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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 Pinecroft, Barnacres Road, Georgewood Road and The Denes, Hemel Hempstead. Concerns have also been raised in relation to the turnover of spaces in The Denes, lack of spaces for the residents to park in the evenings and disabled parking provision.
- 1.1.2 Dacorum Borough Council are therefore undertaking a review of the current parking arrangements on Pinecroft, Barnacres Road, Georgewood Road and The Denes. As part of this review, a site assessment was undertaken by officers in April 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 at The Denes are shown in Appendix A and outlined below.
- Additional 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions on Pinecroft, The Denes, Barnacres Road and Georgewood Road
 - Making the existing 2 advisory Disabled Parking Bays in The Denes mandatory at any time.
 - Making the existing bays in The Denes time restricted to Monday to Sunday 08:00-19:00, 2 hours no return within 2 hours.
- 1.2.2 The introduction of No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Line) restrictions aims to prevent inconsiderate parking by visitors to the local shops, as well as residents in and around the various junctions in the area. This will ensure visibility and access is maintained and will help to improve road safety not just for vehicles, but also for both pedestrians and cyclists.

1.2.3 The introduction of Limited Waiting 'Monday to Sunday 8am to 7pm' restrictions will aid the turnover of spaces in front of the shops at The Denes by introducing a 'maximum stay of 2 hours' and 'no return within 2 hours' stipulation. This will also improve the chances for residents of obtaining a space for evening, overnight and early to mid-morning parking if required.

1.3 Previous Informal Consultations

1.3.1 Residents and businesses affected by the proposals were consulted over a four-week period from 27th July 2022 to 19th August 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 33 addresses. Following the completion of the consultation process, 3 responses were received, of which 2 were objecting to the proposals (1 of these objections was a petition with 7 signatures on) and 1 partially supported/did not object with suggested improvements.

1.3.2 A consultation with the Statutory Consultees was also undertaken between 4th August 2022 to 23rd August 2022. A letter and plan were emailed directly and consultees were invited to submit any comments via email. No objections were received, but Nash Mills Parish Council requested that the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Georgewood Road be extended to protect the bend.

1.3.3 Officers considered the responses received and in discussion with local stakeholders it was resolved to make the following changes to the proposal:

- To extend the No Waiting at Any Time restrictions on Georgewood Road to cover the bend and prevent parking on the verge.

2.0 NOTICE OF PROPOSAL (PUBLIC CONSULTATION)

2.1 Methodology

2.1.1 The Notice of Proposal (Public Consultation) process took place from 1st March 2023 to 22nd March 2023 – a period of 3 weeks. During this process, Site Notices and Plans 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 B.

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 the Denes 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 proposed changes to existing parking restrictions on Pinecroft, The Denes, Barnacres Road and Georgewood Road in 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.