Annex A: EV Information Leaflet sent to residents in October 2020.

Annex B: Draft Equality Impact Assessment

NOTIFICATION OF OFFICER DECISION

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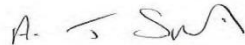
Decision Summary

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 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: 11th February 2021