

<b>Name of decision maker:</b>	<b>Councillor Julie Laws</b>
<b>Portfolio:</b>	<b>Environmental Services &amp; Sustainability</b>
<b>Date of Portfolio Holder Decision:</b>	<b>25 March 2014</b>

**Title of Decision:**

To consult on proposals to introduce limited wait bays, statutory disabled drivers bays and junction protection waiting restrictions in High Street, Northchurch.

**Decision made and reasons:**

To consult on proposals to introduce limited wait bays, statutory disabled drivers bays and junction protection waiting restrictions in High Street, Northchurch.

The current bays in this location are unenforceable. Applying a Traffic Regulation Order will allow enforcement of these bays. There is currently no junction protection to the northeast of the shopping parade which results in drivers parking inappropriately on the pavement.

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

No reports.

**Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:**

If the Portfolio Holder Decision is signed off the following will be consulted:

- The residents and businesses in close proximity to the bays
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- Ward councillors
- Northchurch Parish Council

**Monitoring Officer Comments:**

**No further comments to add.**

**Deputy S151 Officer Comments:**

No further comments to add.

**Implications:**

Without appropriate measures it will leave poor access to local amenities unresolved

**Risk:**

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

**Value for Money:**

The on-street parking service is not designed to produce surplus income, but, in line with government guidelines, to be self-financing.

The consultants selected for this function have previously carried out consultations and design works in the Borough and is familiar with the area. They are also one of the named contractors in the framework agreement for the provision of consultancy for traffic related operations and parking with Watford Borough Council which is available to the three district councils that work within the parking enforcement partnership.

The cost of introducing this scheme is estimated to be £5,000. The budget for the work has been identified with the team's accountant and will be funded from savings from the Group Manager's team.

**Options Considered and reasons for rejection:**

Not to consult would leave poor access to local amenities unresolved.

**Portfolio Holders Signature:**

Date:

**Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:****For Member Support Officer use only**

Date Decision Record Sheet received from portfolio holder: 21 March 2014

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Date of Expiry of Call-In Period: 1 April 2014

Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:

**BACKGROUND**

Northchurch Parish Council has called for the bays outside the district shopping centre in Northchurch High Street to have a limited wait restriction placed on them to allow access to local amenities. Currently bays are often occupied for long periods which impacts on parking availability for potential users of the amenities.

There are two disabled persons' bays in this area which are currently unenforceable and often misused by able bodied drivers.

There is currently no junction protection to the northeast of the shopping parade which results in drivers parking inappropriately on the pavement. It is therefore proposed to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions to avoid danger to pedestrians and other traffic using the road and pavement.

The intention of the consultation is to determine the support for proposals to introduce limited wait bays to make the disabled persons' bays enforceable and to introduce no waiting at any time restrictions to the northeast of the shopping parade.