

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



Hitchin Parking Review

**CONSULTATION – IMPORTANT, YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED****Background**

The Council is investigating parking issues in your street. This is mainly as a result of comments or complaints received from residents. Observation of the parking in your street suggests that non-resident parking may be causing some access problems for residents or visitors. The Council's priority in residential areas is residents' parking so a number of options are proposed for you to consider and let us know what you think about them.

The options overleaf are not all of the possible solutions. It would be helpful if you could identify your preference in the boxes alongside the options by numbering them '1', '2', '3' etc. You do not have to choose any options nor do you have to choose more than one if you do not wish to.

The options include reference to permit parking. Space in this consultation does not allow detailed explanation of how permit schemes work. Please note that the Council does not offer permits to residents free of charge. Current resident permit prices are £76 per annum which is equivalent to 29p per day for a Monday to Friday scheme. Further information on permit schemes can be found at:

[www.north-herts.gov.uk/index/transport\\_and\\_streets/car\\_parking/](http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/index/transport_and_streets/car_parking/).

Please note that at this stage no decision has been made on implementing any parking scheme and we need your response to this consultation to help us decide what to do next.

**Next Steps**

The results of this consultation will be analysed and, if sufficient support is received, detailed proposals will be drawn up and reported to the Council's Hitchin Area Committee later this year. Please note that the results of the consultation may mean that any future proposals are amended from what is shown overleaf.

Proposals would be consulted on in the form of draft Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) which include plans and statement of reasons. You would be advised of draft TROs and where you could see them.

Any TRO process would be your opportunity to see and comment on/object to any detailed proposals. There would not be any other form of consultation aside from the options overleaf and any subsequent TRO process.

Once any TRO process has been concluded new parking signs and lines would be installed and enforced. It is not possible to offer a precise date for when any scheme could be operational but summer 2012 is a guide.

This form can be returned in the following ways:

- Returned by post to Planning Policy and Projects, NHDC, PO Box 480, M33 0DE
- Requesting and returning an electronic version by email to [planning.policy@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@north-herts.gov.uk), please state your street name in the request.

**However you chose to respond please ensure the form is returned by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.**

Should you have any queries please contact Simon Young on 01462 474846 or Jim Brown on 01462 474835 or email [planning.policy@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@north-herts.gov.uk)

Thank you for your time and assistance with this project. We look forward to hearing your views.

| Parking Management Options  | Preference |
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| <p><b>Option B – No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) at junctions and very narrow sections of road only.</b><br/>This will protect visibility and turning movements at junctions and help prevent parking on very narrow sections of road. No other parking management is proposed.</p>  |            |
| <p><b>Option C – Permit Parking (Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm)</b><br/>Anyone wishing to park on street during the above days/hours will need to purchase and display a valid permit. Permits can be purchased for residents and visitors. Yellow line restrictions may also be needed as per Option B. Please say if you think scheme should cover Saturday.</p>                  |            |
| <p><b>Option D – Permit Parking (Monday to Friday 10am to 11am and 4pm to 5pm)</b><br/>Anyone wishing to park on street during the above days/hours will need to purchase and display a valid permit. Permits can be purchased for residents and visitors. Yellow line restrictions may also be needed as per Option B. Please say if you think scheme should cover Saturday.</p> |            |
| <p><b>Option E – Single Yellow Line/‘Commuter ban’ (No waiting Monday to Friday 10am to 11am and 4pm to 5pm)</b><br/><u>Please note that this option does not include permits so residents would need to rely on off-street parking or park elsewhere during the above days and hours.</u> Please say if you think scheme should cover Saturday.</p>                              |            |
| <p><b>Please write your house number and street name here:</b></p>  |            |
| <p>Additional comments (please use additional sheet if necessary)</p>   |            |

