

## Individual Decision

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<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Newbury On Street Parking Strategy – Zones SW1 and SW2 Review</b>		
<b>Report to be considered by:</b>	<b>Councillor Keith Chopping</b>	<b>on:</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> January 2007</b>
<b>Forward Plan Ref:</b>	ID1327		

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### **Purpose of Report:**

To inform the Executive Member for Planning and Transport of the responses received during the statutory and public consultation on the proposals associated with the review of Zones SW1 and SW2 of the Newbury On Street Parking Strategy and to seek approval of officer recommendations.

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### **Recommended Action:**

That the Executive Member resolves to approve the recommendations as set out in Section 4 of this report.

### **Reason for decision to be taken:**

To enable the Zones SW1 and SW2 of the Newbury On Street Parking Strategy to be progressed to implementation.

### **List of other options considered:**

Not applicable

### **Key background documentation:**

- Consultation Plan Nos. 81156/SW1/010, 81156/SW2/010 and 81156/SW2/0011
- Residents Parking Policy and Guidance report dated 12 August 2004.

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## **Supporting Information**

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### **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Newbury On Street Parking Strategy encompasses the Town Centre of Newbury and its immediate environs. Due to the size of the area to be addressed it has been divided into eight 'zones'. The parking scheme for Zones SW1 and SW2 came into operation on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006.
- 1.2 The scheme has been monitored to determine its effectiveness. This was achieved by correspondence received from local residents and local businesses, comments from the traffic warden responsible for the area and officer observations.
- 1.3 From observation and correspondence it was evident that some of the restrictions needed to be adjusted and, in some areas, additional restrictions were required to address road safety concerns and resolve parking issues related to long term parking.
- 1.4 The statutory consultation and advertisement of these proposals was undertaken during December 2006.

### **2. Responses to statutory consultation**

- 2.1 At the end of the statutory consultation and advertisement period one objection had been received. A resident of Shrewsbury Terrace objected to the proposal to introduce a parking bay for 'Permit Holders Only' on Buckingham Road on the basis that it was unnecessary and considered that it did not have the support of local residents.
- 2.2 The proposed 'Permit Holders Only' parking bay was specifically requested by all four residents that directly front Buckingham Road. They indicated that the previous restriction, introduced during January 2006, did not meet their requirements and they continued to experience parking problems by non-residents.
- 2.3 A response was also received from Thames Valley Police stating that they had no objection to the proposal.

### **3. Conclusions**

- 3.1 Shrewsbury Terrace abuts Buckingham Road and can only be accessed by footpath. As there is no off-road facility for these properties all residents have to park their vehicles on Buckingham Road. However with the advertised proposals, the majority of on-street parking on Buckingham Road will remain unrestricted. If the proposal is introduced it is considered that the short length of 'Permit Holder Only' parking will meet the needs of local residents who directly front Buckingham Road and who have already purchased permits. The residents of Shrewsbury Terrace can also apply for a permit if they wanted to park within the 'Permit Holder Only' restriction.

### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 That the proposed measures be introduced as advertised and that the respondent be informed accordingly.

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## Appendices

Not applicable.

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## Implications

<b>Policy:</b>	The consultation is in accordance with the Council's Consultation procedure.
<b>Financial:</b>	The implementation of the scheme will be funded from the approved Capital Programme.
<b>Personnel:</b>	None arising from this report
<b>Legal:</b>	The sealing of the Traffic Regulation Order will be undertaken by Legal Services.
<b>Environmental:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Equalities:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Partnering:</b>	The Council is working in partnership with the police to ensure that that the project operates as it should.
<b>Property:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Risk Management:</b>	None arising from this report.
<b>Community Safety:</b>	None arising from this report.

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## Consultation Responses

<b>Members:</b>	
<b>Leader of Council:</b>	Councillor Graham Jones is happy with the recommended action provided that the ward members support the proposals.
<b>Overview &amp; Scrutiny Commission Chairman:</b>	Unable to contact Councillor Jeff Brooks however any comments will be verbally reported when the decision is made.
<b>Ward Members:</b>	Councillors Roger Hunneman and Sally Hannon are happy to support the recommended action. Unable to contact Councillor Emma Webster however any comments will be verbally reported when the decision is made.
<b>Opposition Spokesperson:</b>	Unable to contact Councillor Keith Woodhams however any comments will be verbally reported when the decision is made.
<b>Policy Development Commission Chairman:</b>	N/A
<b>Local Stakeholders:</b>	Have been consulted as part of the Statutory Consultation process
<b>Officers Consulted:</b>	Mark Edwards, Mark Cole, Andrew Garratt
<b>Trade Union:</b>	N/A