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A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DECISION** will be held in Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham, RG40 1BN, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 10.00 am**

Andy Couldrick
Chief Executive
Published on 3 August 2015

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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 Members for Planning and Highways

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Agenda Item IMD26

NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

ITEM NO.	IMD 2015-26
TITLE	NIGHTINGALE ROAD, CAMPBELL ROAD AND LIVINGSTONE GARDENS WOODLEY (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2015
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Councillor John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
DATE AND TIME OF DECISION	Tuesday 11 August 2015 at 10 am
VENUE	WSP Room, 2nd floor, Council Offices, Shute End
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	Monday 3 August 2015

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION
REFERENCE IMD: 2015-26

TITLE	NIGHTINGALE ROAD,CAMPBELL ROAD AND LIVINGSTONE GARDENS WOODLEY (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING) ORDER 2015
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Councillor John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning & Highways
ON	Tuesday 11 August 2015
TIME	10 am
WARD	SOUTH LAKE
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Heather Thwaites, Director for the Environment

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This scheme is to introduce No Waiting At Any Time restrictions in Nightingale Road and Livingstone Gardens and Restricted Waiting in Campbell Road Woodley. The TRO will provide junction restrictions in the proximity of the mini roundabout at the junction of Nightingale Road and Campbell Road and at the junction of Nightingale Road and Livingstone Gardens where it is unsafe to park.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Member for Planning & Highways:

- 1) approves the formal sealing and advertisement of the (Nightingale Road, Campbell Road and Livingstone Gardens Woodley) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Order 2015; and
- 2) informs those who have responded to the consultation accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Nightingale Road in Woodley runs through a large development which services twelve roads. Thames Valley Police contacted the council in September 2014 and asked officers to look at parking issues at the mini roundabout associated with parking for Southlake School and a Nursery both located in Campbell Road. Parents are parking too close to the mini roundabout and this is causing reduced visibility for drivers using Nightingale Road as they approach the mini roundabout.

The restrictions laid out in drawing 5049-2061A were agreed with Thames Valley Police and the consultation period commenced on the 30th April and ended on the 22nd May 2015. During that time Wokingham Borough Council received six responses, three in support, two objections and one who made comments.

Background

The police contacted the council with concerns regarding parking on the mini roundabout at the junction of Nightingale Road and Campbell Road Woodley.

Proposal

The lengths of the restrictions cover the approaches to the mini roundabout in Nightingale Road, take in the junction with Livingstone Gardens and Campbell Road so that any vehicles displaced by the scheme cannot park too close to the mini roundabout.

Response to TRO Consultation

There were 6 responses to the TRO three were in support, two were objections and one was a comment. Two residents who live either side of the mini roundabout have objected, one lives between the proposed restrictions of the junctions with Livingstone Gardens and Campbell Road the other to the south of Campbell Road. Any displaced parking needs to be moved to an area where it would be safer to park and the restrictions consulted on will enable drivers to park where it is safe. Officer comments have been made in Appendix A against each response received.

Recommendation & Conclusion

It is recommended to proceed with the proposed No Waiting At Any Time and Timed Restricted parking as advertised and to ask the police to monitor the area and carry out any appropriate enforcement.

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)	£600	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

Does not impact on other services but will allow the safe movement of vehicles on the highway.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES – TRO Consultation

Strategic Director - Resources	No response
Monitoring Officer	No specific comments on the report.
Leader of the Council	I fully support this action following this request from the police.
Town and Parish Councils	
Woodley Town Council	No response during final consultation but did comment during TRO consultation process to say. <i>“Members of the Woodley Town Council Community Services Committee have considered the scheme to prohibit waiting on Nightingale Road and Campbell Road, Woodley, including the junction of Livingstone Gardens with Nightingale Road, and wish to respond in support of the proposal”.</i>
Local Ward Members	
Beth Rowland	Councillor Rowland had raised some concerns about the displacement impact of the proposals and so a meeting took place on site on Monday 6 th July. Officer explained the reasons for scheme and that the police had approached the council regarding safety concerns. Officer has subsequently spoken to the Councillor and discussed the police's concerns and that they support the advertised proposals. Councillor has agreed that the scheme should go ahead subject to monitoring and that, if additional problems arise as a result of this proposal, then officers should investigate further solutions as appropriate. The Executive Member had been updated on 14 th July and wished the report to be finalised and the scheme implemented.
Laura Blumenthal	I confirm my support for this.
Thames Valley Police	I met on site some time ago with the local police (community support officers) and witnessed the problems first hand. The proposed scheme will help alleviate parking near the roundabout giving a clear line of site for motorists entering Campbell.

List of Background Papers

Notice of Intent, Statement of Reasons, Drawing Number 5049-2061A

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APPENDIX A

Nightingale Road/Campbell Road/Livingstone Close Woodley – COMMENTS & OBJECTIONS SUMMARY

Letter/Email from	Comment/Objection	Officer Comment
Resident Nightingale Road Letter OBJECTION	<p>The reason I write this letter is I would like to make an objection with our proposal for a scheme to prohibit waiting on Nightingale Road. I understand that the road safety is very important but it will be very inconvenient for us if you lay the double yellow lines in front of my property. We have plenty of visitors and due to shortage of parking in front of my house/driveway the double yellow lines will be making life very difficult for us as well as the home improvement to be done for the future.</p> <p>I have to say, I am not sure if you or the police on patrol notice that a lot of cars drive very fast along the Nightingale Road when there is no car parking on the side of the road and I will say with some cars parking on the side will slow them down and of course not during school time. In fact, instead of laying the double yellow line I don't understand why not make a layby for the buses to pick up and drop off passengers as there is plenty of space on the other side of the road and I will say this will be a lot better for all the road users, or move the bus stop further away from the roundabout.</p> <p>If my objection is unacceptable/ineffective I will strongly request you to drop or lower the kerbs in front where the lamp post is, otherwise there is no way I can park my vehicles and I will not be spending any money to lower or drop the kerbs. All in all even if you agree to lower or drop the kerbs I will still have to break the brick fence wall in front to allow vehicles to park and spend a lot of money for the driveway. However it can be acceptable if your proposal is for a single yellow line/no stopping between 8am-4pm.</p> <p>I strongly stress please consider my objection as it will affect our daily life basis and again be very inconvenient. I apologise for my objection and I will say there is a lot more ways you can sort this matter out apart from laying the double yellow line in front of my property and I totally disagree with the prohibiting waiting scheme that you propose.</p>	<p>The police contacted the council regarding their concerns of road safety in the vicinity of the mini roundabout. It is therefore important that the Council provide a scheme which will keep this area clear of all parked vehicles so that those using the roads and this roundabout can do so safely.</p> <p>There will still be plenty of parking available on Nightingale Road for residents and their visitors. Anyone needing to load and unload can still do so on double yellow lines as long as they do this safely. Vehicles will continue to park along Nightingale Road and this will still act as natural traffic calming slowing those using this road.</p> <p>The last speed survey undertaken in the area noted that the average speed of vehicles travelling north and south was 30.1mph. There are a minority of drivers driving above the speed limit, the police are the only organisation who can enforce this.</p> <p>Bus operators do not support lay-bys. When a bus pulls in to a lay-by it can be difficult to then enter the highway unless another vehicle gives way this in turn can extend the bus timetable. The bus operators like all commercial companies have to make savings in order to continue to run bus routes in the Borough.</p> <p>It is noted that your address has off street parking for more than one vehicle. The following link will give details of how to apply for a drop kerb. http://www.wokingham.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/development/apply-for-dropped-kerb-crossing/</p>

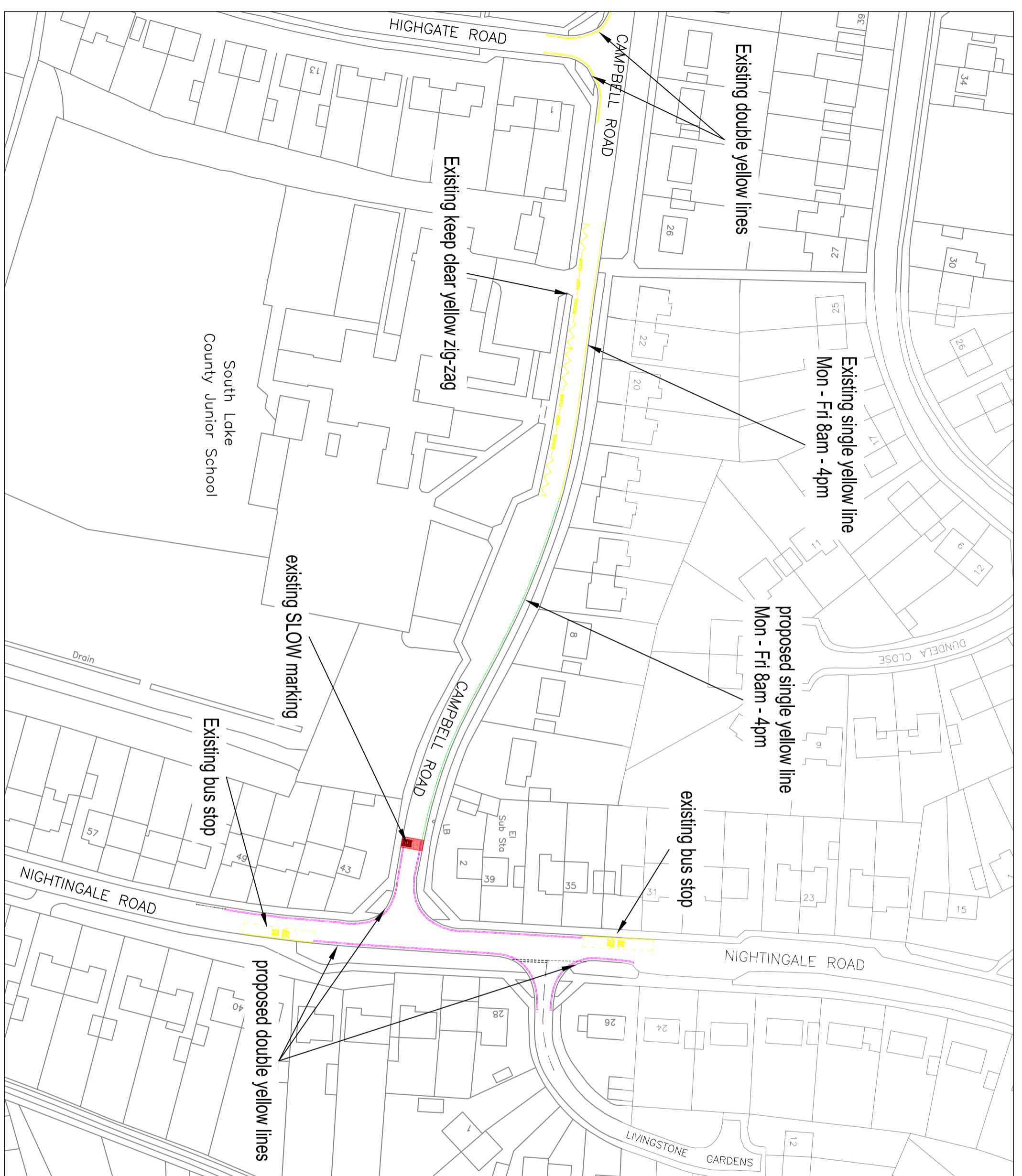
		We would not wish to provide a timed parking restriction as the area should remain clear of parked vehicles at all time and this will maintain safety at the roundabout with Campbell Road.
Resident Campbell Road Email SUPPORT	<p>Thank you for your letter regarding the above concerning road restrictions in the above roads. Let me firstly say that I am in agreement with them, I am a resident and live at xx Campbell Road and quite honestly, this does not surprise me, I do feel that it is long overdue but I do have one question regarding the residents.</p> <p>I have noted that there will be a single yellow line which means no waiting during the hours of 8am to 4pm but what happens if any of the residents have work being done on their houses and often (especially if having a front drive repaved), the vans/trucks have no alternative but to park on the road, also it is not always possible or indeed practicable, for them to park a long way away from the residence they are working on.</p> <p>What I am asking is if the residents do have workpeople whose trucks/vans have to be parked on the road, do we have to apply to the Council for some sort of "dispensation" or let you know that will be happening? This is a question that a few of us residents have asked although we are happy with the proposed plans otherwise and quite understand the reasoning behind them.</p>	Separate response sent to resident on 13 th May regarding comments not part of the TRO consultation.
Resident COMMENT	<p>I am e-mailing you this in response to a letter dated 28th April 2015 regarding parking of cars on the Nightingale and Campbell roads and Livingstone gardens.</p> <p>I am a little confused as to the approach that Wokingham Borough Council has taken to this problem which has been a problem for a number of years now. I am glad that the Council has acted on the advice of the Police so promptly but feel a little annoyed that the Council did not feel the need to act on this problem when I raised this with them a few years ago. In fact when I raised my concerns with regard to the level of traffic in the area and safety issues this posed to young children going to and from school I was informed that the amount of traffic acts as a 'traffic calming measure' helping to reduce accidents. As you know a petition by local residents was raised and sent to yourselves (last year I think) in order to raise the concerns about the amount of traffic and the speed of traffic that uses Nightingale road. The Council did turn on some school lights and painted a beige colour marking on the road to the roundabout on Nightingale road and Campbell road but this appears to be tokenistic at best as it has done nothing to change the behaviour of motorists. As you also know there has been a couple of accidents in recent years one of which happened at my property. I would like to</p>	<p>It is not appropriate to park within 10 metres of any junction, however parking issues associated with the local school and nursery have increased and parents have been seen to park on the mini roundabout area itself and so the police approached the council to discuss implementing restrictions. We took the opportunity to extend the restrictions to keep the area clear on all the approaches to the mini roundabout junction.</p> <p>A speed survey undertaken in 2008 when the council received a petition noted that drivers were travelling northbound at 30.1mph and southbound at 30.1mph in this area these speeds are within the tolerance for a 30mph speed limit. It was also noted that there had been one personal injury accident at the junction of Campbell Road and Nightingale Road in 2012. The speed survey also showed that there</p>

	<p>raise my concerns that if the 'traffic calming measure' is to be removed when the yellow lines are implemented that you give serious thought to implementing some other type of 'traffic calming measure' to the problem of weight of traffic and the speed of that traffic that uses Nightingale road.</p> <p>Also, some months ago, I e-mailed the Council with regard to a pot hole at the Nightingale/Campbell road roundabout which I have not had a reply to. It would be helpful if this could be done at the same time. I will e-mail the Council again about this.</p>	<p>were a small number of drivers driving above the speed limit and the local policing team have been asked to carry out ad hoc enforcement. There had also been a rare set of circumstances which had caused a few vehicles to lose control and collide with property boundaries. The council took action and placed anti-skid at the approaches to the mini roundabout. Since that time no further accidents have been reported. Removing parking in the same area will provide better visibility for drivers approaching the Campbell Road/Nightingale Road mini roundabout. This area is also within the breaking distance of vehicles approaching this junction.</p> <p>Pot hole comment was forwarded to the Highways Operations on the 1st May to request a 2 hour ticket for hole to be filled.</p>
Woodley Town Council SUPPORT	Members of the Woodley Town Council Community Services Committee have considered the scheme to prohibit waiting on Nightingale Road and Campbell Road, Woodley, including the junction of Livingstone Gardens with Nightingale Road, and wish to respond in support of the proposal.	
Resident Campbell Road SUPPORT	<p>The proposal to restrict parking in the vicinity of South Lake School is most welcome, but I see no mention of enforcement of the law against parking on the pavement. At one point in Campbell Road, for example, the kerb is actually below the level of the carriageway; a pedestrian heading towards the school who has the misfortune to trip there would be pitched into the road.</p> <p>Some thought should also be given to parking after dark on the numerous occasions when evening events occur in the school.</p>	<p>Comments regarding the kerb height have been passed to the highways inspector to ask that he visit the area and investigate. His investigation has found no faults with the kerb height in the area noted by the resident.</p> <p>There is no specific offence of parking on the pavement (Section 19A of the Road Traffic Act 1988 did draw up such an offence however government have not brought this into effect. If parking restrictions are in place, these restrictions apply so these offences and might be dealt with if vehicles park on the pavement where yellow lines are in force. However should the vehicle completely obstruct a footway/pavement then this can be enforced. Actual rather than potential proof is needed and the person complaining needs to contact the police with vehicle details.</p>

		Parking will be allowed on the single yellow lines after 4pm Mon-Fri and at weekends in Campbell Road the police have not made any comments regarding other school activities and we have not received any complaints from residents. Residents and visitors should be able to park when the school is not open and it would not be appropriate for the council to remove all parking in this area which is what would need to happen if we were to control parking after 4pm.
Resident Nightingale Road OBJECTION	<p>I am writing to express my objection to the proposed Nightingale Road, Campbell Road and Livingstone Gardens, Woodley (Prohibition of Waiting) Order 2015. I live at xx Nightingale Road, which is almost opposite Campbell Road. Whilst I appreciate there is a traffic problem for about 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon on weekdays when the school children are going to and from the school, there is no problem at any other time. I was not consulted some years ago when it was decided to install the mini roundabout at the end of Campbell Road, despite the fact this made it difficult for some of my callers/visitors to stop or park near my house. To now introduce double yellow lines for some considerable distance either side of Campbell Road means that my callers/visitors will need to stop or park possibly 100 yards from my house; if it is a delivery of goods, this could involve carrying items that distance.</p> <p>We are on an estate road and not a main road, where it could be expected there will be no waiting restrictions. Moreover, the problem with traffic at the junction arises for about 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon on weekdays. There is no problem outside these times or at weekends or on school holidays. The main people put to inconvenience, therefore, are us – the residents. We would have to put up with no waiting for 24 hours a day 365 days a year. That does not seem fair to me.</p> <p>If the double yellow lines are introduced, I hope the police will maintain a constant presence at the time the school children are arriving or departing; I can see that at this time, the no waiting requirement will be ignored and it is those of us who live in the vicinity who will be permanently inconvenienced.</p>	<p>Although most of the issues are associated with school and nursery parking vehicles should not be parking within 10 metres of the roundabout. Drivers approaching the roundabout need to have sufficient sightlines to enable them to make decisions on whether they need to proceed or slow if someone is exiting Campbell Road. Your property sits approximately 10 metres between the junction with Livingstone Gardens and Campbell Road and it is therefore appropriate to combine the restrictions to restrict parking in this area.</p> <p>In 2001 some 3147 properties received a leaflet explaining changes the council wished to make along Nightingale Road. A total of 256 detailed responses were received and properties were chosen at random to get their views. 80% of residents were in favour of the proposals which included a mini roundabout at the Nightingale Road/ Campbell Road junction. Nightingale Road is the main feeder road for 12 roads and therefore has a number of vehicles using it on a daily basis.</p> <p>Over the years the Council has looked at and carried out schemes along this road to slow traffic and make it safer. It is therefore important for the council to continue to take note of comments made, in this case the police, and to take action.</p> <p>It is not always possible for residents and their visitors to park directly outside their property. A</p>

		<p>majority of the highway along Nightingale Road does not have parking restrictions and therefore visitors are not likely to have to park too far from their destination..</p> <p>The council would not go ahead with parking restrictions unless the police were in support because they are the organisation who can carry out enforcement.</p>
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Shute End, Wokingham, Berkshire RG40 1BN		
CLIENT:	Wokingham Borough Council	
PROJECT:	Proposed Parking Restrictions	
TITLE:	General Layout of Proposed TR0	
SCALE @ SIZE: NTS	CHECKED:	APPROVED:
CAD FILE:	DESIGN DRAWN: JLB	DATE: April 2015
PROJECT No:	DRAWING No: 5049-2061	REV: A
DRAWING STATUS:	FOR CONSTRUCTION	

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