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Dear Sir/Madam,

Parking proposals - Hatfield Town Centre

As you will be aware, the council are planning to build a multi-storey car park for Hatfield Town Centre. The multi-storey is to be built on The Common car park and although it will provide around 420 new spaces, there will be a temporary loss of approximately 89 parking spaces during its construction. **This will impact businesses, shoppers and local workers, and it's essential we collect your thoughts to our proposals.**

The council has not made any decisions about introducing charging for the multi-storey car park and it will be considered as part of our budget setting process in future years. However, the multi-storey car park (MSCP) will have limited waiting restrictions in place, similar to what is currently available in the town centre.

Outline of proposals:

Whilst The Common car park is closed for building works, we will be providing approx. 45 additional parking spaces within Kennelwood Lane, and 14 spaces in the reopened Wellfield Road car park, however, there will still be a short term loss of 89 spaces.

In March 2018, a survey was conducted in all car parks over a week to see the average parking time of vehicles. The results showed that the vast majority of short-term parking "shoppers parking" is for 2 hours or less. We are proposing to reduce the current 3 or 4 hour stay limits in remaining Hatfield car parks to 2 hours which will create better turnover of space and ensure shoppers can get parking as close as possible to businesses within the centre, during the construction period of the new MSCP. The restrictions would apply Monday to Saturday to include a better park and shop experience.

To further assist businesses, we look to change Link Drive car park to designated business parking permits only. When the car parks are due to change, we would reopen applications for B04 business permits for local workers to apply. This is the same as the

red bay provision currently offered in Dog Kennel Lane Car Park. The permits would be issued on a first come first served basis and will be limited to ensure that car park is not oversubscribed.

The cost for a permit would remain at £50 per year per vehicle. Please note: "All Zones" healthcare permits will not be valid for use in B04 business permit bays. The healthcare permits are only valid for use in resident permit areas for home visits.

We hope to alleviate the displacement of vehicles from The Common to surrounding residential roads by realigning the car parks for better parking provision for all. Plans are enclosed which outlines the proposals for each of the car parks.

Parking Services will be holding an open drop-in session at Hatfield Housing Hub on **Friday 26th July** between **12pm and 7pm** so you can see the plans in closer detail and have a chat with us about the proposals. We would like to engage with as many of the businesses and residents as possible regarding these proposed changes.

We have also enclosed plans showing the new parking restrictions.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please call us on 01707 357000 or email us at parking@welhat.gov.uk by the **2nd August 2019** and a member of the parking team will return your call, or pop in and see us at Hatfield Hub on 26th July.

Full details of the Hatfield Town Centre consultation with the plans can also be found on the council's website: www.welhat.gov.uk/article/7916/Hatfield-Town-Centre-Car-Parks

Sent on behalf of

Parking Services