

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER
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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS SO FAR

1.1 Context

- 1.1.1 Concerns have been raised to local members and the Council regarding inappropriate parking on Old Fishery Lane near to its bridge over the Grand Union Canal. Concerns have also been raised with regards to vehicles parked in the turning head south of the canal bridge.
- 1.1.2 Dacorum Borough Council are therefore undertaking a review of the current parking arrangements on Old Fishery Lane, Hemel Hempstead. As part of this review, a site assessment was undertaken by officers in September 2022 and, following this, a design has been produced outlining the proposed changes on the sections of road under investigation.

1.2 Proposals

- 1.2.1 The proposed alterations to the existing parking arrangements on Old Fishery Lane are shown in Appendix A and outlined below:
- Introducing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on both sides of Old Fishery Lane for its entire extent including the turning head.
- 1.2.2 The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions on Old Fishery Lane aims to; prevent inappropriate parking close to the canal bridge, prevent private accesses and the turning head being obstructed, ensure the safe, convenient, and expeditious movement of traffic and generally improve road safety and amenity in the vicinity.

1.3 Previous Informal Consultations

- 1.3.1 A previous consultation was undertaken on a proposal which looked at introducing ‘No Waiting at Any Time’ (Double Yellow Line) restrictions along both sides of the carriageway south of the canal bridge and into the turning head. The proposal plan for this consultation can be found in Appendix B.
- 1.3.2 Residents and businesses affected by the proposals were consulted over a four-week period from 17th November 2022 to 15th December 2022. A letter and plan were posted to the directly affected properties which explained the proposals and the reasoning behind them. Consultees were able to respond via email or post. The area comprised a total of approximately 23 addresses. Following the completion of the consultation process, a total of 3 responses were received. Of these responses 3 were in support for the proposal. It was also requested that the proposal was extended to cover the entire extent of Old Fishery Lane.
- 1.3.2 A consultation with the Statutory Consultees was also undertaken between 17th November 2022 to 7th December 2022. A letter and plan were emailed directly and consultees were invited to submit any comments via email. No objections were received.
- 1.3.3 Officers considered the responses received and it was resolved that the proposal be extended to cover the entire length of Old Fishery Lane and the scheme be progressed to the statutory public TRO consultation process.

2.0 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL (PUBLIC CONSULTATION)

2.1 Methodology

- 2.1.1 The Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process took place from 29th March 2023 to 19th April 2023 – a period of 3 weeks. During this process, Site Notices were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, and they were also published in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette.

2.1.2 A copy of the Notice of Proposal document package is included as Appendix C.

2.2 Consultation Responses

2.2.1 Following the completion of the Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process, no objections were received from the Statutory Consultees or from the general public.

2.3 Conclusion

2.3.1 In light of the above, it is clear that the Statutory Consultees and the general public consider the proposal at Old Fishery Lane to be acceptable.

3.0 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Dacorum Borough Council have undertaken an extensive Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process with regards to the proposed changes to existing parking restrictions on Old Fishery Lane, Hemel Hempstead.

3.2 Site Notices and Plans were erected on street furniture on site, the Notice of Proposal documents were made available on the Council website, they were also published in the Hemel Hempstead Gazette.

3.3 No objections have been received from the Statutory Consultees or from the general public. It can therefore, be concluded that the vast majority deem the proposals to be acceptable.

3.4 It is therefore recommended to continue to make and implement the Traffic Regulation Order as proposed.