

Dear Sir/Madam,

Parking proposals - Hatfield Town Centre car parks

Further to the letter dated 13th August, the Council is now writing to notify you of some changes to the Councils proposals in response to comments and objections received during the formal stage of the consultation.

For background, the Council are proposing to construct a multi-storey car park in The Common. Construction is likely to start in late Spring 2020 and will take up to 12 months to complete. During the construction period there will be a loss of 151 parking spaces.

The council have managed to create two temporary car parks, one (Fourways) will be accessed from Kennelwood Lane car park and will provide 48 parking spaces. The other is a small car park located off Wellfield Road which will provide 16 parking spaces.

To cope with the loss of the 87 spaces the council consulted businesses and residents on changing the parking restrictions in the car parks. The idea was to improve the turnover of spaces throughout the day. The proposals which were to operate Monday-Saturday, 9am – 5pm were advertised in August are below:

Car park	2 hours	3 hours	Permit	Disabled	Unrestricted
Dog Kennel Lane		26	26	4	
Kennelwood Lane	43		11 (Doctors)	8	
Fiveways	48				
Wellfield Road	16				
Lemsford Road	63			5	85
Link Drive			115	2	
Total	170	26	152	19	85

Comments and objections received in response to the above proposals were mainly centred that there were not enough of the 3 hours parking bays available for the

range of businesses and their visitors in the town centre. Also, the preference seemed to be for any restrictions only to operate Monday-Friday.

Therefore, the council will be recommending an increase in the number of 3 hour parking bays and for the restrictions to operate Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm. These are outlined below:

Car park	2 hours	3 hours	4 hours	Permit	Disabled	Unrestricted
Dog Kennel Lane		26		26	4	
Kennelwood Lane		43		11 (Doctors)	8	
Fiveways		48				
Wellfield Road	16					
Lemsford Road			61		5	84
Link Drive				115	2	
Total	16	117	61	152	19	84

The objections received and the recommendations were due to be presented to the Cabinet Planning and Parking Panel on the 31st October. This was deferred to the meeting which will be held on the 17th December. The Cabinet will consider the recommendations made by CPPP on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

In September, new parking restrictions in the roads around the town centre were introduced. The council are aware that the Link Drive car park is getting full Monday-Friday before 8:30am, causing local workers to struggle in finding long stay parking spaces. Therefore, until a decision has been made on the above proposals, the council have arranged for the Link Drive car park to be physically closed from 7pm Sunday-Thursday evening and reopened at 8am Monday to Friday mornings. It is hoped that this will prevent the majority of commuters parking in the car park and leave long stay spaces for the local workers. This will begin week commencing 2nd December 2019.

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 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