Further to our previous letter of August 2019, in which we mentioned work would begin on a verge protection order to cover all of the French Horn Lane consultation area, the drafting of the legal documents is now complete. This continues the work of a roll-out programme across Hatfield, following on from the schemes completed in Birchwood and Roe Green.

The Council continues to receive many complaints from residents concerning parking on footways and verges. Such behaviour causes unnecessary obstruction, inconvenience to other users and damage to the highway and underground services. Existing legislation is no longer fit for purpose. This new legislation will allow civil enforcement officers to deal with such offences there and then by means of a fixed penalty charge.

The proposed verge protection order is based upon land forming part of the public highway. The highway boundary extends from property boundary to property boundary; and in most cases will include the road, footway, verge and vehicle crossovers.

Enclosed with this letter are A3 scale drawings illustrating the extent of the area covered by the proposed Order. They can be viewed in greater detail online on the Council website. Alternatively, further drawings can be provided upon request by contacting the Council.

A public notice will be published in the Welwyn Hatfield Times on Wednesday 9th October 2019. Notice boards will also be erected in the lengths of road affected. Anyone wishing to object to the proposed parking restrictions may write to the Council by 30th October 2019 using the details supplied in the public notice.

All objections to the proposals will be considered by the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel (CPPP) on 19th December 2019. CPPP will also consider the Parking Services’ report giving reasons for proceeding with the proposals. The recommendations made by CPPP will be considered by the Cabinet on 7th January 2020. Both meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Council Chamber on the ground floor of the Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6AE.

Parking Services will keep objectors informed during the decision process. Once the decision process has ended Parking Services will write to all residents and businesses in the affected roads. If you have any questions about the consultation process please do not hesitate to contact us. Details of the French Horn Lane area parking consultation can be found at

https://www.welhat.gov.uk/frenchhornlanearea

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