

COMMUNITY AND EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR PARKING SCHEMES AND IMPLEMENTATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

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Scheme Name	Yellow line Order 2022, various locations
Additional Information	Appendix B of Final Scheme report
Date of report completion	13 th May 2022 (report considered throughout process)

1. Purpose of This Assessment and Scheme Background

Why is this Community and Equality Impact Assessment required?

This assessment is intended to identify possible impacts on different sections of our community including any significant displacement of vehicles to other nearby roads. This assessment will aim to identify any impact and provide details of how the Council may minimise and/or mitigate displacement or impact thereof on different groups.

This Assessment shall be in support of the final scheme report and included as Appendix B of that report

Background

The Council is committed to improving road safety and traffic movement through various parking restrictions. To help with this commitment, the Council carries out an annual Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process which only includes waiting restrictions. This scheme and proposed TRO includes various locations across various wards because of complaints from residents, Councillors, or other complainants.

Locations affected under this scheme are:

Restriction type; No waiting at any time (double yellow lines)

Baulk Close, Harpenden
Dickinsons Field, Cravells Road, Harpenden
Roundwood Park, Harpenden

Chester Gibbon Green and High Street, London Colney
Manor Road. Bowmans Green Primary School, London Colney

Burydell Lane, Park Street
The Park, Redbourn
Church Street and High Street, Wheathampstead

Roland Street, St Albans
Beaumont Avenue, St Albans
Chiltern Road, St Albans
Midway and Watford Road, St Albans
Ernie Close, Mayne Avenue , St Albans

Benefits of the Proposals

The underlying benefit of the introduction of these restrictions is improved traffic flow and improved safety for all road users including pedestrians.

Consultations in the area have been carried out and are highlighted in section 4, 'Conclusion' of this report.

2. Community impact and or Displacement Factors

The Equality Act places a specific duty on local authorities in relation to people with protected characteristics. The table below details these groups and provides information on the impact level and the consideration given on these groups.

General Impact and or Displacement:

Below is an overview of the general impacts and possible displacements by community groups and the environment

3. Community Groups

Potential impacts	Positive	Neutral	Negative	What are the impacts?	How will benefits be enhanced and negative impacts minimised or eliminated?
Local Community in general	X		X	Possible but minimal displacement of parked vehicles	Improved road safety at junctions and key locations.
Age	X			Improved safety for those with disabilities of all ages	Improved road safety at junctions and key locations for all traffic including pedestrians
Disability	X			N/A	Improved road safety at junctions and key locations for all traffic including pedestrians
Gender reassignment		X		N/A	No impact identified.
Marriage and civil partnership		X		N/A	No impact identified,

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Pregnancy and maternity	x			N/A	Improved road safety at junctions and key locations for all traffic including pedestrians.
Race (including Gypsies, Roma and Travellers)		X		N/A	No impact identified.
Religion or belief		X		N/A	No impact identified.
Sex		X		N/A	No impact identified.
Sex orientation		X		N/A	No impact identified.
Any community issues identified for this location?			X	Possible displacement	Displacement of parking is likely but, in most locations, minimal
Displacement Area			X	Some identified	Displacement of parking is likely but, in most locations, minimal
Emergency Services and other key stakeholders	X			No Impact Identified	Improved road safety at junctions and key locations for all traffic including emergency vehicles and refuse collections.
Environmental Impacts	X			Improved environmental impacts	Improved congestion including less vehicles looking to park meaning emissions is reduced
Emissions Impact	X			Improved environmental impacts	Improved congestion including less vehicles looking to park meaning emissions is reduced

4. Conclusion

A consultation has been undertaken with residents in the affected area.

Formal Proposal to Make a Traffic Regulation Order or Orders

Please see the attached making report for more details on the scheme proposals and consultation process.

It is recommendation to proceed with the scheme as proposed within the final attached making report.

Following a review by the relevant Ward Councillors and their final comments, this report will be provided to the Council's Head of Community Services and the Portfolio Holder for Climate and Environment, who will decide in consultation, if the recommendations should be agreed.

Signed Agreement below, by the head of Community services will confirm that the scheme can progress with the recommendations within these reports.

This document should be considered along with the final scheme report.

5. Monitoring and Review

We will monitor the area/s within this scheme via onsite observation and through the Council's complaints and enquiry process.

6. Next steps

It is important that the information gathered is used to support any Council reports that are presented to the delegated decision maker or appropriate committee/s. This will allow the decision maker, and Members, to be provided with all the facts in relation to the impacts their decision will have on different community groups and the environment.

7. Sign off

Head of Service or delegated decision maker

Head of Community Services
Name:
Date:
Signature:
<u>Cross out below as appropriate;</u>
<i>Agree to Make Traffic Regulation Order/s</i>
<i>Agree to Abandoned Scheme</i>

Please note, for data protection the signatures details have/will be redacted when published.

Document Version History	Date updated
V1 for this scheme	13/05/2022