

**NOTE OF THE PARKING PROVISION AND MANAGEMENT FORUM  
HELD ON TUESDAY 6 MAY 2014 AT 8.00PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE**

**Attendees**

1. Those attending were:

Cllr Ian Reay, Chair  
Clive Birch, Resident representative  
Danny Bonnett, Transition Town Berkhamsted  
David Carter, Resident representative  
Ivor Eisenstadt, Business representative  
Simon Redlich, for Jerry Wright, Business representative  
Cllr Tom Ritchie  
Cllr Garrick Stevens

Gary Cox, Town Clerk

**Apologies**

2. Apologies had been received from Jerry Wright and Ian Stephenson.

**Minutes**

3. The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 March 2014 were agreed, subject to minor typographical amendments. Clive Birch had provided Councillor Tiley with a link to green plant options for facing to car parks.

**Multi-Storey Car Park**

4. Cllr Tom Ritchie provided an update on progress on the possible multi-storey car park, where DBC had advised that discussions were being held with John Lewis Partnership regarding the proposed car park extending to the Waitrose shopping car park.
5. The Group recognised that these negotiations may delay the next stage of design and planning for the multi-storey car park, but welcomed the potential for a larger car park that would also ease possible traffic flow problems and provide a better overall solution to parking in the area.
7. The Group also considered the impact of the new Marks and Spencer's Simply Food store on parking in the area. The store was due to open next month and is likely to create traffic and parking problems, particularly at weekends, as the store was only providing 21 customer parking spaces.
8. The Group agreed that, in response to these potential parking problems, the Borough Council should be asked to reconsider making St Johns Well Lane car park short-stay only at weekends and at Bank Holidays.

**Review of Line Markings**

9. Clive Birch provided an update on the review of line markings in the Charles Street area. The review had indicated that changing line markings might provide an additional 30-36 spaces in the area. Some additional line markings at junctions, including some that had faded and needed repainting, had also been identified that would prevent cars from parking on dangerous corners and obstructing driver sight lines as they turned onto Charles Street.
10. David Carter provided an update on the review of line markings in the Castle Street, where a further 30 or so additional car park spaces might be made available from changes to line markings, and from better use of garage space, creating some pavement parking and verge hardening. There

were also some additional line markings that could prevent dangerous parking on the corner of Manor Street and Ravens Lane/Gravel Path.

11. Clive Birch agreed to undertake a similar review of line marking in the Bridgewater Road area.  
**Action: Clive Birch**

12. It was agreed that the line marking reviews would be completed in the next 2 or 3 weeks and sent to the Town Clerk, who would pass them to Herts County and Dacorum Borough Councils for consideration. **Action: Clive Birch/David Carter**

13. It was also agreed that the next Forum meeting should be arranged when those Council officers had had time to consider proposals, and be invited to provide feedback and discuss any implementation issues and timescales. Ideally, this meeting should be in early July to maintain momentum and should include consideration of how some spaces, such as better use of garage space, pavement parking and verge hardening, might be reserved for residents.

#### **Berkhamsted Schools Joint Travel Forum**

14. Ivor Eisenstadt updated the Group on a meeting with the Berkhamsted Schools Joint Travel Forum, who were looking at ways to encourage safer driving and parking around schools and to encourage more walking and cycling to school.

15. The meeting was an opportunity to look at ways to encourage businesses and employees to walk or cycle to work rather than drive. A number of such opportunities had been identified, including promoting the [www.hertsliftshare](http://www.hertsliftshare) website, a 'park and stride' scheme; hire of electric bikes; and ways to promote and sponsor walking and cycling to work as a good health measure.

16. Councillor Reay was to speak to Berkhamsted School about better use of Kitcheners Field for school parking and would also ask if the Field might be used as a site for a Park and Stride car park. **Action: Cllr Reay.**

17. Ivor would be presenting to the Berkhamsted Business Leaders on the initiative and would be asking for volunteers, including from Berkhamsted Chamber of Commerce, to join a small Steering Group to take this work forward. Danny Bonnett offered to join the Steering Group.

18. Ivor also provided a very positive update on the Berkhamsted Comrades parking scheme, where 17 of 20 available spaces at the football ground car park had been let.

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

19. The date of the next Parking Forum meeting was to be arranged for early July, subject to availability of County and Borough Council officers. **Action: Town Clerk**