

Agenda Item IMD2

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION REFERENCE IMD: 2024/02

TITLE	Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2023 (Amendment No. 1) Order 2023
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways - Paul Fishwick
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	18 January 2024 LGF3, Shute End 12.30
WARD	Bulmershe and Whitegates; Emmbrook; Evendons; Finchampstead South; Hawkedon; Hillside; Loddon; Maiden Erlegh; Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe; South Lake; Swallowfield; Twyford; Wescott; Winnersh; Wokingham Without;
DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER	Director, Place and Growth - Giorgio Framaliccio

PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)

To report the results of the statutory consultation for the above-named Traffic Regulation Order, which seeks to amend the **Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2023** and to seek the decision of the Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways. The Order seeks to introduce, amend or revoke sections of on-street parking and waiting restrictions throughout the borough, as per the Notice of Proposal advertised. The proposals are required to improve road user safety, manage available parking spaces and reduce traffic congestion to the benefit of all road users.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways

1. Considers the objections received to the proposed Amendment Order.
2. Agree to proceed with the making of the Amendment Order as advertised with two minor changes.
3. Approve the making of the necessary Traffic Regulation Order in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedures 1996; and instructs the Assistant Director for Highways & Transport to inform those who have responded to the consultation accordingly
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SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report considers all objections, comments and correspondence received on the proposals advertised through the Order. Having considered these objections and comments, it is proposed that all of the proposals with the exception of proposed No waiting at Any time restrictions in Colemansmoor Road and London Road, Earley are approved for implementation and that relevant notices are now advertised in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Order making procedures.

Background

The current Consolidation Order for **Wokingham Borough Council known as Wokingham Borough Council (Prohibition and Restriction of Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2023** is being amended to bring into effect changes to on-street parking restrictions which has been requested by residents and members. It is standard practice to amend a consolidation order where there is a need to introduce new parking restrictions or remove parking restrictions which are no longer required. These changes are often necessary to improve road safety, reduce traffic congestion or address residents' concerns on parking in their roads.

This is the first amendment to the 2023 consolidation order; details of the roads where restrictions have been proposed can be found in Appendix A. The proposed scheme drawings can be found in Appendix B.

The proposals comprise of the introduction of new waiting restrictions along sections of Avalon Road, Basingstoke Road, Bolwell Close, Broad Hinton, Broadwater Road, Chiltern Crescent, Coleridge Close, Colemansmoor Road, Cotterell Gardens, Crockhamwell Road, Danehill, Ellis Road, Emmbrook Road, Erleigh Court Gardens, Gooch Close, Greenfinch Drive, Harrison Close, Hilmanton, Hillside Road, Hubbard Close, Hurst Park Road, Hurst Road, Kingfisher Court, Kingfisher Drive, Ladbrooke Close, Lenham Close, London Road, Longwater Road, Lincoln Gardens, Mallard Close, Manor Road, Marfleet Close, Milton Road, Nightingale Road, Norton Road, Orchard Estate, Outfield Crescent, Poundfield Way, Purslane, Ravenswood Avenue, Rosedale Crescent, Sadlers Lane, Salamanca, Shepherds House Lane, Shepherds Way, Silverdale Road, Stephen Close, Sutcliffe Avenue, Suttons Park Avenue, Swanscourt, The Drive, The Green, The Grove, Victoria Road, Watmore Lane, Wellesley Drive, Wessex Gardens, Whitegates Lane, Wokingham Road and Woodward Close (Access Road to Oaktree SEND School),

Response to TRO Consultation

The Notice of proposal was advertised on the 14th September 2023. The 21 statutory objection period ended on the 6th October 2023. In total 199 responses were received, 77 were objections to some of the schemes, 85 were correspondence expressing support, 26 were correspondence from respondents who supported parts of particular schemes but expressed concerns on other parts (Partial Support) and 11 were comments or enquiries on some of the schemes.

The 77 objections were on schemes proposed for the roads listed on table 1 below. The table also gives the description of the proposed schemes and the number of respondents objecting. Full details of the objections and officer responses have been provided in Appendix C.

Table 1 : Number of Objections received

Road Name	Scheme description	Number of Objections
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Broad Hinton	Single yellow lines operating from 9am to 10am starting from property number 20 to property number 86 and Single yellow lines operating from 1pm to 2pm starting from property number 29 to 107.	1
Broadwater Road	Double yellow lines along junction and bends leading into the different arms	5
Colemansmoor Road	Double yellow lines outside and opposite properties numbered 26 to 52	22
Hilmanton	Restricted parking zone Monday - Friday, 8am-9am and 3pm to 4pm along the arms leading to property numbers 5-18 and 147-159.	7
Kingfisher Drive	Proposed double yellow lines between the junction with fairwater drive and along and opposite property number 2.	1
London Road	Double yellow lines opposite properties numbered 264-306 and double yellow lines at the junctions with Chiltern Drive.	30
Outfield Crescent	Double yellow lines on one side of the road and designated parking bays which operates Monday to Sunday 8am to 10pm.	7
Shepherds House Lane	Double yellow lines in the vicinity of properties numbered 2 to 24.	1
Watmore Lane	Single yellow lines which operate 8.30am to 9.30am and 2pm to 4pm outside and opposite properties numbered 8 to 26.	2
Wessex Gardens	Single yellow lines operating from 9am to 10am starting from property number 3 to property number 21, Single yellow lines operating from 1pm to 2pm starting on other sections of the road and Double yellow lines along junctions and bends.	1

Conclusion

In summary officers have considered the grounds of the objections and have concluded that the restrictions proposed in all the roads with the exception of London Road and Colemansmoor Road are justified and will have a positive contribution to the relevant locations. A recommendation for the withdrawal of the proposed scheme in Colemansmoor Road and the reduction to the extent of proposed double yellow lines in London Road have been made.

Recommendation

- i. The proposals for an Amendment Order No.1 to the Wokingham Borough Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order 2023, as advertised, be approved for signing and sealing with the subsequent implementation of all the proposed restrictions with the exception of proposed waiting restrictions in London Road and Colemansmoor Road.

- ii. That the proposed double yellow lines outside property numbers 254 to 258 and 242-248 is replaced by single yellow lines which operate Monday to Friday 8am -6.30pm in response to concerns by objectors on loss of on street parking spaces and the Order is amended to reflect this change.
- iii. That the proposed scheme in Colemansmoor Road is withdrawn to allow further investigations on parking in the road to take place before a decision is made on the possible introduction of parking restrictions.
- iv. Objections and comments are noted, and objectors are informed of the outcome of their objections prior to the advertisement of the Notice of making in line with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and are focused on the vulnerable and on its highest priorities.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£13,000	YES	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	NIL		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	NIL		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
n/a

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services, including property and priorities?)
The Amendment of waiting & loading restrictions across the Borough in response to resident and business needs contributes towards the Council's statutory duties for road safety management and ensures that the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988, Highways Act 1980 and Traffic Management Act 2000 are met, whilst also contributing towards responsible asset, transportation and mobility management.

Public Sector Equality Duty
Please confirm that due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been taken and if an equalities assessment has been completed or explain why an equalities assessment is not required.
No impact or disproportionate impact has been identified

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Resources and Assets	No Further Comment Received
Monitoring Officer	No Further Comment Received

Leader of the Council	No Further Comment Received
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Town and Parish Councils	
Arborfield and Newland Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Barkham Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Earley Town Council	No Further Comment Received
Finchampstead Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Sonning Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Swallowfield Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Shinfield Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Remenham Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Ruscombe Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Wargrave Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Winnersh Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Wokingham Town Council	No Further Comment Received
Woodley Town Council	No Further Comment Received
Wokingham Without Parish Council	No Further Comment Received
Local Ward Members	
Paul Fishwick- Executive Member Active Travel, Highways & Transportation	No Further Comment Received
Norman Jorgensen	No Further Comment Received
Mike Smith	No Further Comment Received
Stephen Newton	No Further Comment Received
Stuart Munro	No Further Comment Received
Stephen Conway	No Further Comment Received
Lindsay Ferris	No Further Comment Received
Andy Croy	Please See Appendix D
Tony Skuse	No Further Comment Received
Shahid Younis	No Further Comment Received
David Hare	No Further Comment Received
Clive Jones	No Further Comment Received
Andrew Mickleburgh	No Further Comment Received
Bill Soane	No Further Comment Received
Abdul Loyes	No Further Comment Received
Anne Chadwick	No Further Comment Received
Laura Blumenthal	No Further Comment Received
Jordan Montgomery	No Further Comment Received
David Davies	No Further Comment Received
Pauline Helliard- Symons	No Further Comment Received
Rachel Bishop- Firth	No Further Comment Received
Morag Malvern	No Further Comment Received
Imogen Shepherd- Dubey	No Further Comment Received
Caroline Smith	No Further Comment Received
Alistair Neal	No Further Comment Received
Pauline Jorgensen	No Further Comment Received
Prue Bray	No Further Comment Received
Paul Fishwick	No Further Comment Received

Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	No Further Comment Received
David Cornish	No Further Comment Received
Rebecca Margetts	No Further Comment Received
Jane Ainslie	No Further Comment Received
Peter Dennis	No Further Comment Received
Peter Harper	No Further Comment Received
Charles Margetts	No Further Comment Received
Sarah Kerr	No Further Comment Received
Adrian Mather	No Further Comment Received
Ian Shenton	No Further Comment Received
John Halsall	No Further Comment Received
Graham Howe	No Further Comment Received

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
n/a

List of Background Papers
Appendix A – List of roads Appendix B – Scheme Plans Appendix C – Consultation Responses (Objections) Appendix D – Response from Councillor Croy

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