



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

A Meeting of an **INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION** will be held at the Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham on **TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2015 AT 9.10 AM**

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Andy Couldrick
Chief Executive
Published on 9 November 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 Member for Planning and Highways

Officers Present

Jason Bale, Traffic and Road Safety Team
Colm Ó Caomhánaigh, Democratic Services

IMD NO. 2015	WARD	SUBJECT	
IMD41	Finchampstead South	VARIOUS ROADS, FINCHAMPSTEAD (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2015 To approve parking restriction changes outside Gorse Ride School.	5 - 16

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Agenda Item IMD41

NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

ITEM NO.	IMD 2015/41
TITLE	Various Roads, Finchampstead (Prohibition Of Waiting) Order 2015
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
DATE AND TIME OF DECISION	17 November 2015 at 9.10am
VENUE	Room SF2, Council Offices, Shute End
REPORT TO BE PUBLISHED ON	9 November 2015

**INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION
REFERENCE IMD: 2015/41**

TITLE	Various Roads, Finchampstead (Prohibition Of Waiting) Order 2015
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
ON TIME	17 November 2015 9:10am
WARD	Finchampstead South
STRATEGIC DIRECTOR	Heather Thwaites

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

This scheme is to amend the existing parking restrictions in Gorse Ride South to allow better flow of traffic to and from Gorse Ride Schools, and Finchampstead Baptist Church. Furthermore open up Whittle Close to allow off peak parking.

RECOMMENDATION

The Executive Member for Planning and Highways:

- 1) Approves the formal sealing and advertisement of the Various Roads, Finchampstead (Prohibition Of Waiting) Order 2015
- 2) Informs those who have responded accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

Following discussions with local members, Finchampstead Parish Council, Thames Valley Police and Joyce Stoner. It was agreed to extend the existing parking double yellow lines on Gorse Ride South opposite the entrance to Finchampstead Baptist Church, which improve turning movements and relieve congestion. It was also agreed to place restrictions at the junction of Gorse Ride South and Nine Mile Ride to ensure the area is kept clear for turning movements.

Furthermore during the consultation stage it was decide to re-consult with residents of Whittle Close, regarding downgrading the existing double yellow lines to peak time single yellow lines. This is as an alternative to their complete removal, which was in the original proposal.

Background and Analysis

Wokingham Borough Council contacted Finchampstead Parish Council regarding the placing of their own signs in the carriageway, to deter parking opposite the entrance to Finchampstead School. While this may have seemed to be a reasonable method of controlling parking; the signs could not be permitted to be used on the public highway, therefore it was requested that the practice ceased.

This prompted a meeting with all concerned about providing formal means of parking control (yellow lines) in the same area. It was found that when the informal signs were used, traffic flows improved.

Following an on-site meeting it was agreed to cover the area where the signs were used with double yellow lines. It was also decided to place double yellow lines at the junction with Nine Mile Ride to improve turning movements.

The existing double yellow lines on Whittle Close were considered a harsh restriction and were therefore proposed to be removed.

A Notice of Intent was published on the 5th of July with a deadline for responses by the 28th July.

Responses to TRO Consultation

The Council received 2 replies expressing support for the restrictions; one from Cllr Rob Stanton, and the other from Thames Valley Police. Furthermore Finchampstead Parish Council made contact with the residents of Whittle Close; their informal consultation received 5 replies, which were forwarded onto Wokingham Borough Council.

Based on the work done by Finchampstead Parish Council it was found that it would be preferable to remove the lines to allow residents and their visitors to park, but still retain some form of control during school times. Therefore it was suggested to down grade the double yellow line to a single yellow line, which would only be in effect Monday to Friday, between 8:30am to 9:30am and 2:45pm to 3:45pm.

A letter was sent out to Wokingham Borough Council's statutory consultees, plus the directly affected residents of Whittle Close on the 22nd of July. This outlined the proposed changes to Whittle Close and the deadline for replies was the 10th of August.

There were no replies from residents; however Finchampstead Parish Council expressed support to the amendment, provided that residents agreed.

All consultation feedback is detailed in appendix A

Recommendation and Conclusion

Based on the consultation taken place and the level of response, it is recommended to approve the proposed order with the suggested amendments.

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)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision

N/A

Cross-Council Implications (how does this decision impact on other Council services and priorities?) It does not impact on other services.

Does not impact on any of the council's priorities but may encourage motorists to use the provided car parks.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES

Strategic Director - Resources	No response
Monitoring Officer	No response
Leader of the Council	See appendix A
Town and Parish Councils	
Finchampstead Parish Council	See appendix A
Local Ward Members	
Rob Stanton	See appendix A
Mike Gore	No response
Simon Weeks	See appendix A

List of Background Papers

Notice of Intent, Statement of Reasons, Drawing Number 5049-2074-A informal consultation letter from Finchampstead Parish Council, 2nd consultation letter from Wokingham Borough Council and drawing 5049-2074-B

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APPENDIX A

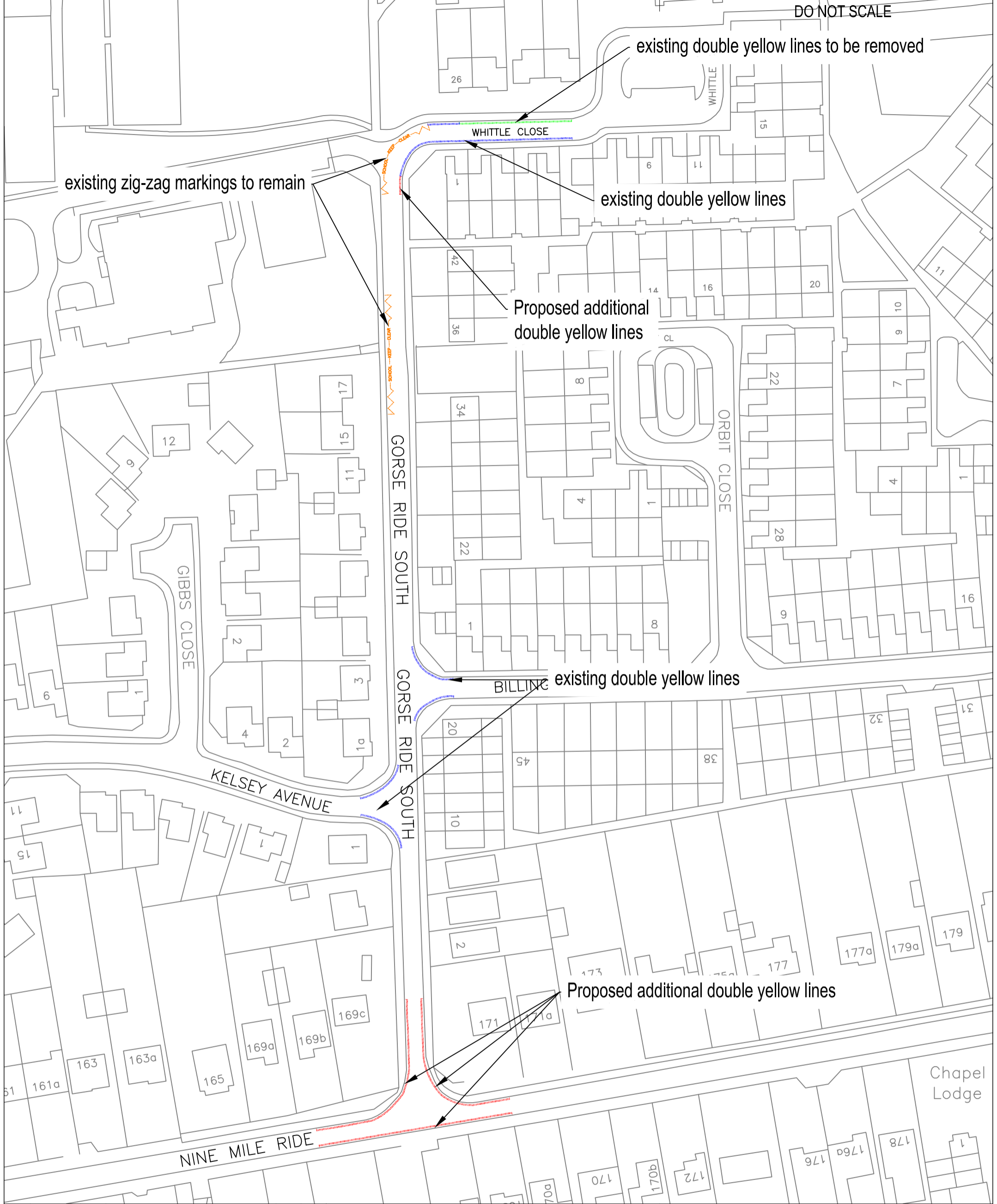
(VARIOUS ROADS, FINCHAMPSTEAD)(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 20XX – COMMENTS & OBJECTIONS SUMMARY

Letter/Email from	Comment/Objection	Officer Comment
Cllr Rob Stanton	<p>I have no objections unless any changes water down the impact which I would be against.</p> <p>The situation with the entry/egress from this school is a real problem and any investment we make here must help that situation.</p> <p>Can you confirm that is so.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restrictions will improve turning movements at the school. • Whittle Close would be kept clear at school times, but allow better use out of those times.
<p>Thames Valley Police</p>	<p>I refer to your letter and plan 5049-2074-A dated 5 June 2015 regarding the above, in which you invite my comment.</p> <p>I have no objection to your proposals, please be aware any enforcement of such restrictions feature low in terms of our policing priorities.</p> <p>Please ensure that all lines and signs are in accordance with The Traffic Signs and General Directions 2002 before <u>this order comes into force</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wokingham Borough Council aware the police carry out parking enforcement and the priority it's assigned. • All markings and signs will be in accordance with TSRGD 2002
Finchampstead Parish Council	<p>Thank you for the attached letter proposing downgrading the existing yellow lines in Whittle Close to peak time single yellow. I can confirm that provided that a majority of residents support the proposal, the Council will also support the proposal.</p> <p>Assuming this does receive support from the residents and will therefore be implemented, it would be very helpful if you could keep us informed of timescales for the works.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No response from residents of Whittle Close following WBC letter. • Based on FPC informal consult there was support for the downgrading. • Suggest that FPC goes back to the residents who replied to them to discuss report. • FPC will be kept informed of progress.


RESIDENT Whittle close	Remove lines completely.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was original proposal, but based on FPC consult results it was agreed to downgrade to peak time restrictions. • Area will be monitored after new restrictions are introduced.
RESIDENT Whittle Close	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>As a home owner at XX whittle close and seeing that the yellow lines may be removed from outside my property, I find myself faced with a dilemma on one hand it does mean that I can exit and enter in safety as I have clear vision during the school times, which is a safe positive thing.</p> <p>The down side to this is when friends and family stay there is no parking general close to my house available.</p> <p>Could I suggest an alternative of resident permit holders passes for the few houses involved?? this could give you your extra parking spots a school times only the rest of the time the road outside the personal properties would serve the residences</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single yellow will only be in effect during school times. • Residents/visitors can park outside of these times • Area does not fit criteria for permit parking
RESIDENT Whittle Close	<p>I am the resident of XX Whittle Close and am writing to say that I would like the double yellow lines removed from the front of my house as they are extremely inconvenient, (and put there without any notice from the council) – however I would have no objection to the single line with the timed restriction such as no parking Mon-Fri 8:30 – 9:30 or 14:45-15:45. I also think there should be double yellow lines on the corner of Whittle Close as indicated on your newsletter and agree with the proposed double yellow lines at the junction of Nile Mile Ride and Gorse Ride, as it is quite hazardous first thing in the morning with the cars all parked there. I am not sure where your proposed parking bays are supposed to be located as not shown on the newsletter so I cannot comment on this proposal.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Was original proposal, but based on FPC consult results it was agreed to downgrade to peak time restrictions. • Double yellow lines are proposed at the junction of Nine Mile Ride as part of this order. • Area will be monitored after new restrictions are introduced.

RESIDENT Whittle Close	<p>1. I agree with item one of the circular.</p> <p>2. I disagree with item two. Extra parking bays would increase the parking problem.</p> <p>I have lived at my present address for 32 years and have witnessed many problems. Firstly double yellow lines should be put opposite Kelsey Avenue because vehicles coming from Billing Avenue pull out around parked cars opposite Kelsey Ave mostly ignoring cars driving down Gorse Ride South (from south to North) and on many occasions causing near misses with the associated anger to drivers! Yellow lines should also be extended from Nine Mile Ride down as far as house Number 2 for the similar reasons.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Double yellow lines are proposed at the junction of Nine Mile Ride as part of this order. • Area will be monitored after new restrictions are introduced.
RESIDENT Whittle Close	<p>Hi,</p> <p>We live at XX whittle close.</p> <p>I have just read the paperwork attached to changing the yellow lines. If I am honest the current problem is not with the yellow lines, but it's the way they are policed. Nobody comes along and gives people tickets so people park there all the time.</p> <p>I don't want any of the lines removed. I would actually like more lines put in as the roads are too narrow to have parked cars.</p> <p>Could the lines on the north of whittle close be continued further around the corner as there is already parking spaces In the centre island.</p> <p>In addition gorse ride south is a nightmare some days.</p> <p>People park on both sides of the road and it becomes like a slalom to wind between cars.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking in Wokingham Borough is enforced by Thames Valley Police. To report parking issues contact via the 101 number. However parking enforcement is a low priority for the police. • Area will be monitored after new restrictions are introduced.
Cllr Simon Weeks	<p>I fully support this proposal as it will provide residents of Whittle Close with more convenient parking arrangements, whilst also improving road safety, particularly for the adjacent school users.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Cllr Keith Baker	<p>Parking around schools is an important matter as it directly impacts the potential safety of the children at those schools. The proposals here look sensible to improve that safety. Therefore I fully support the proposals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

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GORSE RIDE SOUTH		JLB		May 2015	
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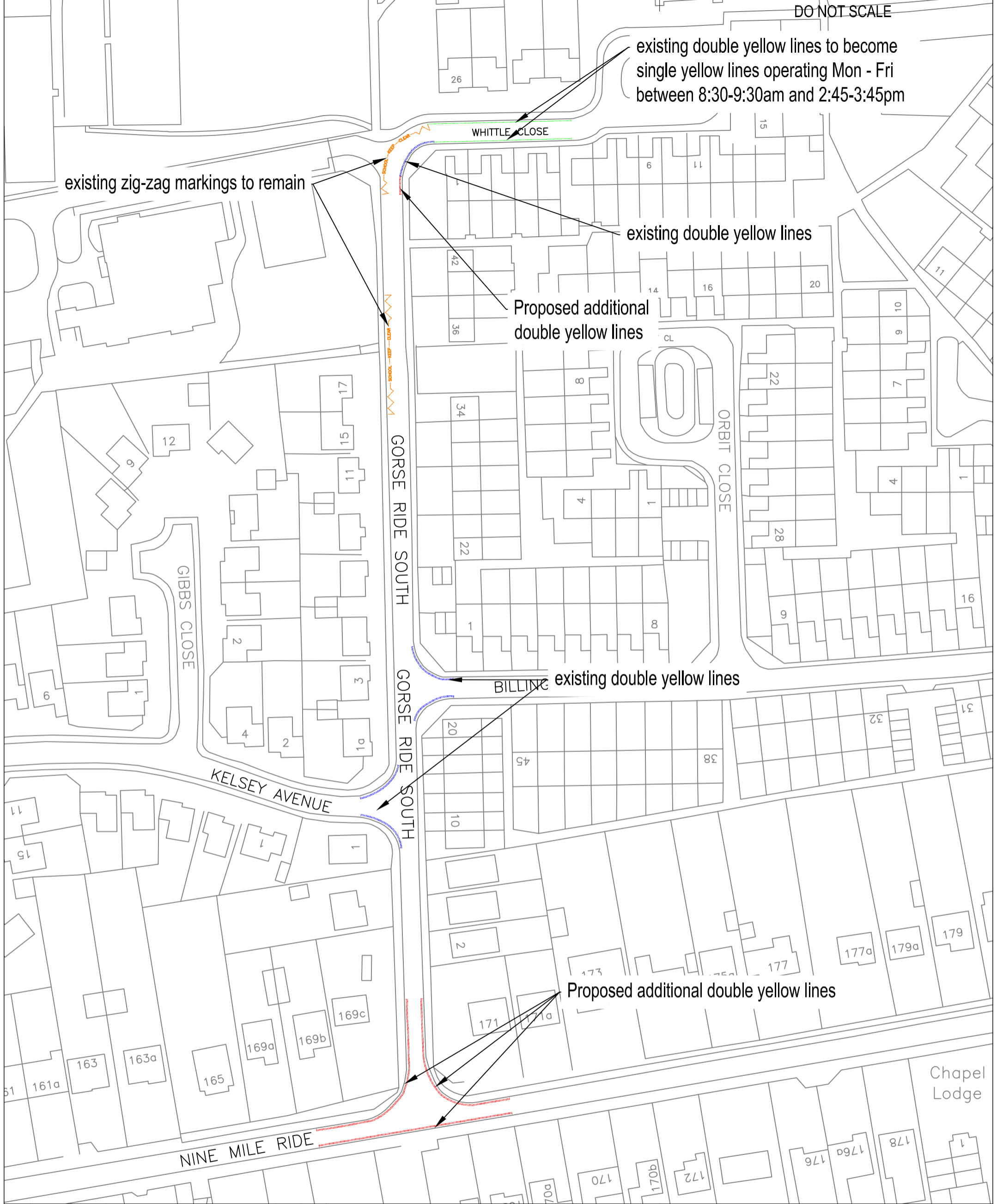
existing zig-zag markings to remain

existing double yellow lines


Proposed additional double yellow lines

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B	July 2015	JLB	Changes to Whittle Close restrictions		
A	May 2015	JLB	First Issue		
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