

ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Christine Trill, Director for Community and Place Delivery and Councillor Helen Campbell, Lead for Public Realm

DATE: 21/10/2024

REPORT TITLE: Parking Scheme Report, Traffic Regulation Order for Zone MR.

WARD/S: St Peters

CONTACT OFFICER: Parking Development

TRAFFIC ORDER TITLE: THE ST ALBANS CITY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL (CONTROL OF PARKING) (AMENDMENT No.3) MARLBOROUGH ROAD ORDER 2024

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide the Council's Director for Community and Place Delivery and the Council's Lead Councillor for Public Realm with the background to the consultation process, and information relating to the proposals to introduce shared use (residents parking places and limited waiting bays) in Marlborough Road.
- 1.2 The report seeks approval to make the Traffic Regulation Order to implement those restrictions following their advertisement on **25th July 2024. (Please note this report has been delayed due to pre-election restrictions).**

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Council's Director for Community and Place Delivery, in consultation with the Council's Lead Councillor for Public Realm, agree to make the named Traffic Regulation Order with the recommendations provided within this report which will implement shared use bays (residents parking places and limited waiting) in Marlborough Road, as detailed in the order and incorporated maps.

3. Background information and locations affected by this report.

3.1 To implement parking restrictions and resident parking places, the Council must introduce a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The process includes a public consultation in the affected area / location. This scheme, and proposed TRO, addresses changes in Marlborough Road, following complaints/contact from residents, Councillors, or other road users including pedestrians or the Highways Authority Hertfordshire County Council.

3.2 The general effect of the Order would a be to introduce shared use (residents parking places and limited waiting bays) in St Albans, St Peters Ward - Marlborough Road. The order will also:

- a) Extend the current operating hours for parking places from Monday to Saturday between 8:30am to 6:30pm to Monday to Sunday between 8:30am to 10pm.
- b) Limited waiting in parking places without charge for 1 hour no return within 2 hours.
- c) Eligible properties for resident permits will be entitled to 1 permit per household.
- d) Visitor Permits will be available to purchase online.

3.3 Appendix A outlines the proposed restrictions and officer recommendations.

3.4 Appendix B outlines a summary of the responses received and the Council's response.

3.5 Appendix C contains information relating to permit prices and eligibility, and the relevant maps associated with the change/s.

4. Report Sign Off

Strategic Director for Community & Place Delivery	Lead for Public Realm
Name: Christine Trill	Name: Helen Campbell
Date:	Date:
Signature:	Signature:
<u>Select below as appropriate;</u>	<u>Select below as appropriate;</u>
<i>Agree to Make Traffic Regulation Order/s</i>	<i>Agree to Make Traffic Regulation Order/s</i>
<i>Agree to Abandoned Scheme</i>	<i>Agree to Abandoned Scheme</i>

Appendix A- Proposed restrictions and officer recommendation/s

St Peters				
Marlborough Road				
Map	Street/ Road Name	Current Restriction/s	Proposed Restriction/s	Officers Recommendation/s
No.1	Marlborough Road	<p>4 Limited Waiting Bays outside Marlborough Road Methodist Church</p> <p>Mon-Sat 09:00-17:00 1 Hour No Return 2 Hours.</p> <p>Unrestricted stretch of road (20.84m) outside Benedictine Place.</p>	<p>Change to 8 shared use (residents parking places and limited waiting bays).</p> <p>Mon-Sun 08:30-22:00. Limited waiting in the parking places without charge for 1 Hour No return 2 Hours.</p> <p>Eligible properties for resident permits will be entitled to 1 permit per household.</p>	Proceed as advertised.

Appendix B- summary of the responses received and the Council's response.

St Peters	
Marlborough Road: Total Responses= 3	
Summary	Response
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove free parking, nearby car parks are sufficient. 2. Restrict permits for those that stand to lose parking due to Active Travel Scheme changes. 	<p>The Traffic Management Act 2004 places a duty on local authorities to manage their road network to make sure traffic moves expeditiously on their road network as well as the road networks of nearby traffic authorities. In performing that duty, the Council may take any action/s they consider will contribute to the more efficient use of their road network.</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Residential exclusivity, no public access granted. 2. Allowing free short-term parking not only encourages brief car trips but also conflicts with the goals of the Active Travel Scheme and the council's Sustainability and Climate Crisis Strategy. 3. If the proposal is to go ahead, consider reducing the wait time to enhance the parking availability in those spaces, to a maximum of 20 minutes. 4. The two proposed parking bays can hold up to eight cars, yet permits are planned to be issued to 25 properties. We are confused by the decision to provide permits to residents who currently do not have parking and, therefore, will not be losing any under the new scheme. This could potentially lead to an increase in car ownership among these residents, worsening the parking shortage. 	<p>In determining what parking places are to be designated under section 45 of the 1984 Act, the Council shall consider both the interests of traffic and those of the owners and occupiers of adjoining property, furthermore the Council shall have regard to the need for maintaining the free movement of traffic, reasonable access to premises and the extent to which off-street parking is available in the neighbourhood.</p> <p>Whilst in some cases introducing parking controls can result in some loss of parking places, this must be assessed in balance with both the residential and commercial needs of Marlborough Road. Our proposal ensures that there are shared use bays near local amenities and places of worship and ensuring that all accesses and junctions are protected through yellow line restrictions.</p> <p>Although it is acknowledged that there is demand for on-street parking, when the proposed parking controls are implemented, the area will be monitored post implementation to see whether other interventions are needed.</p>

Appendix C- Permit Prices & Eligibility

Permit Prices:

All Zones including Harpenden - April 2024			
New Emission Based Banding	Emission (Vehicles Registered after March 2001)	Engine CC (Pre March 2001- Registered)	1 st Permit
Band	Emission (Registered after March 2001)	Engine CC (Pre-March 2001-Registered)	
1	Zero emission	N/a	£15.80
2	CO2 emissions rated up to 90g/km	Engine capacity up to 999cc	£24.20
3	CO2 emissions rated 91g/km to 110g/km	Engine capacity up to 1,099cc	£48.30
4	CO2 emissions rated between 111g/km up to 150g/km	Engine capacity up to 1,299cc	£60.40
5	CO2 emissions rated between 151g/km up to 185g/km	Engine capacity between 1,300cc and 1,849cc	£72.50
6	CO2 emissions rated between 186g/km up to 225g/km	Engine capacity between 1,850cc and 2,449cc	£84.50
7	CO2 emissions rated over 226g/km	Engine capacity greater than 2,450cc	£96.60
Motorcycle	Annual		£27.30
*3rd Permits not available in all zones			
General Charges			
Virtual Residents Visitor Permits All Zone Types All Day - 10 All Day Sessions			£22.50
Visitor Parking Permit All Zone Types All Day Book of 10 Vouchers			£30.00
Administration / Refund /Replacement Charge			£13.20

Eligible Properties:

Street	Eligible Properties
Marlborough Road (Zone MR)	2, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22-24, 26, 26a, 28, 30, 30a, 32 (Flats 1-4), 34 & 36.

Appendix C- Map



Added

Shared

A Resident permit holders parking place (Zone MR)

08:30-22:00

A Free parking place

08:30-22:00 1h 2h

Modified

Shared

B Resident permit holders parking place (Zone MR)

08:30-22:00

B Free parking place

08:30-22:00 1h 2h

