

Name of decision maker:	Councillor Julie Laws
Portfolio:	Environmental Services & Sustainability
Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:	20 January 2014

Title of Decision:

To advertise and introduce the "Borough of Dacorum (Off-street Parking Places) Order 2014" Traffic Regulation Order

Decision made and reasons:

To advertise and introduce the "Borough of Dacorum (Off-street Parking Places) Order 2014" Traffic Regulation Order.

The Order will introduce; changes to a number of car park tariffs, a change to a site designation, the power for the council to issue permits to park in car parks at its discretion, enforcement to bays designated for the use of electric vehicles, car club facilities in Wood Lane End car park and additional sites as agreed at Cabinet of 22 October 2013.

In line with the authority delegated to the Portfolio Holder at Cabinet and taking into account feedback from the formal consultation the following amendments are to be made:

- The proposal to introduce a four hour maximum stay in Langley Hill car park will not be pursued
- Amend the Traffic Regulation Order to facilitate tariff changes via Notice of Variation
- A number of bays in Water Gardens (South) car park are to be restricted to a maximum 30 minute stay
- Introduce the facility to issue season tickets in Durrants Hill car park (At the request of Hertfordshire county Council in support of planned changes at their Apsley centre)
- Introduce the facility to issue season tickets in Water Gardens (North) car park upper deck (At the request of Hertfordshire county Council in support of proposed construction works at South Hill School)

Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)

Cabinet 22 October 2013 Agenda item 9, Appendix A, Background report "Parking in Dacorum for 2014/2015, Options for Consideration by Cabinet".

Formal consultation report for Portfolio Holder dated 12 December 2013 "Formal Consultation on: The Proposed Borough of Dacorum Borough (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2012"

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Cabinet

Public consultation – Site notices on or near every information board within all DBC Parking Service car parks

Public consultation - Press notice Gazette 13 November 2013

Hertfordshire Highways – Traffic Order Manager

Tring Town Council

Berkhamsted Town Council

Kings Langley Parish Council

Hertfordshire Constabulary – Road Policing Strategy Unit

Monitoring Officer Comments:

No further comments to add to this report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

There is sufficient approved budget to implement the proposed schemes, and the resulting income has been incorporated into the proposed budget for 2014/15.

Implications:

Risk:

The intention of the advertisement is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

Value for Money:

The costs of implementation are estimated to be approximately £27,000. The additional annual revenue income generation is estimated to be approximately £70,000.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to advertise the Order – DBC could not make the changes agreed by Cabinet

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 27 January 2014

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:
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BACKGROUND

A review of parking arrangements in Dacorum has indicated that the town centre car park charges levied in the Borough remain competitive in comparison to the tariffs levied in privately owned car parks within the Borough and when compared to most other Hertfordshire and other local districts.

The Council faces significant challenges in producing a balanced budget over the next few years. Income from parking charges offers an opportunity for increased income particularly in view of the modest rates currently charged in comparison to other towns. Failure to optimise income would require Members to identify other opportunities for savings or income growth in order that the budget position can be addressed.

In policy terms the Council seeks to encourage greater thought regarding travel choice in line with the longer-term aim of seeing a shift to more sustainable forms of transport. Increased parking charges can certainly influence travel choices; however, the provision of viable alternatives, particularly for commuters, is a significant and costly challenge which will be difficult to address in the current financial climate.

The introduction of discretionary permits and the discontinuation of staff permits will simplify procedures for the issue of permits.

Following the acquisition of land in the vicinity of Dacorum Way the Order will enable enforcement of these areas.

The introduction of a 30 minute stay tariff in Water Gardens (South) car park will increase parking opportunities for customers wishing to use local facilities and is intended to support businesses in the town centre through the potential for increased footfall.

The introduction of electric vehicle Car Club bays in Wood Lane End car park will allow the council to test the viability of this type of initiative.

Electric vehicle points have been installed in The Forge, Canal Fields and Durrants Hill car parks, the Order will allow these bays to be restricted for the sole use of electric vehicles while charging.

The proposal to change the name of Civic Centre car park to Dacorum Way car park is intended to reduce any possible confusion to the council's customers after the relocation of premises in 2014.

Parking in Kings Langley and Markyate, and the first hour of parking in Tring and Boxmoor remains free to reflect the need to balance sustainable transport objectives against those of supporting the local economy.

At the Cabinet meeting of 22 October 2013 Members agreed parking tariffs for the financial years 2014 and 2015. It is these tariffs with amendments agreed by the Portfolio Holder that are to be advertised.

Proposed car park tariffs commencing 6 April 2014

Car park	Up to 30 minutes	Up to 1 hour	Up to 2 hours	Up to 3 hours	Up to 4 hours	4 to 10 hours	Annual permit
Hicks Road	Free						
Wood Lane End	£0.10	£0.30		£0.60	£0.90	£1.60	
The Gables	£0.50		£0.60	£0.70	£0.80	£1.50	
High Street	£0.50		£0.60	£0.70	£0.80	£1.50	
Gadebridge Lane	Free						
Queensway	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	
Alexandra Road	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	
Dacorum Way (Weekends & public	£0.60		£0.90	£1.20	£1.50	£2.50	DBC
Old Court House (Weekends & public	Free						DBC
Gadeside (Weekends & public	Free						DBC
Water Gardens (North) Lower deck	£0.80		£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	No Long	
Water Gardens (North) Upper deck	£0.80		£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	£3.50	DBC
Water Gardens (South)	£0.40	£0.80	£1.30	£2.00	£2.50	No Long	
Moor End Road	£4.00						
Park Road	£0.60		£0.70	£0.80	£0.90	£2.50	
Cowper Road	Free		£0.40	£0.50	£0.60	No Long	
Durrants Hill	£0.10	£0.30		£0.60	£0.90	£1.60	
The Nap	Free						
Langley Hill	Free						
Water Lane	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	No Long	
Lower Kings Road	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	No Long	
Canal Fields	Free						No Long
St Johns Well Lane	£0.60		£1.20	£1.90	£2.50	£3.50	
The Forge	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	£2.00	£416.00
Church Yard	£2.00						
Frogmore Street (East)	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long	
Frogmore Street (West)	£2.00						
Victoria Hall	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long	
Old School Yard	Free		£0.90	£1.10	£1.40	No Long	

Car park tariffs apply Monday to Sunday 8:00am to 6:00pm except
Old School Yard Monday to Saturday (excluding public holidays) 8:00am to 6:00pm