

**GENERAL PUBLIC SERVICES AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
DELEGATED REPORT: PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER (TRO)**

**THE THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES, LOADING PLACES AND
WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (NO.2) ORDER 2025 (VARIATION) ORDER
No.6 2026**

JUNE 2026

1 Summary

- 1.1 This report details the proposed changes to parking restrictions in the order referenced as “THE THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL (ON-STREET PARKING PLACES, LOADING PLACES AND WAITING, LOADING AND STOPPING RESTRICTIONS) (NO.2) ORDER 2025 (VARIATION) ORDER No.6 2026”. It will also outline the process to date, the statutory consultation (Notice of Proposal), summarise the feedback received during this consultation and outlines recommendations for how to proceed.
- 1.2 This scheme has been overseen by the Sustainable Transport Officer with Traffic Engineering support from Hertsmere Borough Council. This scheme was added to the Parking Management Programme at the General Public Services and Community Engagement committee meeting in January 2025.
- 1.3 Three Rivers District Council, acting under agency from Hertfordshire County Council and as statutory Local Parking Authority, gave notice of proposals to vary the existing map-based Traffic Regulation Order.
- 1.4 Every parking restriction in the district requires a Traffic Regulation Order in order for enforcement action to take place. Three Rivers District Council has a map-based Traffic Regulation Order which contains the details of most parking restrictions across the district. The current map-based Traffic Regulation Order can be accessed here: [Traffic Regulation Orders](#)
- 1.5 This update includes three proposed changes which have been explained below. The formal notices of this proposal have been included as appendices to this report.

1.6 Change One

- 1.6.1 The first change is written: "Include within the order, on-street parking places, loading places and waiting, loading and stopping restrictions as shown within the proposed map tiles and amend the Map Tile List."
- 1.6.2 This is mainly an administrative exercise in which restrictions which are either already covered in other pre-existing Traffic Regulation Orders or exist on the road but are not thought to be covered by a pre-existing Traffic Regulation Order will be added to the map-based Order. This includes schemes such as Harefield Road, Rickmansworth West, Sandy Lodge Way and Croxley Green. Additionally, this includes auditing all ‘School Keep Clear’ restrictions to ensure they are valid and enforceable across the district.

1.7 Change Two

- 1.7.1 The second change is written: "Remove the provision of 50% discount applicable in respect of one-day residents’ visitor’s permits applicable to residents who are over 60 years of age."
- 1.7.2 Currently residents living in an area with permit parking restrictions are eligible to buy single use visitor permits. The council made a decision at Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development Committee in January 2023 to remove an existing discount for these visitor permits of 50% for those who are over 60. This decision was subject to the Traffic Regulation Order process, including a public consultation, of which this report forms part of.
- 1.7.3 The agenda from the referenced committee can be found here: [Agenda](#) and the minutes here: [Minutes](#)

1.8 Change Three

- 1.8.1 The third change is written: "Remove the availability of annual residents' visitors permit."
- 1.8.2 The council made a decision at Infrastructure, Housing and Economic Development Committee in January 2023 to remove the availability of annual visitor permits which were purchased once for the year and could be used with any one vehicle at a time. This permit type has been withdrawn from sale since 2024 and the reference to this permit type will be removed from the Order subject to the Traffic Regulation Order process of which this report forms part of.
- 1.8.3 The agenda from the referenced committee can be found here: [Agenda](#) and the minutes here: [Minutes](#)

2 Statutory consultee consultation

- 2.1 Local authorities are legally obliged to consult the statutory consultees before any Traffic Regulation Order is made. This is set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. This includes the Highways Authority, police and ambulance service. No objections or comments to either order were made during the Statutory Consultee Consultation.

3 Formal Public Consultation – Notice of Proposal

- 3.1 The formal public consultation (Notice of Proposal) process took place from 8 May 2026 to 29 May 2026. During this process, the Notice of Proposal was made available on the council's website and published in the local newspaper, the Watford Observer.
- 3.2 Initially, the consultation was misinterpreted as to be introducing new parking restrictions rather than consolidating existing parking restrictions. Officers explained this to residents who outlined concerns and updated the consultation page with a more detailed informal explanation of the proposed changes.
- 3.3 14 responses to the statutory consultation were received, 21.4% of those respondents support the scheme with 71.4% objecting. Overall, there was no clear consensus.
- 3.3.1 Support: 3 (21.4%)
- 3.3.2 Oppose: 10 (71.4%)
- 3.3.3 Neither support nor object: 1 (7.1%)
- 3.4 Due to the lower number of respondents relative to other parking consultations, the comments have been included individually in this report.

Consultation Response		Council Response
Object	I fail to see why we need any more restrictions on parking. It is hard enough to find spaces now as it is. Just another money making scheme by the council. Concentrate on getting the roads fixed. That would be a better use of the council's time and resources	No new restrictions are being proposed within this scheme. Please note that the council does not profit from parking enforcement activities as the cost to provide the Civil Parking Enforcement service exceeds the income from penalty charges and other income. The council must adhere to the statutory guidance for local authorities which states that the primary purpose of penalty charges is to encourage compliance with parking restrictions. Hertfordshire County Council are responsible for maintaining the roads.

Object	It is already difficult to find space to park especially when you need to go the shops due to reduced mobility by car. With further limitations and removals/ potentially increase of fees the prosperity of a lot of areas where people can do their shopping gets further damaged. It will hit the small businesses/shops which absolutely not in line with government overall plans. In addition life will be made more difficult for people with special needs which have to rely on cars.	No new restrictions are being proposed within this scheme.
Support	Traffic can be horrendous in the area so any measure to support this and improve flow is appreciated. K47 (Uxbridge Road) could go further to limit parking as it often forces both lanes of traffic into one which causes significant congestion. It is not helped through potholes on the road that also needs resurfacing and maintenance.	No new restrictions are being proposed within this scheme. Hertfordshire County Council are responsible for maintaining the roads.
Object	The inability to clearly state what changes are being made. Direct links and clear information is not provided on this page and seems deliberately hidden behind obtuse orders and such. Say it in plain English (and other useful languages in the area).	The consultation page was updated with an more detailed informal explanation of the parking restrictions. Traffic Regulation Orders and the related language are used in statutory consultations and in this instance the council provided the additional information to support residents to understand the proposals.
Neither support nor object	At the time of completing this consultation questionnaire (Mon 11 May at 21.19), there are no papers to be viewed, the links are not working. The webpage for Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders, giving notice of the summary of the proposals and indicating a "link" to documents for further details of the proposal, apparently available for public inspection, isn't actually working and keeps the reader on the same summary of proposals page. Would be good to actually have access to the public documents via that link. It does also say that copies can be made available on request, with no information on how to make such a request.	The documents have been available throughout the consultation period accessible from the Have Your Say platform. These may open in a new tab so may be blocked by some browsers depending on the settings. Request for copies can be made by contacting the consultation during the consultation period.
Support	On pavement parking is dangerous	No new restrictions are being proposed within this scheme. New parking schemes can be requested here: https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/new-parking-scheme-requests
Support	A resident of a street with parking permits	
Object	Church lane (l48) and St Peter close is a jungle for how people park their cars. Car park spot should be clear and well defined with street signs as it is often a challenge just to walk on the pavement, specially with kids or pram. There is not sufficient room due to inappropriate or inconsiderate parking even though is widely used by family and elderly due to the 3 primary schools all located nearby. St Peter close, on bays and green area quite often cars are parked poorly, even next to the stop, making difficult to get into	No new restrictions are being proposed within this scheme. New parking schemes can be requested here: https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/new-parking-scheme-requests

	Church lane (coming from St peter Close due to poor visibility caused again by inappropriate or inconsiderate parking	
Object	The removal of the annual residents visitor permit and the 50% discount for the >60's has no justification tabled: is there evidence of widespread misuse or is this just an example of money grabbing? I should note that I am not personally affected by the proposal - it is an objection based on principle compounded by the lack of any tabled justification.	The discount was originally introduced to support with parking for carers and the decision to revoke the discount aligned with the introduction of the annual carers permit. Full details on the reason for this proposal can be found in the council meeting agenda and minutes here: https://moderngov.threerivers.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1142&MId=1334&Ver=4 https://api.threerivers.gov.uk/files/8ae0fa50-cd6e-11ed-a53d-3ffe96670007/23-01-17-ihed-minutes.pdf
Object	Another attack on old people	
Object	Removing the discount for over 60 will cause many people financial hardship in the current climate. The removal of the annual permit is ludicrous, it cost so much more for the one day scratch off permits that you are penalising people who have visitors, carers or helpers.	
Object	I think it is very mean-spirited of TRDC to withdraw the pensioners' discount on visitor parking scratchcards.	
Object	I think it make sense to keep the provision of 50% discount applicable in respect of one-day residents' visitor's permits applicable to residents who are over 60 years of age.	
Object	Object to removal of the 50% discount	

3.5 The main themes from those which objected were:

- 3.5.1 Three objectors raised concern over additional parking restrictions. This is not considered relevant as this scheme does not include any new parking restrictions and therefore these objections can be set aside.
- 3.5.2 Six objectors raised concern with the removal of the discount for 60+ visitor vouchers. In this regard, officers have relied upon the justification and decision-making process undertaken at the Council Committee in 2023. Officers consider that these objections can be set aside.
- 3.5.3 Two respondents referenced that the consultation information was not clear enough. Officers did not anticipate the confusion that this consultation would cause and attempted to clarify the changes at the earliest opportunity. The council did comply with statutory requirements of the Traffic Regulation Order process and therefore these concerns can be set aside.

4 Options/Reasons for Recommendation

- 4.1 Officers have considered the different options available for progressing scheme. Within the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process, it is possible:
- A. to set the objections aside and make the TRO and implement it without amendment;
 - B. to make the TRO and implement it, with minor reductions;
 - C. to draw up new proposals and having obtained the consent of Hertfordshire County Council and the Police undertake further public consultation before any TRO is made;
 - D. to withdraw the proposals (“do nothing”).
- 4.2 Officers recommend making and implementing the Traffic Regulation Order without amendment. Whilst the consultation was a majority objecting, it is considered pertinent to update the restrictions on the map-based order and ensure that these are well enforced and to remove the concessions for the reasons given in the committee decision.

5 Implications for Policy, Financial Legal, Equal Opportunities, Staffing, Environmental, Community Safety. Customer Services Centre, Communications and Website Risk Management and Health & Safety

- 5.1 The recommendations in this report are within the Council’s agreed policy and budgets and all implications have been addressed by the Parking Management Programme agreed by the relevant committee.

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APPENDICES / ATTACHMENTS

- [On-street Notice of Proposal.pdf \(92.9 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [On-Street Statement of Reasons.pdf \(89.4 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [On-Street Draft Traffic Regulation Order.pdf \(129 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [TRO Map Tile Legend.pdf \(135 KB\) \(pdf\)](#)
- [TRO Map Tiles.pdf \(33.7 MB\) \(pdf\)](#)

Decision delegated to Director of Finance

I hereby agree the recommendations as set out above:



Signed:

Date: 08/06/2026

Alison Betts, Director of Finance

in consultation with the Lead Member for General Public Services

Signed:



Date: 08/06/2026

Councillor Paul Rainbow, Lead Member for General Public Services