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Dear Resident,

Parking proposals - Hatfield Town Centre

As you may be aware, the council is planning to build a multi-storey car park for Hatfield Town Centre. This is part of much wider plans to free up car parking space for redevelopment, breathing new life into the town centre and its economy. The multi-storey is to be built on The Common car park and although it will provide approximately 420 new spaces, there will be a temporary loss of approximately 89 parking spaces during its construction. **This will impact businesses, shoppers, local workers and residents living nearby and it's essential we collect your views on 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 all 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. The restrictions would apply Monday to Saturday 9am to 5pm to include a better park and shop experience. As the 2 hour stay restrictions in those car parks would finish at 5pm, residents could utilise these spaces to park overnight from 3pm onwards until the next morning. There will, however, still be some long stay parking available in Lemsford Road car park for all day parking.

Our overall aim is to alleviate the displacement of vehicles from The Common to surrounding residential roads by realigning the car parks for better parking provision for all.

Parking Services will be holding an open drop-in session at the Hatfield Hub, in White Lion House, on **Friday 26th July** between **12am 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/Hatfield-Town-Centre-Car-Parks

Sent on behalf of

Parking Services