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The Occupier
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Dear Occupier,

NOTICE OF INTENT – STATUTORY CONSULTATION

THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, BIRCHWOOD, HATFIELD) (RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND PERMIT PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2018

THE BOROUGH OF WELWYN HATFIELD (VARIOUS ROADS, BIRCHWOOD, HATFIELD) (PROHIBITION OF STOPPING AND WAITING ON VERGE OR FOOTWAY) ORDER 2018

In April 2017 we wrote to residents detailing the outcome of the parking consultation. The outcome identified that the majority of the responses from residents in Cecil Crescent, Clarkes Road and part of Stonecross Road/Court, opted for a resident parking permit scheme. The other roads within the consultation area did not have a large response and there was no majority vote for a permit scheme.

We also had many responses highlighting parking issues on the verges and footways. We are therefore also proposing a Verge and Footway Order across the other roads included in the previous consultation which will enable penalty charge notices to be issued to vehicles that are parked on the verge or footway. Double Yellow Lines are also proposed to be installed as junction protection in the majority of the roads within the consultation area.

The enclosed plans show the extent of the Double Yellow Lines/Permit areas and the area of the Verge and Footway proposal.

Double Yellow Lines

Double yellow lines can only be used in areas where you want to prevent all parking; they are best used near junctions or busy main roads. Double yellow lines apply 24 hours a day seven days a week. They apply equally to non-residents, residents and visitors. No signs are needed.

Verge Protection Order

Reports of vehicles damaging the verge and obstructing the pavement have increased in recent years; mainly as a result of a significant increase in car ownership. The existing by-law is no longer practical to enforce, so the Council are looking at other ways to be able to address such complaints, which have been received from all over the borough.

Some of you may be aware that parking in such areas inside London is prohibited, but outside of London Local Authorities have to introduce Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the enforcement team to issue penalty charge notices to vehicles parking in such areas. This acts as a deterrent to drivers and encourages them to legally park elsewhere.

Therefore, the Council are also proposing to implement a verge protection order when consulting residents on other parking restrictions in areas on the Parking Services work programme. The boundary for this order encompasses the public highway and extends from hedgerow to hedgerow (property boundary to property boundary) and that this includes vehicle crossovers.

Vehicle crossovers comprise of a metalled road surface and are designed to provide means of access from the carriageway to the property boundary. They are not constructed as parking spaces and the land remains as highway maintainable at public expense by Hertfordshire County Council.

The legal document relating to the parking restrictions (Traffic Regulation Order) has been drafted. The document will be published in the Welwyn Hatfield Times on Wednesday 14th March 2018; Notices will also be placed on lamp columns near the lengths of the roads affected. Anyone wishing to object to the proposed parking restrictions may write to the Council using the details supplied in the Public Notice. All objections must be submitted by **Monday 9th April 2018**.

Objections to the proposals will be considered by the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) – meeting date to be confirmed. CPPP will also consider Parking Services' report giving reasons for proceeding with the proposals. The recommendations made by CPPP will be considered by the Cabinet – meeting date also to be confirmed. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the ground floor of the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6AE.

You are not required to attend these meetings. However, if you would like to attend or submit any questions please contact Mr Graham Seal of Democratic Services for the correct protocol. Tel: 01707 357444.

Parking Services will keep all objectors informed by letter during the decision making process. Once this process has ended, we will write to all residents within the affected area.

Further details can be viewed online: <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/birchwoodparking>

Sent on Behalf of,

Parking Services
Welwyn Hatfield Council