



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

An Extraordinary Call-In Meeting of the **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** will be held in Council Chamber - Civic Offices, Shute End, Wokingham RG40 1BN on **TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Parsonage', written in a cursive style.

Susan Parsonage
Chief Executive
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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our Vision

A great place to live, learn, work and grow and a great place to do business

Enriching Lives

- Champion outstanding education and enable our children and young people to achieve their full potential, regardless of their background.
- Support our residents to lead happy, healthy lives and provide access to good leisure facilities to complement an active lifestyle.
- Engage and involve our communities through arts and culture and create a sense of identity which people feel part of.
- Support growth in our local economy and help to build business.

Safe, Strong, Communities

- Protect and safeguard our children, young and vulnerable people.
- Offer quality care and support, at the right time, to prevent the need for long term care.
- Nurture communities and help them to thrive.
- Ensure our borough and communities remain safe for all.

A Clean and Green Borough

- Do all we can to become carbon neutral and sustainable for the future.
- Protect our borough, keep it clean and enhance our green areas.
- Reduce our waste, improve biodiversity and increase recycling.
- Connect our parks and open spaces with green cycleways.

Right Homes, Right Places

- Offer quality, affordable, sustainable homes fit for the future.
- Build our fair share of housing with the right infrastructure to support and enable our borough to grow.
- Protect our unique places and preserve our natural environment.
- Help with your housing needs and support people to live independently in their own homes.

Keeping the Borough Moving

- Maintain and improve our roads, footpaths and cycleways.
- Tackle traffic congestion, minimise delays and disruptions.
- Enable safe and sustainable travel around the borough with good transport infrastructure.
- Promote healthy alternative travel options and support our partners to offer affordable, accessible public transport with good network links.

Changing the Way We Work for You

- Be relentlessly customer focussed.
- Work with our partners to provide efficient, effective, joined up services which are focussed around you.
- Communicate better with you, owning issues, updating on progress and responding appropriately as well as promoting what is happening in our Borough.
- Drive innovative digital ways of working that will connect our communities, businesses and customers to our services in a way that suits their needs.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors

Pauline Helliar-Symons (Chairman)	Alison Swaddle (Vice- Chairman)	Sam Akhtar
Rachel Burgess	Paul Fishwick	Jim Frewin
Guy Grandison	Norman Jorgensen	Sarah Kerr
Rebecca Margetts	Jackie Rance	Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey

Substitutes

Keith Baker	Chris Bowring	Anne Chadwick
Jenny Cheng	Stephen Conway	Peter Dennis
Gary Cowan	Carl Doran	Lindsay Ferris
Barrie Patman	Simon Weeks	Vacancy

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72.		PUBLIC QUESTION TIME To answer any public questions relating to the Call-In. A period of 30 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions submitted under notice. The Council welcomes questions from members of the public about the work of this Committee. Subject to meeting certain timescales, questions can relate to general issues concerned with the work of the Committee or an item which is on the Agenda for this meeting. For full details of the procedure for submitting questions please contact the Democratic Services Section on the numbers given below or go to www.wokingham.gov.uk/publicquestions	
73.		MEMBER QUESTION TIME To answer any Member questions on the Call-In.	
74.	None Specific	CALL-IN OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION To consider a Call-In of the Executive Member Decision relating to the Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021.	5 - 22
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Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

A Supplementary Agenda will be issued by the Chief Executive if there are any other items to consider under this heading.

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TITLE	Call-In of Executive Member Decision
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee on 8 February 2022
WARD	None Specific;
LEAD OFFICER	Deputy Chief Executive - Graham Ebers

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Call-In process exists to ensure that key decisions are taken in line with agreed principles relating to, for example, openness, consultation and proportionality. This provides public confidence in the Council's decision making process.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is requested to:

- 1) consider the Call-In request relating to the Executive Member Decision on the Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021;
- 2) consider the Officer response to the Call-In (Agenda item 75);
- 3) having considered the evidence, determine whether to confirm the Executive Member decision or refer the matter back to the Executive Member for further consideration, with recommendations as appropriate.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, five non-Executive Members of the Council have submitted a formal notice "calling-in" the Executive Member Decision relating to the Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021. The decision was taken on 16 December 2021.

The decision was taken by the Deputy Leader of the Council, standing in for the Executive Member for Highways and Transport. The decision was to:

- Instruct officers to proceed with the making of relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Orders;
- Instruct officers to write to all objectors and to advise them of this decision.

The report sets out details of the Council's Call-In procedure, the procedure to be followed at the meeting and the options available to the Committee following consideration of the evidence.

Agenda item 75 sets out the detailed Officer response to the Call-In.

Background

An Individual Executive Member Decision (IEMD) meeting was held on 16 December 2021 to consider the proposed Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021. The IEMD report stated that the Council needed to make changes to its existing Off-Street Borough Car Parks Order in line with the Borough-wide parking management improvement plan. The main purpose of these changes was stated as:

- Enabling the Council to enforce against increasing instances of anti-social behaviour in existing car parks;
- Providing a separate Order for existing and new Park and Ride car parks;
- Responding to resident requests for clarity on charging;
- Limiting the maximum stay permitted at California Crossroads car Park;
- Incorporating provisions enabling the Council to designate electric vehicle charging parking bays in any Off-Street Car Parks.

The IEMD report is appended to this report along with the Decision Record Sheet. The decision taken was to:

- Instruct officers to proceed with the making of relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Orders;
- Instruct officers to write to all objectors and to advise them of this decision.

Decision Making Principles

Section 1.4.2 of the Constitution states that all decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:

- a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from Officers;
- c) human rights will be respected and considered at an early stage in the decision making process;
- d) a presumption in favour of openness;
- e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes; and
- f) when decisions are taken by the Executive, details of the options which were taken into account and the reasons for the decision will be recorded.

Call-In Details

In line with the Council's Constitution, the Individual Executive Member Decision was called-in, on 23 December 2021, by Councillors Boyt, Bray, Conway, Doran and Jones.

The Call-In was submitted on the basis that:

“The decision has contravened Section 1.4.2 a), d) and e) of the Council’s Constitution, insofar as it cannot be determined from the information provided, whether the action is proportionate to the desired outcome and 1.4.2 e) there is no clarity of aims and desired outcomes.”

The detailed Call-In sheet is appended to the report (Annex 1).

Item 75 on the Agenda sets out the Officer response to the points made in the Call-In paper.

Call-In Procedure

The procedure to be followed at the Call-In meeting is as follows:

- The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairman explains the purpose and structure of the meeting;
- One of the five non-Executive Members who called-in the decision outlines the reasons for the Call-In;
- Witnesses can be called as necessary and can make a short presentation to the Committee;
- Members of the Committee can ask questions of the non-Executive Member and any witnesses;
- The relevant Executive Member (supported by Officers) responds to the points made in the Call-In;
- Witnesses can be called as necessary and can make a short presentation to the Committee;
- Members of the Committee can ask questions of the Executive Member, Officers and any witnesses;
- The Executive Member sums up the response to the Call-In;
- One of the five non-Executive Members sums up the Call-In;
- The Committee draws its conclusions and decides whether to confirm the Executive Member’s decision or recommend that the Executive Member reconsiders (with appropriate recommendations).

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee cannot overturn the decision/s subject to Call-In. If the Committee has concerns, it can refer the decision back to the Executive or Executive Member for further consideration, with any recommendations the Committee has agreed. If the decisions are referred back, the Executive or Executive Member should carry out the reconsideration within 20 working days.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources 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)	0	N/A	N/A
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	0	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	0	N/A	N/A

Other Financial Information
None

Public Sector Equality Duty
Considered as part of the IEMD report

List of Background Papers
IEMD Report and Decision Sheet – 16 December 2021

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WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

CALL-IN OF DECISION

We 5 non-executive Members of the Council wish to call-in the following decision:

Reference No: 2021/21 Individual Executive Member Decision (16th December 21)

Subject: Wokingham Borough-Wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021

1.4.2 Principles of Decision Making

All decisions of the Council will be made in accordance with the following principles:

- a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- b) due consultation and the taking of professional advice from Officers;
- c) human rights will be respected and considered at an early stage in the decision making process;
- d) a presumption in favour of openness;
- e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes and
- f) when decisions are taken by the Executive, details of the options which were taken into account and the reasons for the decision will be recorded.

Reason for Call-in:

The decision has contravened Section 1.4.2 a),d) and e) of the Council's constitution, insofar as it cannot be determined from the information provided, whether the action is proportionate to the desired outcome and 1.4.2 e) there is no clarity of aims and desired outcomes

The Officer Report states the following:

Changes to Operating Hours

The new Off-Street Car Parks Orders will enable the Council to take action against anti-social behaviour, misuse and vandalism of public car parks by extending the current, 10-hour daily charging period to be 'At All Times' and car park operating hours to apply from Mon-Sun (including bank holidays).

This means that all car park users will be required to comply with parking regulations at all times and the Order will permit the Council to issue penalty charge notices to those vehicles in its use car parks as part of anti- social gatherings. These controls will be supported by CCTV and meet the recommendations for deterring such activity made by Thames Valley Police.

And the verbal explanation by the Lead Officer:

“As it stands now you can enter a car park and leave your vehicle and there is no record of your vehicle being there. You don't have to register it or get a ticket for it or anything. Under this new order we'll be able to do that in all car parks and that will deter ASB particularly; they won't want to register a vehicle as having been there”

- What are the recommendations made by Thames Valley Police? Are they proportionate to the problem? What happens where ASB is committed but (as is likely to be the case) the perpetrator does not register his/her vehicle?
- This implies that everyone using the car parks in the evening and on a Sunday will have to register their vehicle and check in and out. What evidence is there that perpetrators of anti-social behaviour will comply with this requirement? If they do not, how does this requirement assist with identifying them?
- How will this requirement impact on residents who use the car park and forget to check in? Will enforcement officers be active 24/7? What is included in the policy that would avoid innocent residents being fined simply for failing to display a ticket during times when there is no charge for using the car park? How are residents being informed of the change, which will require them to have a ticket at all times, when previously there was no requirement and people used to using the car park would not even look at the ticket machines overnight or on a Sunday?
- The supporting CCTV will help to deter ASB, but can it be used to prosecute offenders?
- Members have been told variously that the CCTV cameras were installed due to theft of catalytic converters, to reduce emissions caused by queuing cars, and now to deter ASB. Section 1.4.2 d) states there should be a presumption of 'openness'. This is not apparent here.

Name (please print)

Signature

Shirley Boyt

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Carl Doran

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Clive Jones

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Stephen Conway

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Prue Bray

23 December 2021

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Date

This form should be returned to Anne Hunter, Lead Specialist Democratic and Electoral Services Governance Services

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION
REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2021/21

TITLE	Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Executive Member for Highways and Transport - Pauline Jorgensen*
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	16 December 2021 Council Chamber at 5pm
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER	Director, Place and Growth - Steve Moore

PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)

This report seeks approval to conclude the Traffic Regulation Order process for a revision to the existing Off-Street Car Parks Order, following a review of responses received during the statutory objection period.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Executive Member* considers the objections received and the officers' responses thereto and;

1. Instructs officers to proceed with the making of relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Orders;
2. Instructs officers to write to all objectors and to advise them of this decision;

OR

3. Instructs officers to abandon the Order making process

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report summarises the Objections received to the proposed Wokingham Borough-wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021.

These proposals were published on the Council's website, displayed within all car parks and published in a local newspaper for a period of 35 days, in accordance with statutory requirements.

All of the comments and objections received were recorded and officers' responses are provided in respect of each response received during the statutory objection period. These are summarised in Appendices A and B of this report.

*Please note the Leader of the Council will stand-in for the Executive Member for Highways & Transport at this meeting.

Background

As part of its Borough-wide parking management improvement plan, Wokingham Borough Council needs to make changes to its current Off-Street Borough Car Parks Order. The primary purposes of these changes are to enable the Council to introduce parking controls which enable it to enforce against increasing instances of antisocial behaviour in existing car parks; to provide a separate Order for our existing and new Park & Ride car parks; to respond to resident requests for clarity in charging; to limit the maximum stay permitted at California Crossroads Car Park; and to take this opportunity to incorporate provisions that will enable the Council to designate electric vehicle charging parking bays in any Off-Street Car Parks.

The Council is also taking this opportunity to update and amend the Articles* of the 2017 and 2018 Orders, absorbing the remaining provisions from those Orders that have not been incorporated in the new Borough Park & Ride Sites Order. *Articles are separate and distinct parts of a written Order that is divided into sections containing a series of rules and stipulations that are each designated as an article.

Changes to Car Park Management

Changes to the car parks Order are necessary to remove a number of off-street car parks that are no longer operated by the Council. The car parks being removed are Elms Road, Wokingham Multi-Storey; The Paddocks Car Park, Wokingham; and Wellington House Car Park, Wokingham.

The Order will create a new, separate Order for two new Park & Ride Car Parks at Coppid Beech and Thames Valley Park, incorporate the existing Mere oak Park & Ride Car Park and transfer Winnersh Triangle Park & Ride from the current Off-Street Parking Order.

The Council will also implement a maximum vehicle height restriction of 2.1 metres in Carnival Multi-storey; Shute End; Easthampstead Road East/West; Lytham Road East/West; and Station Road Car Parks.

Changes to Operating Hours

The new Off-street Car Parks Orders will enable the Council to take action against anti-social behaviour, misuse and vandalism of public car parks by extending the current, 10-hour daily charging period to be 'At All Times' and car park operating hours to apply from Mon-Sun (including bank holidays).

This means that all car park users will be required to comply with parking regulations at all times and the Order will permit the Council to issue penalty charge notices to those vehicles in its use car parks as part of anti-social gatherings. These controls will be supported by CCTV and meet the recommendations for deterring such activity made by Thames Valley Police.

Changes to Off-street Parking Costs

Although the charging periods will change, for example the single '0-2hrs' period will change to two periods of 'Up to 1 hour' and '1-2hrs', this Order will make no change to existing parking costs. The cost of parking will therefore remain the same for all customers across all operational hours, in all car parks.

The Order simplifies information about how much customers will need to pay for their selected parking periods by placing each time period into a 'parking band' that customers

can see clearly on signs displayed within each car park when. Alongside this change, an improved method of payment for customers is being rolled out in all car parks, with a 'check in/check out system' which means that customers can elect to stay for as long as they wish after checking in without fear of a penalty charge, as well as paying only for the time they have parked, instead of purchasing a longer period than is necessary.

This will support local businesses, enabling customers to shop, socialise and benefit for longer periods, whilst being fairer to customers and removing the need to display a ticket within the vehicle. Any future changes to parking costs that do become necessary will be determined by elected members in the same way that they currently are and published by a Notice of Variation to this Order.

Introduction of New Car Parking Controls

The Off-street Car Parks Order will also allow the Council to support leisure users by introducing a new 15-minute initial parking period, without charge at Dinton Pastures Country Park Activity Centre Car Park, Hurst and a new 30-minute free visitor parking at the Council offices in Shute End (Mondays to Fridays 6am to 6pm). Drivers must check in using one of the machines nearby and display a free ticket in their vehicle.

As part of the regeneration of California Cross and to support the local economy, the Order will introduce a new, time-restricted parking period at the off-street California Crossroads Car Park of 1 hour maximum stay, with no return within 2 hours. This will improve turnover and space availability within the car park for customers.

To support the new Coppid Beech Park & Ride site we will introduce waiting and loading restrictions on a length of Oak Avenue, Wokingham and the Coppid Beech Park and Ride terminus road.

Business Case (including Analysis of Issues)

There is no requirement for a Business Case in support of these proposals. However, the benefits to be gained by the Council from making these changes include:

- A simplified and improved legislative basis upon which to manage its off-street car parks;
- An effective deterrence basis to deal with instances of antisocial behaviour, misuse and vandalism;
- Better car parking services for customers, greater flexibility in parking duration; and
- Reduced likelihood of penalty charges for overstaying in car parks.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe funding pressures, particularly in the face of the COVID-19 crisis. It is therefore imperative that Council resources 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)	£4000/ (NIL)	N/A	Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	NIL	N/A	N/A
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	NIL	N/A	N/A

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
N/A

Cross-Council Implications
The revision of Off-street Car Parks Orders support economic resilience of the Borough's businesses, improves the customer experience in accessing goods and services, leisure services and open spaces; and provides for greater equality in service delivery.

Public Sector Equality Duty
Due regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty has been taken and an equalities assessment is not required as no change to existing policy or procedure is involved.

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Resources and Assets	No comment
Monitoring Officer	No comment
Leader of the Council	No comment

For Highways use only	
Town and Parish Councils	
Woodley Town Council	Objections received
Earley TC	No response
Wokingham TC	No response
Local Ward Members	
Arborfield - Gary Cowan	No response
Barkham - John Kaiser	No response
Bulmershe & Whitegates – Shirley Boyt	No response
Bulmershe & Whitegates – Carl Doran	No response
Bulmershe & Whitegates – Shaheed Younis	No response
Charvil – Sam Akhtar	No response
Coronation – Keith Baker	No response
Coronation – Alison Swaddle	No response
Emmbrook – Rachel Bishop-Firth	No response
Emmbrook – Morag Malvern	No response
Emmbrook – Imogen Shepherd-DuBey	No response
Evendons – Sarah Kerr	Emailed comments
Evendons – Adrian Mather	No response

Evendons – Ian Shenton	No response
Finchampstead (N) – Charles Margetts	No response
Finchampstead (N) – Daniel Sargeant	No response
Finchampstead (S) – Rebecca Margetts	No response
Finchampstead (S) – Simon Weeks	No response
Hawkedon – David Hare	No response
Hawkedon – Clive Jones	No response
Hawkedon – Andrew Mickleburgh	No response
Hillside – Pauline Jorgensen	No response
Hillside – Chris Smith	No response
Hillside – Caroline Smith	No response
Hurst – Wayne Smith	No response
Loddon – Anne Chadwick	No response
Loddon – Abdul Loyes	No response
Loddon – Bill Soane	No response
Maiden Erleigh – Guy Grandison	No response
Maiden Erleigh – Norman Jorgensen	No response
Maiden Erleigh – Tahir Maher	No response
Norreys – Rachel Burgess	No response
Norreys – Phil Cunnington	No response
Norreys – Gregor Murray	No response
Remenham, Wargrave & Ruscombe – John Halsall	No response
Remenham, Wargrave & Ruscombe – Graham Howe	No response
Shinfield North – Parry Batth	No response
Shinfield South – Jim Frewin	No response
Shinfield South – Barrie Patman	No response
Shinfield South – Jackie Rance	No response
Sonning – Michael Firmager	No response
Southlake – Laura Blumenthal	No response
Southlake – Jenny Cheng	No response
Swallowfield – Stuart Munro	No response
Twyford – Stephen Conway	No response
Twyford – Lyndsay Ferris	No response
Wescott – Peter Dennis	No response
Wescott – Maria Gee	No response
Winnersh – Prue Bray	No response
Winnersh – Paul Fishwick	No response
Winnersh – Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	No response
Wokingham Without – Chris Bowring	No response
Wokingham Without – Pauline Helier-Symons	No response
Wokingham Without – Angus Ross	No response

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
Objections & Comments Report

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Item No.	Reference	Names and addresses	Comment / Objection / Support	Officers Comments
1	OBJECTION	Resident	I would like to object to the proposed changes to parking in Woodley, namely 'Charging at all times'. I regularly use the Headley Road car park to attend club evenings at the Oakwood Centre, and introducing extra charges will make me think twice. The car park is not very busy during the evening, so any extra revenues would be marginal, and almost certainly wiped out by the cost of enforcing them. However, the effect on the evening businesses, clubs & societies would be severe.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period. Whilst it will enable the Council to apply a charge to that period in the future, the purpose of this proposal is to enable parking contraventions to be enforced.
2	OBJECTION	Resident	I am a Woodley resident and I wish to formally object to the above proposed changes to Borough car parks in Woodley, which will potentially affect all four of Woodley's borough-run car parks. 1) It is not required for action to be taken on anti-social behaviour as the CCTV already provides that facility. 2) It removes the requirement to publicise any potential change to car park charges ahead of implementation 3) It removes the legal need for any resident's consultation in the future which is anti-democratic.	Whilst CCTV will deter antisocial/misuse of car parks, it does not enable the Council to enforce contraventions arising through misuse. Antisocial behaviour will still be a police enforcement matter. Elected members have always been able to make changes to parking charges with/without consultation and this remains unchanged. Members will determine any need for changes through the annual Fees & Charges process which will be accompanied by a statutory Notice of Variation.
3	OBJECTION	Resident	It has been brought to my attention that despite years of objections, residents of Woodley and Wokingham are once more required to object to the idea of evening car parking charges. I consider this WRONG on the basis that I attend an evening class in Woodley each Monday, as do many others who may attend other classes at Oakwood Centre. We pay an annual fee to do so, as well as a weekly fee to attend. I also support eating out on occasion in my local Wokingham restaurants in the evening, and object to having to pay to park on top of this cost. These local businesses need our support. Please do not put any more barriers in the way of their success.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period. Whilst it will enable the Council to apply a charge to that period in the future, the purpose of this proposal is to enable parking contraventions to be enforced.
4	OBJECTION	Resident	I would like to object to the proposal of evening and Sunday charges to car parks in Woodley. Parking is already really expensive in Woodley so why do this? It is such a draw for customers the fact that the parking is free on a Sunday and the local shops need all the help they can get. We have some lovely restaurants in Woodley now and free parking in the evening is a real driver for people to visit these restaurants. These charges will be damaging for the people of Woodley and I completely object to them.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
5	OBJECTION	Resident	I am writing to object to the new proposal to charge parking at California Cross Roads car park. I am currently earning £10 per hour. I do my job because I love it... not because of the money. I and many colleagues cannot afford to pay a daily fee to park, and feel that if this is put in place we should at least have permits allowing us to park for free (we are public servants being taxed and penalised more even though we are doing our jobs for the council). Introducing these fees will also encourage us and others to park on Finchampstead Road all day, which is not only dangerous, but hugely impractical for passing cars.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
6	OBJECTION	Resident	I am writing to raise my objection to the proposed TRO changes you have sneakily tried to pass without REAL consultation. There is no need to change the TRO status of the car parks as the reasons that are being put forward are frankly the stuff of fairy tales. You have made several reasons public and none of them are backed up with evidence or hold any water. It is obvious that the real reasons are based around the ability to raise more revenue to pay for the investment made in CCTV (which no residents were consulted on!) by stealth means. The fact that its been stated that prices wont rise, is not the same as charges will now be covering 24 hours which is exactly what the real aim is. I now request that you hold well-advertised PUBLIC meeting so you can explain yourselves and your plans instead of hiding away as usual in your ivory towers thinking you know best. So my objections are now formally entered, and despite your attempts to thwart democracy you cannot expect others to now not follow.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
7	OBJECTION	Resident	Unsurprisingly, I hadn't spotted the comically hidden 'notices' to make Woodley residents aware of the proposal to start charging for parking after 6pm and on Sundays and on bank holidays. You'll be relieved to know that an eagle eyed resident has shared this information but it goes without saying that perhaps these notices would be better placed where people can actually see them. Perhaps WBC would like to rectify this to ensure integrity in their 'consultation' process? I strongly disagree and feel quite frustrated at the proposal to start charging for parking in Woodley after 6pm and Sunday and bank holidays. Like many small town centres in the UK, we need to be actively encouraging people to visit not giving them one for more reason to go elsewhere. Surely this is just encouraging people to go to out of town retail parks and shop online instead? Similarly, there are some great dance/fitness classes at Vibe but you will effectively be increasingly the cost of each and every class - again put people off from choosing a small local town centre like Woodley.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
8	OBJECTION	Resident	I wish to strongly object to the TRO to amend car park controls in Woodley. If anti social behaviour is an issue it should be addressed as such using CCTV footage of which I understand there is little! Increasing parking charges will clearly have zero impact on the type of people that may choose to behave inappropriately at times in these areas. Use the footage and address the individuals rather than punish the law abiding community! It is difficult not to be suspicious and wonder if this is in fact a back door way to simply generate an increased income via additional parking charges, at a time when families are struggling to feed their children? Is it not enough that on top of this we are now all facing a winter where we will also struggle to heat our homes! More financial difficulties will simply increase the potential for crime which in turn increases the very behaviour you say you wish to address! This proposal must not go ahead as it is clear as a community we will suffer. Life is difficult for so many now and we do not need sly back door tactics!	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
9	OBJECTION	Resident	We have been informed that the council are planning to implement 24/7 parking tickets across all council owned car parks in Wokingham. We strongly oppose this for the below reasons and do not think this has been thought out at all: 1. There is on the road parking on Gypsy Lane where residents who do not have a drive way park their cars. We rely on this section of road to park our cars as we have no where else to park our car. We have requested from the council if we could lower our curb so we could park our car on our front garden. This was denied. We have requested from the council if we could buy a car parking permit from the library car park. This was denied. Already, on a Saturday, we normally cannot park our car here as cheeky shoppers visiting the town like to use this section of road for free parking. Therefore, we have to use the car parks until we can go back to the section on Gypsy Lane after 6pm when the visitors now use the car park due to it being free. With the introduction of 24/7 parking charges, we would never be able to find a parking space. This would be very distressing for us as we would have to keep driving round town every 4 hours looking for a different car parking space. This would be impossible for us to do during the night when we would be sleeping. 2. This would be a deterrent for visitors coming into the town to do shopping on a Sunday. The town is already quiet on a Sunday so could really do with having more customers coming in. If visitors knew about the charges, then they may be persuaded to go to Bracknell or Reading, where the charges are the same price but there is a much greater range of shops. Free parking on a Sunday attracts a lot of people to the town. 3. This would be a disaster for restaurants, pubs and bars in the town. If visitors were restricted to 4 hours (as common in some of your car parks), they would have to rely on public transport. Many people do not want to take public transport due to Covid. This would reduce the nightlife of Wokingham and be such a shame for all the new restaurants that have opened. Requests: 1. Please do not make the car park 24/7 charges. 2. As a last resort, we would like to request that you make the section on Gypsy Lane a resident only parking permit area. 3. Alternatively, please allow permit parking for residents for the library car park.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
10	OBJECTION	Woodley Town Council	Woodley Town Council notes the Public Notice in the Wokingham Paper published on Thursday 9th September page 31 relating to car park charges. This Traffic Regulation Order or TRO has item 2.e which says: e. in the car parks listed in Schedule 1 to this Notice, extend the existing daily: i. charging hours to 'at all times'; ii. opening hours to Mondays-Sundays (including bank holidays) and covers all four Woodley Car Parks. Such a Public Notice is a legal requirement for any changes in Car Park charges and provides a legal obligation to consult residents on the proposals. This Council notes that whilst there is currently no charges beyond 6pm and none at all on Sundays this section of the TRO allows such an introduction in the future without any consultation as a TRO will not be needed anymore. The Executive Member in charge of Highways has publicly confirmed that such an action is required in order to take action on anti-social behaviour in these car parks which is in direct contradiction with reasons for installing CCTV in the car parks. It has been publicly stated that the CCTV will, as one of their functions, monitor for anti-social behaviour and make such recordings available to the police as evidence for any police action. If CCTV can already help the police to take action on antisocial behaviour then why is there any need for item 2.e. Woodley Town Council strongly objects to this part of the proposal for the following reasons: • It is not needed for action to be taken on anti-social behaviour as the CCTV already provides that facility • It removes the requirement to publicise any potential change to car park charges ahead of implementation • It removes the legal need for any residents consultation in the future which is antidemocratic At the Full Council meeting held on 28 September 2021 Councillors unanimously agreed to submit these objections to you in respect of this proposed TRO.	Whilst CCTV will deter antisocial/misuse of car parks, it does not enable the Council to enforce contraventions arising through misuse. Antisocial behaviour will still be a police enforcement matter. Elected members have always been able to make changes to parking charges with/without consultation and this remains unchanged. Members will determine any need for changes through the annual Fees & Charges process which will be accompanied by a statutory Notice of Variation.
11	OBJECTION	Resident	CAUTION: This is an EXTERNAL EMAIL - STOP & THINK before clicking a link or opening attachments. I wish to formally object to Traffic Order 202 which is posted on the Wokingham Borough Council website at https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/roadworks-and-outdoor-maintenance/traffic-management-road-signs-and-markings/traffic-regulation-order-consultations/?assetdet91f252ff-550d-4cfa-a838-92ef2cb5f83c=604641 This traffic order introduces charges 24 hours a day in the Woodley car parks. Previously charges have only been payable between the hours of 8am and 6pm Monday to Saturday (excl Bank Holidays). The absence of charges in the evening encourages people to visit Woodley Town Centre in the evenings and on Sundays, when it is normally quieter, to visit restaurants and takeaways. This is just as these establishments are starting to recover from the disruption caused by the COVID pandemic. The introduction of charges will inevitably lead to parking on nearby residential roads or people will take their custom elsewhere, neither of which are desirable outcomes. Please keep the charging hours as 8am-6pm to allow the night time economy to thrive in Woodley.	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.

12	OBJECTION	Resident	I would like to send in my objections to the "charging at all times" Car park changes, which have been proposed for car parks in the Woodley and Wokingham area. Our Camera club, is a non-profit making club run for the community, and we try to keep the running costs and subsequent charges to members as low as possible. We meet at the Oakwood centre on Monday evenings, from about 7:45- 10:00pm. Our members have enjoyed the free evening parking at the Library car park opposite the Oakwood Centre. If charges were introduced it would significantly increase the weekly cost for our members, which might have the knock on effect of them not being able to afford to come along, which could have significant repercussions for the club itself. We have weathered the Covid-19 crisis with a decrease in members, but further reductions might mean that the club would have to stop altogether. I hope you can keep the weekday evening parking free of charge for these reasons.	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.
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14	OBJECTION	Resident	I wish to object to the proposed imposition of "all day" parking charges in council car parks, specifically those in Woodley. These will impact, amongst others, users of the restaurants in the shopping precinct, clubs that meet at the Oakwood Centre in the evenings, evening performance in the theatre and Woodley junior parkrun. I understand that the council is short of money but this solution has been opposed before for the very reasons I have mentioned, and they are still valid. Increase the daytime charges if you must but do not impose charges in the evening and Sunday as it will have an adverse effect on Woodley.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
15	OBJECTION	Resident	I wish to register my strongest possible objections to the TRO proposal which will enable WBC to alter charging times and prices in Woodley car parks without consultation. This proposal is potentially damaging to our town centre and it's fragile evening and Sunday economy. Our town centre is in constant competition with Aldi, ASDA and Sainsbury's, all within 3 miles and all offering free parking to shoppers. Whilst I am happy to accept that the current thinking is to not change prices, this does not stop a future administration changing their minds, and therefore this is undemocratic. WBC has already squandered hundreds of thousands on a CCTV system to achieve the stated aim of the TRO, rendering this proposal completely unnecessary in my opinion. We must protect our community against the possibility of an undemocratic imposition of new charges in the future and thus this TRO is dangerous, offensive and irresponsible. I would also like to raise a complaint as to the availability of the consultation, which was challenging to find on the WBC website and poorly labeled. I would also think that expecting meaningful feedback on a 130+ page legal document without a summary page is at best optimistic, and at worst a deliberate attempt to subdue public comment.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.
16	OBJECTION	Resident	I object!!! This is one way to kill off the evening business!! Absolutely ridiculous proposal! Wokingham borough council just increase everything! First off review all the waste within the offices before charging the people you serve!	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.
17	OBJECTION	Resident	I would like to express my OBJECTION to the Deposited Documents – Reference TMO/P020/21 Proposed Wokingham Borough Off-Street Car Parks Amendments . Specifically the 24 parking charges and Sunday parking charges. I feel that 24 hour parking charges and Sunday parking charges will be detrimental to the viability of small businesses, specifically in Woodley where I shop but probably in all of the borough. At the moment you can pop into Woodley after 6 or on Sundays with no parking cost which for small purchases is an important cost. Having to pay for parking at these times makes it more likely to do all your shopping in 1 go at an out of town location where parking is free and bypass the town centre all together.	The proposals do not propose to introduce a charge 'at all times', but to create a new charging period.

Item No.	Reference	Names and addresses	Comment / Objection / Support	Officers Comments
1	COMMENT	Resident	I request a copy of the plans, the consultation timeline and advise on where to formerly object to the proposed parking charges for after 6pm and Sunday charge in the car parks around Woodley shopping centre. I would also like an acknowledgment of receipt of this email.	The plans in the Order are location/car park layout plans. The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
2	COMMENT	Resident	Can you please clarify if the TRO in relation to the car parks in the Wokingham area means that the council could charge for evening parking? It is not clear in amongst the wording of the order. If the wording means that they can, why has this been done? The matter was brought up a few years ago and it was decided that it would badly affect the nighttime economy and a number of evening classes and clubs in the area. It was decided then to increase the charges during the day. If this is just a technical exercise to enable police powers to be exercised then that needs to be made clear.	The proposals don't mention introducing an evening charge. The authority to do this has always existed. The Order sets out clearly that it is setting the charging periods.
3	COMMENT	Resident	I'm wondering whether there are similar plans to tackle the ASB (e.g. car skidding at 11pm) at the car park at St Crispin's School/Leisure Centre? I understand this isn't one of the car parks listed in the consultation as it doesn't quite come under the same criteria.	St Crispin's Leisure Centre is not a car park managed under TRO
4	COMMENT	Resident	I think it's such a bad idea for the car parks in Wokingham to be able to charge 24 hours, and there will be no more free car parks after 6pm or on Sunday. Such a bad idea and a way to drive my business out of town elsewhere. People should be encouraged to shop in Wokingham!	No objection specified. Comment only
5	COMMENT	Resident	Please keep Woodley car parks free in the evenings and on Sundays. I hope there's another way that the car park can be considered operational, even without the need to pay.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
6	COMMENT	Resident	Please, please don't charge in the car parks on Sundays and evenings, it will ruin the shop trade, May Fair and Wokingham Carnival etc. Also those of us who attend Council, charity, Church and youth group meetings in the evenings.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
7	COMMENT	Resident	I'm absolutely appalled at the foul decisions or considerations made by our money grubbing, good for nothing council. You should know that the parking charge changes are entirely unwarranted, a scam, and a completely rejected and disapproved proposal by every Woodley resident. Worst of all, introducing a Sunday charge when the car parks are practically empty, how stupid and ridiculous. I can't comprehend the lack of thought into this, especially considering the recent increase in council tax. I would appreciate it if you could extend this message to the brain deficient councilmen who proposed this, no doubt they're old, rich and sunken into their own pathetic egos.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
8	COMMENT	Resident	Regarding consultation for TMOP02021 Proposed Wokingham Borough Off-Street Car Parks Orders 20XX, will there be a provision at the California cross roads car park for a short period, perhaps 30 mins, of free parking as I drop off and collect my son from the nursery twice a day 5 days a week so this would have a significant cost to us for 5 mins of parking time. It might even put the nursery out of business as people won't be willing to pay for such a short time.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods. A discretionary period could be provided at this car park.
9	COMMENT	Resident	I am extremely concerned that your proposed car parking changes to make the car parks around the Woodley precinct 24hour chargeable spaces will have a detrimental effect on Woodley restaurants and community amenities. These have already suffered economically and this short sighted policy will see them further devastated.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
10	COMMENT	Resident	I write reference the council proposal for parking charges at California Crossroads car park. I assume in writing, this refers to the car park immediately adjacent to Nine Mile Primary School. Your clarification would be appreciated? I would like to comment as follows: Those that currently try to avoid the busy car park at the moment, are parking in the doctors surgery, ratepayers hall and have started to park on verges in windsor ride. These areas would become increasingly used if parking charges are enforced. All of these areas should not be used by the public for school drop offs & pick up anyway, how would the council prevent this from happening? The crossroads is becoming increasingly dangerous at school pick up & drop off times. Lorries & cars do not stop to allow pedestrians to cross between the existing barriers. There are no speed limiters on approach to the crossroads. There is no longer a lollipop person helping people & children to cross safely. Something that was removed some years ago. If cars start to park on roads on approach to the crossroads, this will be putting lives at risk even more so. How does the council plan to ensure the safety of our children will be of paramount importance, should they implement charging? It seems more and more so, that adding thousands of houses to the Arborfield area, has added a massive amount of traffic through Finchampstead. This will increase hugely when the Nine Mile Ride extension is open. Why would the council then look to worsen the situation even more, by charging for 'off road' parking in relatively small car parks anyway? I look forward to hearing from you. Yours faithfully	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
11	COMMENT	Resident	In regards to the proposed changes at Bank Holidays, Sundays and overnight fees in the area of Woodley where im a resident I completely disagree with these charges. For example if i went Woodleys precinct on one of those set days and only wanted 20 minute stay that would then cost me more than it would any other day for the same time. I think if this is necessary and not just another way to charge motorists then i would encourage a maximum charge on £1, so those staying for just the 30 minutes are charged at the normal rate and thus not paying full day rates.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
12	COMMENT	Resident	It is not needed for action to be taken on anti-social behaviour as the CCTV already provides that facility It removes the requirement to publicise any potential change to car park charges ahead of implementation It removes the legal need for any resident's consultation in the future which is anti-democratic.	CCTV only records the ASB, but does not provide opportunity for enforcement. Members have always been able to change parking costs by Notice of Variation. Consultation is still possible.
13	COMMENT	Resident	Will you please stop screwing around with parking charges. After 6 brings customers to food establishments in town centers. This is nothing more than plain money making or book balancing. Woodley is dying adeath as more shops close.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
14	COMMENT	Resident	Please can you direct me to the full consultation online for the proposed parking charges increase/extension? I have only seen a photo of a news paper article which is not fully legible; and I cannot see it on the website https://www.wokingham.gov.uk/news-and-consultation/consultation-and-having-your-say/current-consultations/	Martin Heath responded to the customer/Cllr Kerr. The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
18	COMMENT	Resident	Make bays in Wokinham carparks available to motorhome users overnight. Charge motorhome users for an additional revenue stream. In France such carparks are provided by most towns and villages and are known as Aires. With over 1/2 million people in the UK taking motorhome holidays this year it is an untapped revenue stream. The users normally are more affluent and can bring revenue into the town Read more about Aires here https://alanrogers.com/blog/introduction-to-motorhome-aires	Comment only. Suggestion relates to motorway service areas.
19	COMMENT	Resident	The areas marked outside Numbers 66 – Bar 56, 33 – 45 and 51 – 55 are currently shared spaces with 30 minute restrictions and Residents W7 permits. Can you confirm that these should be shown as "Shared Use" and not "Limited Waiting" as defined by the legend associated with the map. This additional residents parking was given to Rose Street residents only recently and we would like confirmation that it is not being removed. Please confirm that these additional spaces are not being removed as a result of this order.	This is an On-street comment. Doesn't apply to Off Street Car Parks
20	COMMENT	Resident	You want to introduce new charges for parking in Woodley, night, Sunday and bank Holidays. What you are doing is making the shopping there more expensive and one day all shops will be closed and your parks will become empty. You should focus in doing changes to improve business not affecting it.	The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
22	COMMENT	Resident	TMOP02021 Proposed Wokingham Borough Off-Street Car Parks Orders 20XX I very much doubt that any input from residents will have any impact, so I will not waste too much of my time. It is far long too and complex to expect any reasonable resident to reply in the time given I have three main points and one suggestion 1) The consultation has been chaotic First a document was put up on the website and taken down because people explained how bad it was. Second when it was reposted the Executive member said on Facebook that it too should have been taken down, when in reality it is the document being considered - very confusing The document still says Draft and it feels very much like a draft, being rushed and poorly drafted, just some examples a) There are unresolved drafting questions left in the published document (eg "RESIDENT PP?? is there a double duty of an existing permit or are we having separate off street only resident parking permit in this Order???", etc. b) In the "Arrangement of Articles" 16 has been deleted, but is referred to in the text c) I would like to know what is meant by the terms XSE and YSE in the staff parking permits sections - these are opaque terms. d) The term "town council" is defined as being Wokingham Town Council, when in fact there are other town councils in the borough. All references to Town Council in the TRO should be qualified rather than use a it is a defined term. Why is Wokingham town council/market treated differently to Woodley? 2) In order to be a true consultation a summary page should be provided to residents indicating what the true effect of the order is. The purpose for introducing the new TRO is not clear. Indeed the fact that it enables the extension of charging from the current situation to 24/7/365 is opaque. The effect of the TRO is stated as being to replace an earlier TRO. The true effect is not stated.. This feels like a "tick box exercise", rather than any real desire to consult. 3) It is not clearly set out in this TRO that it will change the process by which the council proposes prices increases and extensions of the charging times. It is not the place of a TRO to make this change on behalf of the council - it should be a council decision. I would suggest that this change should be taken to full council for approval. The Executive member has stated that the purpose of the TRO is help control ASB - no where does this TRO reflect this or explain how it would be achieved. 4) The document aims to permit free 30mins parking in Shte End, without specifying why that should be an exception. It would be better for the TRO to provide a more flexible framework where free parking can be extended to other car parks in the Borough. It would be good to have one carpark in Woodley designated to have 30min free parking so that people can pop into	No Objection is specified. These comments relate to a draft Order which regulations do not require to be in final state for the statutory consultation period. The information within the notice of proposals is correct and the DRAFT Order provides the background text required for the formal order.
23	COMMENT	Resident	The document on the TRO consultation implies 24 hour charging at the Woodley Town Centre car parks. Cllr Jorgensen says that this is not the case, however I wonder if a suitable officer might put my mind at rest?	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.

24	COMMENT	Resident	<p>I would like to comment on the proposed introduction of paid and time limited parking at California Crossroads. It is not clear whether this refers to the car park immediately in front of Nine Mile Ride School, or the very small strip of parking immediately in front of the shops for a start.</p> <p>If it refers to the parking in front of the school I am sure the staff at the school would have plenty to say about this as surely this provides parking for the staff, as well as other people wanting to park there, which would then impose a financial burden for daily parking fees and also a logistical nightmare if it is time limited, as none of the staff would be able to park there.</p> <p>If it refers to the parking in front of the shops (and again, it is unclear whether this is in front of the dentist/pharmacy/Coop or on the other side of the road in front of the convenience store and fish and chip shop, by the nature of where these spaces are, it is mainly very transient usage for people using the shops. I suspect that if a parking charge was introduced for just popping to the shops for 15 minutes, people would go elsewhere, thereby having a detrimental impact on those businesses. I could understand if it was time limited parking e.g. 30 minutes free and anything more paid, which might make reasonable sense. It feels like a cynical attempt by the council to boost revenues any way possible, at the cost of local citizens going about their daily top-up shopping, and is not something I would support.</p> <p>Regards</p>	No objection specified. Comment only
28	COMMENT	Resident	<p>I say no to cctv car parking in Woodley.</p> <p>There is no need, and it will deter people from visiting the shops during the day and venues especially at night.</p> <p>I understand Waitrose is also against this. Do you want to force them out of Woodley?</p> <p>It's an unjustifiable idea</p> <p>Regards</p>	Comment relates to CCTV only
29	COMMENT	Resident	<p>Where are the actual charges on your document? I see no evidence of the actual schedule of charges?</p> <p>How can we comment if we don't know what you propose to charge? Charging till 10pm is ridiculous, all that will happen is people will go elsewhere for evenings out or park on streets further out. They will avoid car parks. 8-6pm is a reasonable charging period. Anything else is excessive. You tried charging at night and Sunday's before and got no revenue. You won't make enough money to pay for the traffic wardens you're going to need to police the system. Charging on Sundays penalises those people wishing to go to church. There must still be the capacity to use cash to pay as anything else penalises the older generation who don't have mobiles or use apps. Plus check/ out is too complicated for many older people. The ticket machines are really difficult to use frankly. Too many options.</p>	The proposals didn't mention introducing a charge 'at all times' just the charging period.
30	COMMENT	Resident	<p>I have concerns that the proposal to charge to park in Wokingham Borough council car parks at all times (evenings and Sundays included) will be detrimental to the businesses in Woodley precinct as it will reduce the number of people using the restaurants in the evenings. It will also stop people like myself using the precinct as I only go on Sundays when the parking is free. If these charges are to go ahead I would start shopping elsewhere where parking is free such as the out of town shopping centres. Kind regards</p>	Comment only -The proposals dont mention introducing a charge 'at all times' they just set out the charging periods.
31	COMMENT	Resident	<p>Please find below my comments on your proposed car park changes.</p> <p>With her consent, I have copied in due to the lack of any response from you to date; to ensure these comments are correctly received/processed.</p> <p>These comments are based on the "TMOP02021 Proposed Wokingham Borough Off-Street Car Parks Orders 20XX" pdf downloaded from the WBC website on 30 Sep. Judging by the numerous, critical/relevant errors and omissions in it, I wonder if this was even the right document? It means residents have not been given the full facts which clearly misses the point of a consultation.</p> <p>My overall impression is that this is a sledgehammer to crack the nut of "boy racers" and similar "car meets" now, but with a secondary motive of setting up future "at all times" charging, especially given the very carefully avoided direct response to this question. This would be another reason to avoid Wokingham, particularly in the much-vaunted night-time economy you hoped to build with the new marketplace, Elms Field and Peach Place developments. Why spend money here, when there is more/better choice and the same (or possibly lower - I don't know as the tariffs are missing in the pdf) cost to park in Reading, Bracknell or other local towns?</p> <p>Comments on the document:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •A lot of the document relies on the table of tariffs in Schedule 3. Except that (p75) is a blank table! How can we comment on tariffs if we do not have access to them? •P7 - The document is classified as "Private" in the footer, refers to "sensitive data". Why is this? •The first para on page 13 refers to Schedule 5. This does not seem to exist in the document. •P15 line below section (h): is an open query about resident permits that has not been clarified/corrected/deleted. •P22 (6) why does the Mayor get their own special permit and bay? •P27 11(1)(j) - another unprofessional unresolved comment. •P29 12(1/2) - why can't drivers purchase new tickets to extend parking? •P29 12(3) - what happens if we don't scrupulously clean our cars of any other ticket before parking every time we come to town? •P31 18(1) - why does the key worker clause have a deliberate strike out visible which now disallows any KW from parking a goods vehicle (i.e. a works van) under the permit scheme. •P33 (3) - refers to the empty table in Schedule 3 again. •P35 (7) - the visible strike outs give the Mayor clearly better terms than other permit holders. Why is this? 	The comments raised relate to the way in which the draft order is presented. The comments were responded to by officers by email to clarify the queries raised.
32	COMMENT	Ward Member - Evendons	<p>Thanks for your email. The reason why were asking for acknowledgment of her response is given that her 2 previous emails asking where the consultation documents were, had not been responded to. We needed to ensure that emails to the consultation email box were actually getting through and not disappearing into the abyss. also raises some very pertinent questions about the quality of the consultation document where information is missing. The consultation document is supposed to provide consultees with the information necessary to make informed comments on the proposal. When the document is missing information, and leads to further questions from consultees, it's not fulfilling its purpose. - I think this is something to discuss in the highways meeting later. comments are not in isolation. Best wishes</p>	This comment relates to the way in which the draft order is presented and a reply from officers was provided direct to the respondent.

Decision made in the presence of:
Matt Gould, Head of Service, Highways and Transport
Callum Wernham, Democratic & Electoral Services Specialist

In attendance virtually: Martin Heath, Traffic Management, Parking, and Road Safety
Team Manager

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION RECORD SHEET IMD 2021/21
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Title of the report	Wokingham Borough-wide Off Street Car Parks Order 2021
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DECISION MADE BY Deputy Leader of the Council - John Kaiser

**IN ATTENDANCE
VIRTUALLY** Executive Member for Highways and Transport - Pauline
Jorgensen

ACTION BY Director, Place and Growth - Steve Moore
DECISION MADE ON 16 December 2021

Recommendation contained in the report

That the Deputy Leader of the Council:

1. Instructs officers to proceed with the making of relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Orders;
2. Instructs officers to write to all objectors and to advise them of this decision;

OR

3. Instructs officers to abandon the Order making process

Decision

That the Deputy Leader of the Council:

1. Instructed officers to proceed with the making of relevant Off-street Car Parks Traffic Regulation Orders;
2. Instructed officers to write to all objectors and to advise them of this decision.

Reasons for Decision if different to recommendation

N/A

Alternative options considered and rejected at time of the decision

N/A

Summary of consultations undertaken

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Resources and Assets	No comment
Monitoring Officer	No comment
Leader of the Council	No comment

A full list of consultation responses from residents, Ward Members and Town and Parish Councils, both objections and comments, can be found within the agenda reports pack.

Reasons why the report was deemed to have contained confidential or Exempt information (if applicable)

N/A

Any Conflict of interest declared by any Executive Member who is consulted by a Member which relates to the decision

None

Any dispensation granted by the Head of Paid Service in respect of any declared conflict of interest

None

Background papers

IEMD Report

Draft Off-Street Car Parks Order(s)

Responses to Statutory Objections

PUBLISHED ON: 16 December 2021

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CALL-IN PERIOD EXPIRES: 23 December 2021

Note

A number of clarifications were sought at the meeting by the Deputy Leader and the Executive Member for Highways and Transport, in addition to comments raised by a member of the public. A summary of these clarifications can be found below:

- One of the objections was a duplicate, and therefore there were 16 official objections to the proposal;
- The proposals would lead to car parks being operational all day, which would allow car parking management measures such as vehicle registration to be used to combat antisocial behaviour incidents;
- The proposals would not make any changes to existing car parking fees and charges. Members would continue to determine the need for any future changes to parking charges and any such associated consultation;
- The proposals would allow greater flexibility for customers, who would be able to select the option of, for example, 2-3 hours of car parking rather than 2-4 hours of car parking;
- Officers would endeavour to make future TRO proposals more easily understandable, for example via the provision of additional contextual information in addition to the legally required TRO text.

TITLE	Officer Response to Call-In re Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021
FOR CONSIDERATION BY	O&S Management Committee on 8 February 2022
WARD	None Specific
DIRECTOR	Steve Moore, Place and Growth

Reference No: 2021/21 Individual Executive Member Decision (IEMD), 16th December 2021

Subject: Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021

Reason for Call-In

The five non-Executive Members allege that the decision has contravened the following sections of the Constitution:

- Section 1.4.2 a) proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- Section 1.4.2 d) a presumption in favour of openness;
- Section 1.4.2 e) clarity of aims and desired outcomes;

asserting that “it cannot be determined from the information provided, whether the action is proportionate to the desired outcome“ and “there is no clarity of aims and desired outcomes”

Response to alleged contravention of the Constitution

The decision to approve the Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021 and the preceding formal public consultations were undertaken in accordance with the Council’s Constitution and the statutory requirements for a Traffic Regulation Order. This is the same approach that the Council follows for all other Traffic Regulation Order changes and is an open and transparent process which allows the comments and objections of residents to be considered by the Council.

The IEMD report made clear that there were a number of reasons for bringing forward Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021, but that it was primarily about updating some out of date information in the previous order and separating our town centre car parks from the new Park and Ride sites. Alongside this we took the opportunity to introduce some additional measures which will improve our ability to address ASB within our car parks following our experiences during the Covid pandemic.

The IEMD sets out all of the reasons for making changes to the Off-Street TRO as part of its Borough-wide parking management improvement plan, summarised below:

- to enable the Council to introduce parking controls which enable it to enforce against increasing instances of antisocial behaviour in existing car parks;
- to provide a separate Order for our existing and new Park and Ride car parks;
- to respond to resident requests for clarity in charging;
- to limit the maximum stay permitted at California Crossroads Car Park;
- to incorporate provisions that will enable the Council to designate electric vehicle charging parking bays in any Off-Street Car Parks;
- to update and amend the Articles* of the 2017 and 2018 Orders;
- to remove a number of off-street car parks that are no longer operated by the Council;
- to implement a maximum vehicle height restriction of 2.1 metres in the Carnival Multi-storey; Shute End; Easthampstead Road East/West; Lytham Road East/West; and Station Road Car Parks;
- to take action against misuse and vandalism of public car parks;
- to support leisure users by introducing a new 15-minute initial parking period, without charge at Dinton Pastures Country Park Activity Centre Car Park, Hurst and a new 30-minute free visitor parking at the Council offices in Shute End (Mondays to Fridays 6am to 6pm);
- to support the local economy, introducing a new, time-restricted parking period at the off-street California Crossroads Car Park of 1 hour maximum stay, with no return within 2 hours. This will improve turnover and space availability within the car park for customers;
- to support the new Coppid Beech Park and Ride site we will introduce waiting and loading restrictions on a length of Oak Avenue, Wokingham and the Coppid Beech Park and Ride terminus road.

Responses to Individual Questions

What are the recommendations made by Thames Valley Police? Are they proportionate to the problem? What happens where ASB is committed but (as is likely to be the case) the perpetrator does not register his/her vehicle?

Following a series of ASB episodes affecting our Carnival M/S car park, park and ride sites and other Council operated car parks during the COVID lockdown period, Thames Valley Police made recommendations to the Community Safety Team and Parking Services that time periods in which car parks operate should be considered as deterrents to antisocial behaviour. The police also recommended the introduction of CCTV to provide evidential support to any enforcement action that may become possible by police. Such measures exist in other local authority areas and police advised that they are a successful deterrent as stated at the meeting.

This implies that everyone using the car parks in the evening and on a Sunday will have to register their vehicle and check in and out. What evidence is there that perpetrators of anti-social behaviour will comply with this requirement? If they do not, how does this requirement assist with identifying them?

The Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021 will provide the Council with the flexibility to introduce the requirement to check in and out in the evenings and on a Sunday in the future, as the need to address any issue arises.

How will this requirement impact on residents who use the car park and forget to check in? Will enforcement officers be active 24/7? What is included in the policy that would avoid innocent residents being fined simply for failing to display a ticket during times when there is no charge for using the car park? How are residents being informed of the change, which will require them to have a ticket at all times, when previously there was no requirement and people used to using the car park would not even look at the ticket machines overnight or on a Sunday?

The Wokingham Borough-Wide Off-Street Car Parks Order 2021 makes no changes to the requirement for car park users to check in and anyone who forgets to check in will be liable to penalty just as they are now.

Enforcement officers will be active for those periods when enforcement is necessary to ensure that car park terms and conditions are being met.

Residents will be informed of the requirement check in or obtain a ticket on signs within the car parks just as they are now. In the event that we are making changes to our car park terms and conditions we will of course ensure that these are appropriately communicated through the local press and our various social media channels.

The supporting CCTV will help to deter ASB, but can it be used to prosecute offenders?

Yes our CCTV can be used to assist in the prosecution of offenders.

Members have been told variously that the CCTV cameras were installed due to theft of catalytic converters, to reduce emissions caused by queuing cars, and now to deter ASB. Section 1.4.2 d) states there should be a presumption of 'openness'. This is not apparent here.

The CCTV cameras within our car park and out on the Borough highway network have primarily been introduced to reduce congestion, shorten journey times and enable residents to make effective choices on where to park. However, the same cameras are also capable of providing evidence of ASB and other crimes within our car parks and will assist us to address these issues.

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