Name of decision maker: Councillor Julie Laws

Portfolio: Environmental Services & Sustainability

Date of Portfolio Holder Decision: 12 March 2012

Title of Decision:

Preliminary Consultation on a Proposal to Introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the Southern Section of Boxmoor.

Decision made and reasons:

To engage consultants to undertake an asset inventory, surveys and a preliminary consultation on the proposal to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in the southern section of Boxmoor.

The reason for the decision is to gather information and seek residents' views on a scheme which would offer some relief in this area, where there is a conflict between residents and in-coming commuter parking during the day.

Reports considered: (here reference can be made to specific documents)

No reports other than the background information attached.

Officers/Councillors/Ward Councillors/Stakeholders Consulted:

Should the decision be approved consultations will take place with:

- The residents within the proposed area and those in adjacent streets
- Councillor Julie Laws (Portfolio Holder)
- Ward councillors: Cllr Williams, Cllr Marshall & Cllr Harden

Deputy Monitoring Officer Comments:

The Deputy Monitoring Officer's comments have been incorporated in the report.

Deputy S151 Officer Comments:

Budgets for surveys for controlled parking zones to be undertaken in 2012/13 were approved by Council on 29 February 2012. If the consultations indicate that the CPZ is required or desired, approval to implement the order will be required and funding for any works sought accordingly.

Implications:

Without appropriate measures, inappropriate parking in these areas will continue.

Risk:

The intention of this consultation is to comply with legislation and therefore avoid the risk of non-compliance.

Value for Money:

The on-street parking service is not designed to produce any income, but, in line with government guidelines, to be self-financing.

Options Considered and reasons for rejection:

Not to consult on the proposals, which would leave inappropriate parking issues unresolved.

Portfolio Holders Signature:

Date:

Details of any interests declared and any dispensations given by the Standards Committee:

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Date any Call-In received or decision implemented:	

BACKGROUND

Residents were consulted in 2002/2003 and overwhelmingly rejected proposals to introduce Controlled Parking Zones in Boxmoor. Since that time parking by commuters has significantly increased, resulting in inappropriate parking on pavements and residents being unable to find parking opportunities within their neighbourhood during the day.

The consultation will gauge support for, or objection to, the proposals In the light of the above material change in circumstances.