



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **THURSDAY 30 APRIL 2015 AT 11.35 AM**

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Andy Couldrick
Chief Executive
Published on 22 April 2015

Our Vision

A great place to live, an even better place to do business

Our Priorities

Improve educational attainment and focus on every child achieving their potential

Invest in regenerating towns and villages, support social and economic prosperity, whilst encouraging business growth

Ensure strong sustainable communities that are vibrant and supported by well designed development

Tackle traffic congestion in specific areas of the Borough

Improve the customer experience when accessing Council services

The Underpinning Principles

Offer excellent value for your Council Tax

Provide affordable homes

Look after the vulnerable

Improve health, wellbeing and quality of life

Maintain and improve the waste collection, recycling and fuel efficiency

Deliver quality in all that we do

For consideration by

John Kaiser, Executive member for Planning and Highways

Officers Present

Susan Coulter, Senior Democratic Services officer

Ian Haller, Service Manager, Highway Delivery

IMD NO. 2015	WARD	SUBJECT	
IMD 18	Winnersh	BASLOW ROAD AND CHATSWORTH AVENUE - WINNERSH That the formal sealing and advertisement of the Baslow Road, Chatsworth Avenue (Winnersh) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2015 be approved and that those who have responded to the consultation be informed accordingly.	5 - 18

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Agenda Item IMD1

NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

ITEM NO.	IMD 2015 – 18
TITLE	Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue - Winnersh
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Councillor John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
DATE AND TIME OF DECISION	Thursday 30 April 2015 at 11:30am
VENUE	SF1 Meeting Room, Council Offices, Shute End, Wokingham
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	Wednesday 22 April 2015

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION
REFERENCE IMD: 2015 – 18

TITLE	Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue - Winnersh
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Councillor John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
ON	Thursday 30 April 2015
TIME	11:30am
WARD	Winnersh
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Heather Thwaites, Director of Environment

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

- Deter parking within proximity of the junction of Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue
- Allow the vehicles to remain on the correct side of the road when negotiating the junction
- Allow for a raised splitter island to be constructed at the junction to deter vehicles from cutting the corner

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Member for Planning and Highways:

- Approves the formal sealing and advertisement of the Baslow Road, Chatsworth Avenue (Winnersh) (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2015.
- Informs those who have responded to the consultation accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Wokingham Borough Council has been in discussion with the Winnersh NAG regarding parked vehicles close to the junction of Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue. The roads are an alternative route for traffic to avoid Winnersh Crossroads; this can lead to congestion at peak times, or incidents of cars cutting across the junction.

Wokingham Borough Council agreed with Thames Valley Police to place parking restrictions around the area, which would allow advisory markings to be placed to control traffic flow.

Background

Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue serve a residential area in Winnersh; however the roads are an alternative route for vehicles going from B3030 King Street Lane to A329 Reading Road, as it avoids Winnersh Crossroads.

During peak times there have been incidents of vehicles queuing on Baslow Road and over-hanging the exit route for the northern section of Chatsworth Avenue. Furthermore there have been incidents where cars turning right from Chatsworth Avenue into Baslow Road have cut across on the wrong side of the junction markings.

Baslow Road and the area around the junction is used for parking as well; the source of this is anecdotally given as local residents, either having a lack of off road parking or too many cars per property. An alternative suggestion has been that some of the parking is commuter related; however Wokingham Borough Council has no way of confirming either of these.

While the road is public highway and these vehicles are entitled to use it and park on it; there have been circumstances whereby cars parked within close proximity of the junction have exasperated the traffic flow problems.

It was these concerns that led the Winnersh NAG to contact Wokingham Borough Council to help improve the situation.

Proposal

Due to the current road width it is not possible to put splitter island at the mouth of Baslow Road, which would provide a deterrent to vehicles cutting across the junction. However it was considered to place an area of raised tarmac, coated in white thermoplastic, at the mouth of Baslow Road. It is anticipated that this will deflect traffic onto the correct side of the junction, but still permit larger vehicles to make the turn by mounting the island.

A white KEEP CLEAR marking on the southbound carriageway opposite Baslow Road will also be provided. This will advise turning traffic during times of congestion to not block the exit route for residents of the northern section of Chatsworth Avenue.

To coincide with these advisory markings; parking restrictions were proposed in the vicinity of the junction. These restrictions will reinforce the Highway Code guidance of not parking within 10m of a junction to deter obstructive parking. While these restrictions extend further than the prescribed 10; it is intended that they will ensure the area is kept clear to allow vehicles to be on the correct side of the road, when negotiating past the raised splitter island.

The restrictions were agreed with Thames Valley Police prior to any public consultation.

Response to TRO Consultation

The TRO was announced on the 29th of January 2015 with a closing date of the 22nd of February 2015. From this consultation Wokingham Borough Council received 7 replies, which are detailed in Appendix A.

2 responses were from local ward councillors, (Prue Bray and Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey) who were in support of the proposed restrictions.

2 residents objected to the proposal. It should be noted that one resident sent 2 objections.

2 residents expressed support for the restrictions, but commented that more should be

considered.

Recommendation & Conclusion

The objections received were in relation to residents wishing to retain parking close to their property. The objectors also mention that the congestion issue is only at peak times and so the restrictions should reflect this and only operate during peak times.

There were also comments about residents of Baslow Road and Calver Close, despite having access to off street parking, using the area for parking should be prevented. It is not for Wokingham Borough Council to dictate to residents where they should park, nor could this be enforced. With regards to vehicles parking on Baslow Road; Wokingham Borough Council considers them to be members of the public parking on a public highway.

It is not for Wokingham Borough Council to guarantee residents with convenient parking on the highway and we reserve the right to restrict parking where considered necessary. While it is recognised that the congestion and overrunning issues mostly occurs during peak times. The prohibitive measures (raised island and KEEP CLEAR) will be permanent, therefore in order to maintain their effectiveness the restrictions should be at any time.

It is recommended that the Executive Member for Highways and Planning approves the formal sealing of this Traffic Regulation Order, and review them after 6 months of operation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£2500	Yes	Revenue Budget
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£0		
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	£0		

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?)

Does not impact on other services.

Does not impact on any of the council's priorities.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Strategic Director - Resources	No response
Monitoring Officer	No response
Leader of the Council	No response
Town and Parish Councils	
Winnersh Parish Council	The Parish Council considered the proposals to be a reasonable attempt to improve a congested junction.

Local Ward Members	
Prue Bray	No response
Philip Houldsworth	No response
Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	No response

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix A • Drawing 5049-2035-A • Notice of Intent

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APPENDIX A

Baslow Road & Chatsworth Avenue – Winnersh – COMMENTS & OBJECTIONS SUMMARY

Letter/Email from	Comment/Objection	Officer Comment
Cllr Prue Bray	<p>This is just to let you know that I fully support what you are intending to do with introducing additional measures to restrict parking in Baslow Road. This is something which the NAG and councillors have been trying to get looked at for some time, but previous efforts have failed due to lack of support from the police in the past and refusal of the council to do anything without police support. I have myself passed photographs to the local police area commander that were taken by the NAG, showing the dangerous situation that can arise at the junction of Baslow Road and Chatsworth Road.</p> <p>While I am pleased this is going to happen, it does not cover every single problem caused by parking in Baslow Road. But it is to be welcomed.</p> <p>Prue Bray</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports proposal • Review after 6 months
Cllr Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	<p>I also agree that the restrictions are needed for residents safety. It does help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports proposal • Review after 6 months
RESIDENT – Chatsworth Avenue	<p><i>Thank you for the information regarding traffic flow at Baslow Road and Chatsworth Avenue (Order 20XX). It has also been proposed by a neighbour that the yellow lines should be single with restricted parking. I live at number XX Chatsworth and feel the double yellow lines should be better. My neighbour opposite runs a building business from his home and it is his vehicles that cause most of the problems. As his drive is used for a family car and a skip he parks his other two vehicles, a black pickup and a white van either on the road outside his house or in Baslow, causing disruption with traffic flow. I worry that the yellow lines will cause him to park outside my home where the lines finish, and with the proposed single lines he would also use my space.</i></p> <p>Also, the houses numbers 2/4/6 in Baslow Road seem to have to park</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports permanent restrictions • Residents have no right to park directly outside their property • Parking on unrestricted areas of public highway is on first come first served • Wokingham Borough Council are not responsible for where residents park • Review after 6 months

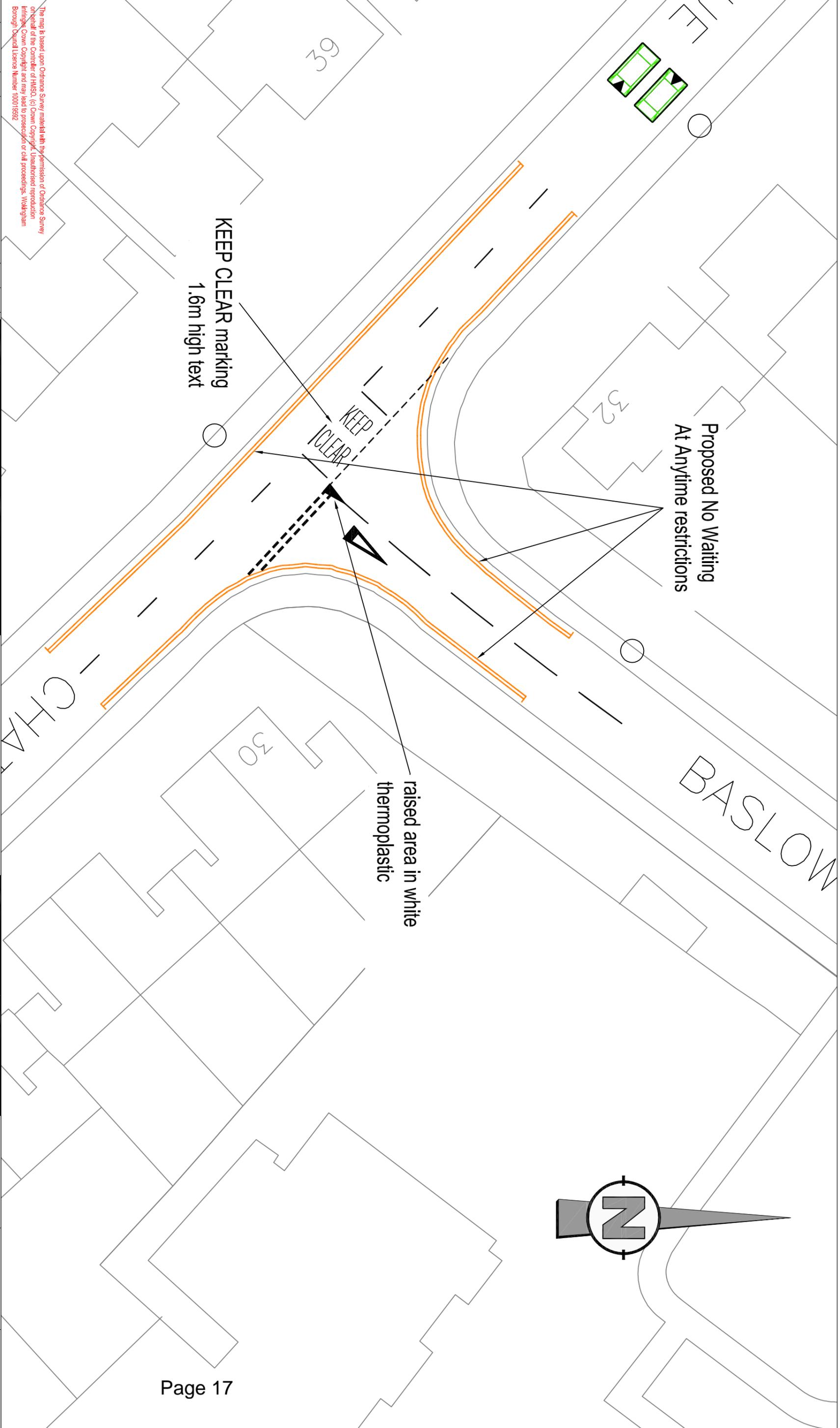
	<p>outside their houses. Do they not have allocated parking at the rear of their houses? Very bad planning if they don't have their own parking. If this is the case shouldn't they have a numbered parking space in Baslow Road?</p>	
<p>RESIDENT – Address Unknown</p>	<p>I am writing to say I have no objection to the siting of permanent parking restriction round the corners of Chatsworth Ave and Baslow Rd, however, I feel the parking restriction does not go far enough, Baslow Rd is always clogged up with parked cars, causing problems with the free flow of traffic especially with school buses and heavy lorries.</p> <p>I therefore suggest that permanent parking restrictions be placed on the whole of Baslow Rd, the local residents have their own allocated parking spaces which should not inconvenience them unduly not being able to park in front of their houses in Baslow Rd.</p> <p>I await your response,</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports restrictions • Baslow Road is wide enough to allow two way car traffic and support parking on one side • Wokingham Borough Council are not responsible where residents choose to park • Review after 6 months of operation
<p>RESIDENT – Chatsworth Avenue (transcribed from written letter)</p>	<p>I fully understand the need for control of the above junction at peak times of the day. My objection is parking close to my house at any time. My wife has carers and we have many visitors including nurses at off peak times during the day and night.</p> <p>We have builder living opposite who has many vehicles and other building vans, plumbers, electricians, etc. parking all over the place! His advert is enclosed.</p> <p>This does not help the situation as he doesn't care.</p> <p>Many people park in Baslow Road from the funeral directors Miles & Daughters in Reading Road as they don't have enough space.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objects to restrictions • Unfortunately the restrictions are needed to ensure the control measures work effectively • Wokingham Borough Council is not responsible for providing convenient parking for residents, visitors, carers etc. • Parking on public highway is on first come first served basis • Restrictions reviewed after 6 months
<p>RESIDENT – Chatsworth Avenue (1st correspondence</p>	<p>I and my partner are residents of XX Chatsworth Avenue, and we have this morning received notification of the above restrictions.</p> <p>We have never been consulted by Winnersh NAG and would be interested</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent through correspondence with Winnersh NAG to give background to TRO • Objects to restrictions

received by email)	<p>to know exactly what they have said to you.</p> <p>As residents for over 30 years, we have a very clear line of sight of this junction and we know exactly what the problem is and the cause. The problem only occurs during the rush hour, and is caused by motorists using Churchill Drive, Chatsworth Avenue and Baslow Road as a rat run to avoid the traffic lights at King Street Lane and Reading Road.</p> <p>The parking in Baslow Road is caused by both commuters and residents of Baslow Road, who incidentally have their own off street parking but prefer to park right outside their houses.</p> <p>The residents affected by this proposal all have off street parking, but not enough space for visitors.</p> <p>I shall be consulting my neighbours who are affected by this proposal with a view to making a joint objection, and propose an alternative solution, in the meantime could you please send me whatever documentation Winnersh NAG have sent you as Winnersh NAG have refused to divulge any details of the nature of the complaints and have referred us back to you. This does seem to me to be a knee jerk reaction to the Winnersh NAG complaint.</p> <p>I was formally Head of Parking Services at both the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Spelborne Borough Council and have considerable knowledge of parking restrictions and Traffic Management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unfortunately the restrictions are needed to ensure the control measures work effectively • Wokingham Borough Council is not responsible for providing convenient parking for residents, visitors, etc. • Parking on public highway is on first come first served basis • Restrictions reviewed after 6 months
RESIDENT – Chatsworth Avenue (2 nd correspondence received,	<p>My partner and I would agree that this junction is a problem at certain times of the day, mainly during the rush hour during the week, however we feel that the proposed restrictions are excessive.</p> <p>Previously I was head of Parking Services at the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and at Spelthorne Borough Council and as such have a great deal</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow to objection sent by email • Unfortunately the restrictions are needed to ensure the control measures work effectively • “Rat running” could not be stopped

<p>transcribed from written letter)</p>	<p>of experience in both parking and traffic management. We would agree with the proposal for the raised white thermoplastic area to discourage drivers cutting the corner. We would also agree with the KEEP CLEAR marking. Our objection is to the double yellow lines proposed in Chatsworth Avenue. Double yellow lines cannot have restricted times, they are: At Any Time. Although those affected in Chatsworth Avenue have off street parking that in most cases can accommodate 2 vehicles, should we have visitors at any time they will not be able to park outside our houses under the proposed TRO. The restrictions in Baslow Road are reasonable to keep the junction clear, and I understand the reason why the council are proposing restrictions on Chatsworth Avenue is because of displacement. Drivers who normally park in Baslow Road will seek alternative parking and that will be in Chatsworth Avenue. The problem with this junction has been caused by the fact that the council granted planning permission for the estate in Dunstans Drive area with only two possible access roads onto Chatsworth Avenue, Dunstans Road and Jersey Drive. The problem is further compounded by the fact that Churchill Drive is used as a “rat run” from King Street Lane for drivers wishing to avoid the traffic lights at the Sainsburys junction of King Street Lane, Reading Road and Robin Hood Lane. Living almost opposite the junction of Chatsworth Avenue and Baslow Road, we have a clear line of sight all day and the problem is only limited to a very small period of the day and is only caused by any vehicles parked in Baslow Road. Therefore we suggest you need to look more fully into this matter. If having done so you still believe that there is a need for restrictions in Chatsworth Avenue we are proposing that instead of double yellow lines in Chatsworth Avenue, the council changes these to a single yellow line with the time restrictions of 7:30am – 9:30am and 3:30pm – 6:00pm, Monday to Friday. This would cover the rush hours and</p>	<p>without significant restrictions placed, which would impact on all the residents in the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public highway and motorists may use it irrespective of purpose/destination • Wokingham Borough Council is not responsible for providing convenient parking for residents, visitors, etc. • Parking on public highway is on first come first served basis • Vehicles parked on Baslow Road are entitled to do so irrespective of who owns them • Cannot add new restrictions to a proposed TRO without carrying out new consultation • Restrictions reviewed after 6 months
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	<p>school run in the afternoon, but allow visitor parking during the day and at weekends.</p> <p>Also the council should extend the proposed double yellow lines on the northwest side of Baslow Road right up to Reading Road to prevent parking on that side of the road.</p> <p>Please see attached the amended plan.</p> <p>The council should also conduct a survey to determine who is actually parking in Baslow Road, some are commuters and some are residents of numbers 2,4 and 6 Baslow Road, who have off street parking behind their properties and should not need to park in Baslow Road.</p> <p>Please consider this letter as a formal objection to the proposals, and we would appreciate being informed about the outcome of this consultation in due course.</p>	
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Proposed No Waiting
At Anytime restrictions

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KEEP CLEAR marking
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BASLOW ROAD TRO

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General Arrangement of
Proposed TRO

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