

		<b>AGENDA ITEM 6</b>
		<b>EDE/03/11</b>
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Economic Development and Environment Policy &amp; Scrutiny Committee</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	<b>24 February 2011</b>	
<b>CALL IN OF DECISION ON EPPING FOREST PERMITTED PARKING AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA (Ref FP430/01/11)</b>		
<b>Enquiries to:</b>	<b>Christine Sharland, Governance Officer</b> 01245 430450 <b>Christine.sharland@essex.gov.uk</b>	

Councillor McEwen called in this decision on behalf of Councillor Valerie Metcalfe. A copy of the decision notice is attached at Appendix A, together with the Notification of Call-In form at Appendix B.

In line with the procedure for handling the call in of a decision, an informal meeting was held on 7 February, and a note of that meeting is attached at Appendix C. At that meeting Councillors Metcalfe and McEwen agreed to withdraw the Call In on this decision based upon the Cabinet Member's promise that action would be taken to implement restrictions in Hazelwood. Therefore the matter was resolved.

#### **Action required by the Committee:**

The Committee is requested to note the activity that occurred in respect of this decision. However, it is not required to take any further action as the Call In has been withdrawn.

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**HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

# EXECUTIVE DECISION

**Short Title of Decision:**

**Epping Forest Permitted Parking and Special Parking Area**

\*Tick the relevant box below

Key Decision by Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

- in consultation with another Cabinet Member
- in consultation with the Director for Highways and Transportation

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Non Key Decision by Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

- in consultation with another Cabinet Member
- agreed with the Director for Highways and Transportation

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Non Key Decision by Director for Highways and Transportation

- in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation
- on own account

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## Recommendation - Decision(s)

To seek approval for the implementation of waiting restrictions as summarised in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

## Background

A number of parking related problems at various locations throughout the District had been identified predominantly by Councillors that resulted in proposals for waiting restrictions to be introduced. In addition some corrections to existing restrictions were identified to enable effective enforcement to take place along with some additional parking bays for disabled people.

With limited funds available a priority list was prepared and selected restrictions were advertised as The Essex County Council [Epping Forest District][Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area] [Amendment No. 12] Order 20\*\* and The Essex County Council [Epping Forest District][Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area] [Amendment No. 15] Order 20\*\* [which related to High Ongar only].

Various objections and other correspondence were received which are summarised in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2.

### Views of the Local County Member

None received to date.

### Views of other Consultees

None received to date.

### Financial Implications

Budget Reference:

Financial provision has been made within the Local Highways Panel budget for the introduction of the restrictions

### Policy Fit / Reasoning

\*Tick the relevant Yes/No box below

Policy Reference:

Is a departure from policy needed?

Yes

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No

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Is a Cabinet Decision needed?

Yes

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No

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Recommended change in policy to be made with this decision:

<b>Originating Officer</b>			
I certify that:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>there is an approved budget for the expenditure arising from this decision</li> <li>guidance and protocol has been followed as per attached checklist</li> </ul>			
Details		Signature	Date
Name	David Mant		
Designation	Traffic Engineer		
Extension	49648		
<b>Consultation</b>			
Designation		Signature	Date
* Delete when not relevant to the decision			
Area Highway Manager (for every decision)			
* Director for Highways and Transportation (for a decision by the Cabinet Member)			
* Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation (for a decision by the Service Director)			
<del>* Other (insert details of person consulted)</del>			
<b>Decision</b>			
* Tick approval / non-approval in the relevant box below			
With regard to the recommended decision:		I approve	* I do not approve *
Reasons for the decision (to be completed by the decision taker):			
Designation		Signature	Date
* Delete when not the decision maker			
* Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation			
* Director for Highways and Transportation			

Appendix 1

**THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (EPPING FOREST DISTRICT) (PERMITTED PARKING AREA AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA)  
(AMENDMENT NO.12) ORDER 20\*\***

**Schedule of correspondence received:**

<b>Road Name and Restriction</b>	<b>Objector</b>	<b>Reason</b>	<b>Comments and Recommendation</b>
Fountain Place, Waltham Abbey Disabled Bay	Resident of Fountain Place	Objects on basis that an existing disabled bay is not used. Unaware of any disabled residents who drive and concerned about loss of parking space for residents.	Enquiries have confirmed that the alleged unused bay is still required. <b>Recommendation:</b> Overturn objections and install bay.
	Resident of Fountain Place	Request for more detailed information on the proposed disabled bay.	
Greenhill, Buckhurst Hill Disabled Bay	Resident of Greenhill	Request for more detailed information on the proposed disabled bay.	<b>Recommendation:</b> Install bay.
Hazelwood, Loughton No Waiting Mon – Fri 11am – 12.00pm	Resident of Hazelwood	Strongly objects. Concerned that the proposal has been advertised again as it was withdrawn in August 2009 following objections and a petition signed by 25 residents.	This appears to be a controversial proposal with differing views. The petitions referred to are over 1 year old. <b>Recommendation:</b> Uphold objections and reconsider again in due course.
	Resident of Hazelwood	Supports proposals. Refers to a petition of November 2009 where 81% of households were in favour of restrictions. Situation has changed since 2008 proposals following the introduction of restrictions in Upper Park.	
	Resident of Hazelwood	Strongly objects. Recognises that residents at far end may support restrictions. Concerned about lack of off street parking for multi-car families. Claims that there is not a commuter problem. Most parked cars are residents. Recognises insufficient parking for commuters.	
	Resident of Hazelwood	Objects to proposals on basis that it will not achieve anything. Believes a residents permit scheme is the answer. Restrictions will inconvenience residents of Hazelwood. Only minimal commuter parking.	
Hemnall Street, Epping	Councillor	Concerned about the loss of parking space and width of footway crossovers.	Proposal reflects what has already been implemented. No further action required.
Millsmead Way, Loughton No Waiting At Any Time	Local Company	Opposed to proposals as it will reduce the amount of available parking space. Would like to know why the Council car park next to Plume of Feathers was closed and remains closed as this is unhelpful.	Due to the volume of parking and the extent of obstructive parking in Millsmead Way there is no doubt that restrictions are required which will impact on employees of local businesses. In view of this a way
	Local resident	Supportive of proposals. Would like to see more restrictions. Problems originate from local businesses who park	

		inconsiderately.	forward would be a compromise. <b>Recommendation:</b> Uphold the objections and re-advertise in due course for a No Waiting At Any Time restriction on one side of the road only.
	Resident of Church Hill	Entrance to their property in Millsmead. Supportive of double yellow lines on one side but not both sides. Both sides will not help residents or businesses.	
	Resident of Goldings Hill	Objects to proposal on grounds that it will reduce parking and leave resident personally vulnerable if car is parked further away from residence.	
	3 Businesses in Goldings Hill	Petition signed by approximately 120 individuals [no addresses supplied] opposing the proposals. No grounds provided.	
Nevill Way, Loughton No Waiting At Any Time – Junction Protection	Resident of Nevill Way	Request for more detailed information on the proposed restrictions.	<b>Recommendation:</b> Install restrictions as they are for safety reasons.
Russell Road, Buckhurst Hill Reduction of 2 residents parking bays to accommodate a proposed vehicle crossover	Resident of Russell Road	Strongly objects. Proposal will result in the loss of much needed parking bays. Applicants' property already has a drive and garage at rear of their property. Currently no driveway to front of property.	At the time of writing, an application for a vehicle crossover has been approved however access to the front garden of the applicants' property can only be gained if 2 residents permit parking bays outside their property are removed. <b>Recommendation:</b> Uphold objections and keep resident parking bays.
	Resident of Russell Road	Strongly objects. Has no off street parking. Proposal will result in the loss of much needed parking bays. Applicants' property already has a drive and garage at rear of their property.	
	Resident of Russell Road	Concerned about proposals. Understands proposal on south side but wants to know what is proposed for north side of Russell Road. Unhappy that plans were not available at Buckhurst Hill Parish Council Offices in Queens Road.	
	Resident of Russell Road	Objects to proposal. Existing bays are at a premium. The loss of bays will be detrimental to many residents but benefit only one who has a garage and off street parking. No evidence that front garden will be a hard standing.	
	Resident of Russell Road	Objects to proposal on basis that 2 bays will be lost and there is no proposal to replace them elsewhere. Vehicles will be displaced in to surrounding roads where space is already at a premium.	
	Applicant of vehicle crossover	Applicant considers that only permit holders should be allowed to object. Questions the validity of objections from residents who have off street parking. Questions the number of permit holders who will be affected. Considers that proposed changes will have no impact as they will be creating 2 off street spaces. States that vehicle crossover is required for disabled access.	
Scotland Road, Buckhurst Hill Disabled Parking Bay	Applicant	An objection has been received from the applicant of the bay stating that the proposed location is unsatisfactory.	Unfortunately due to the frontage width of the applicants' property and adjacent

			dropped kerbs the chosen location is the only option available. <b>Recommendation:</b> Uphold objection and withdraw the bay.
Townmead Road, Waltham Abbey Disabled Parking Bay	Resident of Fountain Place	Objects on basis that an existing disabled bay is not used. Unaware of any disabled residents who drive and concerned about loss of parking space for residents.	Enquiries have confirmed that the alleged unused bay is still required. <b>Recommendation:</b> Overturn objections and install bay.
	Resident of Townmead Road	Questions whether applicants who rent property are eligible. Claim that applicants may be vacating in January 2011 resulting in a loss of a much needed space that would not be used. Suggested solution – allocate the unused bay outside no. 27.	
Upper Park, Loughton No Waiting At Any Time	Resident of Hazelwood	Objects to proposals on basis that it will not achieve anything. Believes a residents' permit scheme is the answer. Restrictions will inconvenience residents of Hazelwood. Only minimal commuter parking.	The proposals are designed to provide improved sight lines at the access to High Gables [a private block of flats] and reduce the amount of commuter parking on one side of Upper Park. <b>Recommendation:</b> Overturn objection and install restrictions

## Appendix 2

### THE ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL (EPPING FOREST DISTRICT) (PERMITTED PARKING AREA AND SPECIAL PARKING AREA) (AMENDMENT NO.15) ORDER 20\*\*

#### Schedule of correspondence received:

Road Name	Objector	Reason	Comments and Recommendation
Millfield, High Ongar Disabled Bay	Resident of Millfield	Objection. The proposed bay is outside a property where the occupier has already constructed a driveway and intends to apply for a dropped kerb. Loss of parking space outside their property. Has suggested an alternative location [which it is claimed is acceptable to the applicant].	It is considered that the location selected is the most satisfactory to meet the applicants needs. <b>Recommendation:</b> Overturn objections and install bay as advertised.
	Resident of Millfield	Objection. Questions the practicality of the proposed site. Considers it unsuitable for the applicants needs. Has suggested an alternative location [which it is claimed is acceptable to the applicant].	



## Notification of Call-in

<b>Decision title and reference number</b> <b>FP/430/01/11</b>	
Epping Forest Permitted Parking and Special Parking Area	
Cabinet Member Responsible Cllr Norman Hume	<b>Date decision published</b>  27 January 2011
<b>Last day of call in period</b>  01 February 2011	<b>Last day of 10-day period to resolve the call-in</b>  ? 11 February 2011
<p>Reasons for Making the Call in – re Hazelwood, Loughton – About 3 years ago following years of lobbying by local residents, ECC implemented traffic restrictions in Upper Park and in Upper Park's feeder roads (except Hazelwood). Prior to this implementation residents of Hazelwood were consulted and they requested that no yellow lines be painted in Hazelwood. However, when the scheme was implemented, cars that used to park in Upper Park started parking in Hazelwood. When this happened, Hazelwood residents greatly changed their minds, so much so that in a survey conducted 12 months ago, over 80% of residents requested that the Upper Park scheme be extended to Hazelwood. The Upper Park and feeder roads is a self-contained scheme that will remain unfinished until Hazelwood is included within the scheme. I therefore do not think the suggested waiting restriction is a controversial proposal and would like the recommendation to uphold the objections to be re-considered now rather than again later.</p>	
<b>Signed:</b> Valerie Metcalfe	<b>Dated:</b> 29 January 2011
<b>For completion by the Governance Officer</b>	
<b>Date call in Notice Received</b>	<b>Date of informal meeting</b>
<b>Does the call in relate to a Schools issue</b>	<b>If yes, date when Parent Governor Reps and Diocesan Reps invited to the meeting</b>
<b>Date of Executive Scrutiny Committee Meeting (if applicable)</b>	<b>Date call in withdrawn / resolved</b>

**Notes of Informal Meeting regarding the Call-In of a Decision**

**Call in of decision reference FP P430/01/11 on the Epping Forest Permitted Parking and Special Parking Area**

Note of an informal meeting held at County Hall, Chelmsford on Tuesday, 8 February 2011

Present:

Councillor Gerard McEwen, responsible for calling the decision in on behalf of Local Member

Councillor Valerie Metcalfe, Local Member

Councillor Norman Hume, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation

Christine Sharland, Governance Officer

At the outset of the meeting Councillor McEwen invited Councillor Metcalfe to outline the reasons for calling in this decision as set out in the 'Notification Call-in' form. From her contact with the relevant Highways Officer she had not been advised of any problems with the implementation of waiting restrictions in Hazelwood, Loughton. However, Hazelwood was not included in decision FP430/01/11 now published.

In response Councillor Hume confirmed that he had not been aware of the Local Member's concerns prior to making the decision. However, he understood the points that she was making and agreed that he would instruct officers to proceed with the introduction of waiting restrictions in Hazelwood.

Councillors McEwen and Metcalfe agreed to withdraw the decision in the light of Councillor Hume's promise that action would be taken to implement restrictions in Hazelwood.

As the call in was being withdrawn, the Governance Officer advised the Cabinet Member that Highways Officers should consult Colin Ismay in the Governance Team upon the mechanism for handling the published decision, and the inclusion of Hazelwood in the Epping Forest waiting restriction scheme. As there is a legal framework for the making of Traffic Regulation Orders consideration would have to be taken on the best way forward in this matter.