

Reply To: address as below
Date: 2nd July 2019
Our ref: MM/12113
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Email: parking@welhat.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Parking proposals - Hatfield Town Centre

Further to the letter dated 2nd July, the Council is now writing to notify you of the outcome of the recent consultation which took place with businesses and residents in Hatfield town centre. Due to the construction of the proposed new multi-storey car park (MSCP) there would be a reduction in the number of parking bays. The Council were looking to try and mitigate the loss of parking for this period, by maximising the space left.

Just to recap, the Council were proposing to make the following key changes:

- amend the 3 hour restriction in most car park to 2 hours;
- limit the disabled bays to 3 hours;
- Link Drive to be business permit holders only

The above proposals would affect businesses, customers, local workers and residents of the town centre.

Below is a summary of the feedback the council received:

- Concerns there were no spaces for customers to be able to park for longer than 2 hours
- Resident would have less parking spaces to be able to have access to within a reasonable distance to their home
- Concerns about limiting the disabled bays to 3 hours, as this may deter vulnerable people from visiting the town centre if they are concerned about having to rush
- Request for more consideration about loading and unloading options for businesses

In response to the feedback the council are proposing the following changes:

- Some parking spaces to be restricted for 3 hours (Dog Kennel Lane)
- Link Drive and the existing permit bays in Dog Kennel Lane to be available for businesses and residents who live in the town centre and do not have access to any parking as part of their property (limited to one permit per property. Costs would apply and are consistent across the borough. More information on this is enclosed)

- None of the proposed disabled parking spaces will not be time limited
- Another loading bay will be introduced in the Wellfield Road slip road

Resident permits will be limited to one per property which does not already have parking provision provided as part of their lease. The permit would cost £25 (or free for those residents with a valid blue badge). The resident would need to provide evidence that they live at an eligible property and that the vehicle was registered there too.

The revised plans are enclosed. These will be published in the Welwyn Hatfield Times on **Wednesday 14th August 2019**, and displayed within each of the car parks 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 **Friday 13th September 2019**. Any previous concerns raised in our survey forms will not be classed as a formal objection, and the above process will need to be followed to lodge an objection against the proposals.

Objections to the proposals will be considered by the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) at the meeting on Thursday 31st October 2019. The Cabinet will consider the recommendations made by CPPP on Tuesday 5th November 2019. Both meetings will be held in the Council Chamber on the ground floor of the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6AE at 7:30pm. You are not required to attend these meetings. However, if you would like to attend or submit any questions for the meetings please contact Democratic Services for the correct protocol before Monday 28th October 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 and businesses within the affected area with the outcome.

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 **Friday 13th September 2019** and a member of the parking team will return your call or email.

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