

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Petition for Access Only Restriction Falkand Drive, Newbury
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	26 April 2012
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2469

Purpose of Report: To respond to a petition that has been submitted to the Council.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operational), ICT & Customer Services resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 4 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken: To provide a response to the petitioners.

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation: The Petition.

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Implications

Policy:	None arising from this report.
Financial:	The introduction of improved streetname signs will be funded from the approved Capital Programme.
Personnel:	None arising from this report.
Legal/Procurement:	None arising from this report.
Environmental:	None arising from this report.
Property:	None arising from this report.
Risk Management:	None arising from this report.
Equalities Impact Assessment:	EIA Stage 1 attached as Appendix A.

Consultation Responses

Members:

Leader of Council: Councillor Graham Jones - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Overview & Scrutiny Management Commission Chairman: Councillor Brian Bedwell I is satisfied with the recommendation.

Ward Members: Councillor Mike Johnston is generally content with the report. Councillor Ieuan Tuck - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Keith Woodhams - To date no response has been received, however any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Mark Cole and Mark Edwards

Trade Union: N/A

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
If not subject to call-in please put a cross in the appropriate box:		
The item is due to be referred to Council for final approval	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could have serious financial implications for the Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Delays in implementation could compromise the Council's position	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Considered or reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission or associated Task Groups within preceding six months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Item is Urgent Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Report is to note only	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 A petition containing 30 signatures was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission on 21 February 2012. The petition states:

“We the undersigned being residents of Falkland Drive, request the council to make Falkland Drive an “Access Only” road.

The reason for this is that there is a proposal to make adjoining roads more resident friendly, we feel that as Falkland Drive is a cul de sac, an access only road would suit our requirements better.”

- 1.2 Falkland Drive is a 225 metres long residential cul de sac with 25 properties. It is accessed off the A343 Andover Road and located approximately opposite a new development that was previously part of St Bartholomew School. There is a ‘no through road’ sign at the entrance of Falkland Drive.
- 1.3 Parking restrictions consisting of junction protection markings have recently been introduced on the Andover Road at its junctions with Bartlemy Road, Erleigh Dene and Wendan Road, which are in the vicinity of Falkland Drive. School time restrictions have also been introduced on Bartlemy Road at the pedestrian access to St Bartholomew School.

2. Conclusion

- 2.1 There are no proposals or measures that have been introduced, other than those detailed above, to make the adjoining roads more resident friendly. Therefore there will be no displacement of on street parking into Falkland Drive.
- 2.2 It is considered that on street parking in Falkland Drive may have recently increased due to persons working on the development at the St Bartholomew School site. As the site is nearly completed it is expected that on street parking will return to it’s previous levels.
- 2.3 An access only restrictions is a prohibition of driving traffic order which includes an exemption for persons going to and from premises situated on or adjacent to the specified road. Prohibition of driving orders can only be enforced by the Police and are time consuming and difficult to enforce as it needs to be established that the owner of an offending vehicle is contravening the restriction and not visiting a property in the road. It is therefore likely that enforcement would be a very low priority for the Police.
- 2.4 There are other measures such as parking restrictions that could be introduced to reduce the number of non residents from parking in a road. Although these types of restrictions are not considered appropriate for Falkland Drive at the present time, the parking situation should be monitored as the new development becomes occupied to determine if there is a parking problem.

2.5 However to further emphasise that Falkland Drive is a cul de sac the 'no through road' sign could be incorporated within the street nameplate. This may reduce the number of vehicles entering Falkland Drive.

3. Recommendations

3.1 That an 'Access Only' restriction is not introduced and that the parking situation be monitored.

3.2 Incorporate a 'no through road' sign within the street nameplate for Falkland Drive.

3.3 That the petition organiser be informed of the decision.

Appendices

Appendix A – Equality Impact Assessment – Stage 1

APPENDIX A

Equality Impact Assessment – Stage One

Name of item being assessed:	Petition for Access only restriction Falkand Drive Newbury
Version and release date of item (if applicable):	5 April 2012
Owner of item being assessed:	Andrew Garratt, Principal Traffic & Road Safety Engineer
Name of assessor:	Andrew Garratt
Date of assessment:	5 April 2012

1. What are the main aims of the item?
The main aim of this item is to respond to a petition that has been submitted to the Council.

2. Note which groups may be affected by the item, consider how they may be affected and what sources of information have been used to determine this. (Please demonstrate consideration of all strands – age; disability; gender reassignment; marriage and civil partnership; pregnancy and maternity; race; religion or belief; sex; sexual orientation)

Group Affected	What might be the effect?	Information to support this.
Local Residents	See comments below.	N/A
Child pedestrians	See comments below.	N/A
Person with less mobility	See comments below.	N/A

Further comments relating to the item:
Falkland Drive is a small residential cul de sac and any restrictions are unlikely to effect the above groups.

3. Result (please tick by double-clicking on relevant box and click on 'checked')
<input type="checkbox"/> High Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Medium Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Low Relevance - This needs to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Relevance - This does not need to undergo a Stage 2 Equality Impact Assessment

For items requiring a Stage 2 equality impact assessment, begin the planning of this now, referring to the equality impact assessment guidance and Stage 2 template.

4. Identify next steps as appropriate:	
Stage Two required	
Owner of Stage Two assessment:	
Timescale for Stage Two assessment:	
Stage Two not required:	Not required

Name: Andrew Garratt

Date: 5 April 2012