

Individual Executive Member Decision

Title of Report:	Parking Review Amendment 13
Report to be considered by:	Individual Executive Member Decision
Date on which Decision is to be taken:	28 June 2013
Forward Plan Ref:	ID2607

Purpose of Report: To inform the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision of the responses received during the statutory consultation on the review and introduction of waiting restrictions within various towns and villages (Aldermaston, Bradfield, Burghfield, Chieveley, Compton, Greenham, Holybrook/Calcot, Hungerford, Kintbury, Lambourn, Mortimer, Newbury, Pangbourne, Purley-on-Thames, Shaw, Speen, Stockcross, Thatcham, Theale, Tilehurst, Wickham, Woolhampton and Yattendon) and to seek approval of officer recommendations.

Recommended Action: That the Executive Member for Highways, Transport (Operations), Emergency Planning, Newbury Vision resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 5 of this report.

Reason for decision to be taken: To enable Parking Review Amendment 13 to be progressed to implementation.

Other options considered: N/A

Key background documentation:

- Plan Nos: J27, K69, L67, L68, L70, L72, M66, M69, U75, V76, X55, AE67, AE68, AJ69, AJ78, AJ79, AJ80, AK70, AK71, AK77, AL70, AL71, AL73, AL75, AL76, AL77, AL78, AL79, AM47, AM68, AM69, AM70, AM71, AM72, AM76, AN47, AN71, AN72, AN77, AQ75, AR75, AS74, AT72, AT73, AT74, AU73, AU74, AV24, AV71, AV76, AW73, AW76, AW77, AX74, AX76, AY74, AY75, AY76, BC44, BD45, BH75, BH76, BJ81, BL59, BO86, BO87, BS37, BS38, BT59, BU37, BV59, BV74, BV75, BW73, BW75, BW84, BY37, BY49, BY68, BY69, BY85, BZ68, BZ69, BZ85, CB56 and CC60.
- Residents Parking Policy and Guidance Report dated 12th August 2004.
- Responses received during statutory consultation.

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Implications

- Policy:** The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedures.
- Financial:** The Statutory Consultation and advertisement procedure and implementation of the physical works will be funded from the approved Capital Programme.
- Personnel:** None arising from this report.
- Legal/Procurement:** The Sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order will be undertaken by Legal Services.
- Property:** None arising from this report.
- Risk Management:** None arising from this report.

Is this item relevant to equality?	Please tick relevant boxes	Yes	No
Does the policy affect service users, employees or the wider community and:			
• Is it likely to affect people with particular protected characteristics differently?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Is it a major policy, significantly affecting how functions are delivered?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Will the policy have a significant impact on how other organisations operate in terms of equality?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to functions that engagement has identified as being important to people with particular protected characteristics?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Does the policy relate to an area with known inequalities?		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Outcome (Where one or more 'Yes' boxes are ticked, the item is relevant to equality)			
Relevant to equality - Complete an EIA available at www.westberks.gov.uk/eia			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not relevant to equality			<input type="checkbox"/>

Consultation Responses

Members:

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

Ward Members: Councillors Jeff Beck, David Betts, Roger Croft, Billy Drummond, Adrian Edwards, Roger Hunneman, Mike Johnston, Geoff Mayes and Ieuan Tuck support the recommendations.

Councillor Virginia von Celsing commented that this has been a difficult issue to resolve, with lots of strong views and not always straightforward, but that on balance the suggestion of a revised plan for the yellow lines in Yattendon seems to be a good half way measure.

To date no response has been received from Councillors David Allen, Peter Argyle, Brian Bedwell, Howard Bairstow, Dominic Boeck, Jeff Brooks, Paul Bryant, Hilary Cole, Richard Crumly, Sheila Ellisan, Marcus Franks, David Goff, Manohar Gopal, Paul Hewer, John Horton, Carol Jackson-Doerge, Graham Jones, Tony Linden, Mollie Lock, Royce Longton, Gordon Lundie, Alan Macro, Gwen Mason, Tim Metcalfe, Joe Mooney, Irene Neill, Graham Pask, David Rendel, Andrew Rowles, Anthony Stanfeld, Julian Swift-Hook, Tony Vickers, Quentin Webb or Emma Webster. However any comments will be verbally reported at the Individual Decision meeting.

Councillor Keith Woodhams - see Opposition Spokesman comments.

Opposition Spokesperson: Councillor Keith Woodhams concurs with the comments received from residents of Herons Way and does not support the recommendation for this road.

Local Stakeholders: N/A

Officers Consulted: Mark Edwards, Mark Cole, Alex Drysdale

Trade Union: N/A

Is this item subject to call-in?	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
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Supporting Information

1. Background

- 1.1 The West Berkshire Clear Streets Strategy is the basis on which the main towns and villages have been formally reviewed. Any new parking concerns that are raised at individual locations across the district are now investigated within a district-wide parking scheme rather than having to wait until a specific town or area is being reviewed.
- 1.2 Parking Review Amendment 13 investigated various sites where parking has been expressed as a concern and it also included recently adopted roads where parking issues have been identified.
- 1.3 Following investigation into the parking issues the Ward Members and Parish/Town Councils affected were consulted for any further comments to the parking proposals. The consultation resulted in some minor changes to the proposals which were then progressed to statutory consultation.
- 1.4 The statutory consultation and advertisement of the agreed proposals was undertaken between 29 November and 20 December 2012.

2. Responses to statutory consultation

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation period 144 responses had been received, including a 14 signature petition objecting to the proposals for West End Road in Mortimer.
- 2.2 No objections were received in respect of the proposals for Aldermaston, Bradfield, Chieveley, Compton, Holybrook/Calcot, Pangbourne, Stockcross, Theale, Tilehurst or Woolhampton.
- 2.3 Responses were received from Aldermaston, Compton, Kintbury and Welford & Wickham Parish Councils indicating either support or no objections. Burghfield and Greenham Parish Councils responded with comments on the proposal.
- 2.4 23 responses were received on the proposal for Newport Road, Newbury, including one from the board of governors at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School. Only one of the responses indicated support for the proposals.
- 2.5 22 responses were received on the proposals for Rectory Close in Newbury, including one from the Residents Group Committee. Only two of the responses indicated support for the proposals.
- 2.6 20 responses were received on the proposal for Kintbury High Street. Only the Parish Council supported the proposal.
- 2.7 The remaining responses to the consultation were in smaller numbers objecting to various proposals across the whole scheme.
- 2.8 A summary of all the comments received during the statutory consultation, together with officer comments, is provided in Appendix A to this report.

3. Equalities Impact Assessment Outcomes

- 3.1 Local Residents - The main aim of this item is to propose introduction of parking restrictions in various locations to address road safety concerns, verge damage, vehicle obstruction issues and provide parking for residents.
- 3.2 Improved road safety - Better visibility at road junctions by preventing vehicles parking too close.
- 3.3 Child Pedestrians - Improved road safety on approaches to those schools included within this scheme. Restricting or prohibiting parking will make a safer environment and enable vulnerable pedestrians to be seen by passing traffic.
- 3.4 Persons with less mobility - Improved road safety and footway obstruction issues addressed at specific locations. Prohibiting parking at junctions including within the scheme will ensure dropped kerbs are not obstructed for the disabled or visually impaired.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 Requests for additional restrictions cannot be made without going through the full statutory consultation process again, but requests resulting in a relaxation to a proposed restriction can be accommodated by amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) prior to its Sealing.
- 4.2 Having carefully considered the responses to the consultation the following adjustments would address the comments received and they could be introduced without the need for the re-advertisement of the TRO:
 - (i) The proposal to introduce a length of No Waiting 'At Any Time' on the north side of Birch Road in Burghfield is reduced so that it extends for approximately 15 metres from its junction with School Lane.
 - (ii) The proposal to introduce a length of No Waiting 'At Any Time' on Pingewood Road North in Burghfield is reduced so that it extends for approximately 20 metres south of its junction with Burghfield Road on both sides.
 - (iii) The proposal to amend the current No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm restriction on High Street, Kintbury, to a No Waiting Mon-Fri 9am-5pm is omitted from the final scheme.
 - (iv) The proposal to introduce a 2 Hour Limited Waiting restriction, No Return within 4 Hours, Mon-Sat 8am-6pm on West End Road, Mortimer, is omitted from the final scheme.
 - (v) The proposal to introduce 'Permit Holders Only' on Angel Court, Newbury, is amended to a 2 Hour Limited Waiting restriction, No Return within 4 Hours Mon-Sat 8am-6pm (Permit Holders Exempt).
 - (vi) The proposal to introduce No Waiting 'At Any Time' on Crawford Place, Newbury, is omitted from the final scheme.

- (vii) The proposal to introduce No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9am and 2.30pm-4pm on Maple Crescent and Dolman Road, Newbury, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (viii) The proposal to introduce No Waiting 'At Any Time' at the junction of Oaken Grove and Longacre, Newbury, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (ix) The proposal to introduce No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm and No Waiting Mon-Fri 9am-5pm on Rectory Close, Newbury, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (x) The proposed extension to the No Waiting 'At Any Time' on Purley Village, Purley-on-Thames, is amended to only extend for approximately 22 metres west of the lane leading to Home Farm.
- (xi) The proposed No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am and 2.30pm-4pm on Digby Road, Speen, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (xii) The proposed No Waiting 'At Any Time' on Glebelands, Thatcham, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (xiii) The proposed No Waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6pm on the south side of Urquhart Road, Thatcham, is omitted from the final scheme.
- (xiv) The proposed No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am & 2.30pm-4pm on Welford Road, Wickham, is amended to No Waiting Mon-Fri 8am-9.30am.
- (xv) The proposed No Waiting 'At Any Time' on the south side of Yattendon Lane, Yattendon, opposite The Old Rectory is reduced so that it only extends for approximately 20 metres east of the boundary of Church Corner and Isaacs.

4.3 Due to the nature of parking schemes it can sometimes be difficult to accurately anticipate the consequences of change, such as where any displaced parking may occur. Therefore the parking restrictions will need to be monitored to determine their effectiveness and should any amendments be required these can be introduced as part of the review process, subject to the standard consultation procedure.

4.4 During the period of the circulation of the draft report to Members, Yattendon Parish Council highlighted that Yattendon Estates were in discussion with the school regarding proposals to increase the parking within the school grounds. As this proposal was in the early stages of design there is no certainty that it will be approved or implemented and therefore for the purposes of this parking review these proposals have been discounted. If the proposals are subsequently approved and they make a significant impact on the parking availability on Yattendon Lane then any on-street parking restrictions, if implemented, can be reviewed as part of a future parking scheme and adjusted if appropriate.

4.5 As part of members comments on the Draft Report, Councillor Keith Woodhams responded that he concurred with the comments received from residents of Herons Way and does not support the recommendation for this road. Officers have previously visited Herons Way with Councillor Woodhams and local police officers to observe the parking problems particularly at the beginning and end of the school

day where residents were concerned about obstruction and general road safety issues associated with the number of vehicles entering Herons Way. It is considered that the proposed restrictions will address many of these concerns and given that only two residents objected during the consultation period, it is assumed that the majority of residents either support the proposals or have no strong views on the issue. It is therefore recommended that the proposals are introduced as advertised.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the revisions to the proposed restrictions as detailed in Section 4.2 of this report be approved.
- 5.2 That the remaining proposed restrictions be introduced as advertised.
- 5.3 That the parking scheme be monitored so that any parking displacement can be addressed as part of a future review.
- 5.4 That the respondents to the statutory consultation be informed accordingly.

Appendices

Appendix A - Summary of Comments to Statutory Consultation.