THE BOROUGH OF WATFORD
(OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2007
(AMENDMENT) (NO. 5) ORDER 2014

1.0 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is:

1.1.1 To inform the Head of Regeneration & Development of the need to implement the proposal the subject of the above Off Street Parking Places Order (OSPPO).

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 where no objections are received or where objections are subsequently withdrawn "Make" the OSPPO and implement the proposal and: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 where objections are received and not subsequently withdrawn, report the details of the objections together with Officer's recommendations so that further instructions can be obtained.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Head of Regeneration & Development authorises all as described in paragraphs 1.1.2 above.

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3.0 DETAILED PROPOSAL

3.1 The proposal was prepared in consultation with Hertfordshire County Council following the installation of electric vehicle charging points in a number of Council controlled car parks in the Borough. The purpose of the Order is to enable the electric vehicle charging bays to be enforced such that they are used only by electric vehicles for the purposes of charging. Currently the lack of controls in this regard mean that on many occasions drivers of electric vehicles are unable to access the charging facilities because the allocated spaces are occupied by conventionally fuelled vehicles. One of the car parks (Bushey Arches – Pinner Road) is currently not subject to controls through an OSPPO so the proposal also includes for extending the standard terms of control to this car park in addition to the controls proposed for the electric vehicle charging points.

3.2 Proposals

Site plans for the affected car parks can be found at APPENDIX A.

In summary these are as follows:

- The Avenue car park
- Town Hall car park
- Bushey Arches – Pinner Road car park
- Longspring car park

WBC/13/1/1
WBC/13/2/1
WBC/13/3/1
WBC/13/4/1

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial (s151 Officer)

4.1.1 The cost of the scheme is estimated at £1,200 including the cost of advertising the order to be met from the Parking Account Projects code HDR 000 D1142 for 2014/15.

4.1.2 The Director of Finance advises that the cost can be met from within existing budgetary provision.

4.2 Legal Issues (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Watford Borough Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Sections 32, 35 & 35A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 ("the Act of 1984") and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, may make traffic regulation orders and implement proposals to manage parking on public highways and other roads.
4.2.2 The Head of Democracy & 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 A generic Equalities Impact Assessment 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

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<td>Failure to implement new parking controls at locations where road safety is perceived to be at risk could result in damage to the Council’s reputation</td>
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Appendices

Appendix A Plans of proposals

Background Papers

Copies of:
The “Draft Order”
A statement of reasons for making this Order
A Notice of Proposals.

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.
Name of Officer exercising delegated authority:

Jane Custance, Head of Regeneration & Development

Signature: 

Date: 31-03-14