

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



Hitchin Parking Review

CONSULTATION – IMPORTANT, YOUR VIEWS ARE NEEDED

Background

The Council is investigating parking issues in Tilehouse Street, Old Charlton Road and Wratten Road East. This is mainly as a result of comments or suggestions received from residents and businesses as well as observation of parking activity. The Council's priority in your area is residents parking but as your area is in the town centre the Council is also keen to improve parking for customers' access to shops and services.

The options overleaf are suggested for your consideration and comment. 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 which you may already be familiar with. 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 24p per day for a Monday to Saturday scheme.

Permits are not currently available for businesses other than for operational vehicles.

Further information on permit schemes can be found at 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, please state your street name in the request.

However you chose to respond please ensure the form is returned by Friday 18th 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

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

Parking Management Options	Preference
<p>Option B – Extend Permit Parking to Old Charlton Road. The current parking permit scheme extended to the current unrestricted parking area. No change to days and times of permit controls. (Please note that the permit parking scheme would include all eligible residential properties and businesses in the three streets).</p>	
<p>Option C – Provide limited waiting parking for anyone up to 2 hours, Monday to Saturday in Old Charlton Road. Current unrestricted parking space changed to limited waiting for up to two hours. This short stay parking would be mainly aimed at visitors to shops, businesses and residents in this area.</p>	
<p>Option D – Extend Permit Parking to Old Charlton Road and also allow parking for anyone for up to 2 hours, Monday to Saturday. Current unrestricted parking space changed to permit parking and limited waiting to allow residents and visitors to shops and businesses to share this space. (Please note that the permit parking scheme would include all eligible residential properties and businesses in the three streets).</p>	
<p>Option E – As for Option C but for limited waiting for up to 2 hours to be Pay and Display, Monday to Saturday Current unrestricted parking space changed to limited waiting pay and display for up to two hours. This short stay parking would be mainly aimed at visitors to shops, businesses and residents in this area. Income received would go towards the cost of parking management and cover the cost of permit schemes. Indicative charges would be 50p up to 1 hour, £1.00 up to 2 hours.</p>	
<p>Please write your house/business number/name and street name here:</p>	
	<p>Business</p>
	<p>Residential</p>

Additional comments (please use additional sheet if necessary)