



Clerk Report – Parking Enforcement

Council Actions Required (agenda items)

To determine whether NMPC are likely to have an appetite to investigate further parking enforcement within the parish.

To determine which areas (if any) NMPC experience issues that can be lawfully enforced by the DBC enforcement officers

Please note this project is only at investigation stage now and there is no commitment to participation or expenditure. Should we commit to future expenditure it will be an ongoing expense and not one to 'dip in and out of'.

Background

Dacorum clerks meet quarterly and have identified that working collaboratively will have benefits for their own respective towns and parishes.

The objective is to improve parking enforcement representation in our respective areas.

Dacorum have stated that they don't have the resource to increase enforcement representation in individual towns/parishes, even if those individual towns/parishes offer to pay.

The proposal is that by joining together we can justify Dacorum employing an additional officer who through some mechanism (which is for discussion) the P&TC's pay for and manage.

An enquiry has been submitted about the current visit schedule for the enforcement team and the areas that they can enforce. Their comments are below.

Visits

Bovingdon at least 3 times a month - soon to be increased as we are proposing to introduce parking restrictions outside the shops to prevent all day parking.

Chipperfield twice a month

Markyate at least 3 times a month

Nash Mills at least once a week

Nettleden (Potten End) twice a month

Northchurch and Tring are visited daily as part of the ANPR beat and is also patrolled once a week on the late nights.

Powers

We can only enforce parking restrictions on-street and in Council car parks that are supported by a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO), for example single or double yellow lines and no payment of the parking charge in car parks. Inconsiderate parking (e.g. obstructing a footway, road, etc.) where there is no TRO is the responsibility of the Police.

We welcome any reports from local residents of poor parking happening where there is an enforceable TRO and we always take action if we are able to. Therefore, if parish councillors, or the public should notice a vehicle they believe to be in contravention of a parking restriction I would appreciate if they could report

this to Saba Park Services UK Ltd who will endeavour to get a CEO to the location to take enforcement action. Their phone number is 01908 223505 (Monday to Friday from 8:45am to 5:00pm). There is the facility to leave a message outside of these hours. Alternatively, they can report a parking problem online using the following web page: [Problem parking \(dacorum.gov.uk\)](https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/problem-parking) of which Saba Park Services will be automatically notified and a CEO sent.

If any vehicle is seen parked in contravention of a restriction without demonstrating an exemption, then they will issue that vehicle with a Penalty Charge Notice. Issuing penalties should act as a deterrent to the motorist from parking in contravention of parking restrictions in the future.

Considerations & Clerk Recommendations

NMPC will need to consider what issues it currently has and the potential benefits and cost/benefit ratio for this project

As clerk I believe that continuing to work collaboratively with my Dacorum colleagues is a positive step, however I am unsure that the issue within Nash Mills is at such a level that would require additional enforcement or expense at this moment in time. Currently we are able to raise any specific concerns with our C/Clr or directly with SABA with positive outcomes.

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