

Agenda Item IMD6

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: IMD 2019/06

TITLE	On-Street Parking Restrictions - Amendment No. 1
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Executive Member for Highways and Transport - Pauline Jorgensen
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	22 nd March 2019 – 10:35am LGF2 at 10:35
WARD	Bulmershe and Whitegates; Coronation; Emmbrook; Evendons; Maiden Erlegh; Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe; Shinfield South; Twyford; Wokingham Without; South Lake; Norreys; Sonning; Winnersh; Wescott;
DIRECTOR	Director of Locality and Customer Services - Sarah Hollamby

OUTCOME / BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY

Consideration has been given to install, amend or revoke on street parking restrictions throughout the borough. These will improve safety, provide more available parking or assist with congestion issues to the benefit of all road users.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Member for Highways and Transport:

- 1) Notes the contents of this report;
- 2) Approves to the making of the order, with the exceptions as detailed;
- 3) Asks Officers to inform objectors of the outcome of this decision and how their objection was considered.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report considers objections and comments that have been received regarding proposed parking restrictions changes within the borough. The majority of the parking restrictions will be implemented as proposed, with the exception of Wiltshire Drive, Meadow Road and Wokingham Road (Earley). Which will be amended or withdrawn from the proposal.

Background

In October 2017, Wokingham changed enforcement of parking restrictions. This went from Thames Valley Police responsibility to enforce and transferred to a civil parking team within the council. This resulted in many more parking restrictions being enforced and as such, resulted in many more requests for existing restrictions deemed no longer necessary to be removed; areas to be considered for new parking restrictions; and for existing parking restrictions to be amended in some format. Investigation has been carried out and a batch of changes have been considered to be implemented.

Formal consultation was carried out between 25th October and 16th November 2018 on a number of proposals around the borough, the locations and reasons for the changes are shown as part of Appendix 1 – Notice of proposals. This has resulted in a number of objections to the proposals and this report considers those objections. A large number of objections do not relate directly to the proposal, but request additional restrictions, so these are not considered here. They will be assessed as a new request and processed along with current policy on new waiting restrictions.

As shown in the Notice of proposals, the majority of parking restrictions relate to junction protection or are to prevent parking on bends, as per the guidance in the Highway Code.

Wokingham Road in Earley was reported that a one hour parking restriction was no longer required. It was proposed that the reason the restrictions were implemented was due to the close proximity to a London bound bus stop and the area was used by all day commuter parking. It was considered that the bus no longer operated and therefore the restriction was no longer necessary and could therefore be revoked. This resulted in objections from some residents stating that the bus did still operate and that the restriction should remain and so this this has been removed from the proposed changes.

Meadow Road area has been proposed for a prohibition of waiting at junctions and bends and a restricted waiting (single yellow line) section on alternating times of peak hours on the straight section of Meadow Road. A number of objections have been considered and it is proposed that the prohibition of waiting is installed and the restricted waiting is not installed at this time. Monitoring of the area will continue to consider the impact on congestion at peak times and this may be reconsidered at a later date.

Wiltshire Drive has been proposed for a prohibition of waiting along one side of the road and on both sides of the bend as well as a restriction on waiting (single yellow line) during the working day. Objections relate to the need for the restriction of waiting due to the nature of the road (cul-de-sac) and the accident history. As these are valid and substantive objections, we should not install the restriction of waiting at this location.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the proposals as advertised by approved for implementation, with the exceptions of Wokingham Road, Earley being removed from the proposals and the amendment of restrictions at Meadow Road and Wiltshire Drive as shown in Appendix 2 be made as shown.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces severe financial challenges over the coming years as a result of the austerity measures implemented by the Government and subsequent reductions to public sector funding. It is estimated that Wokingham Borough Council will be required to make budget reductions in excess of £20m over the next three years and all Executive decisions should be made in this context.

	How much will it Cost/ (Save)	Is there sufficient funding – if not quantify the Shortfall	Revenue or Capital?
Current Financial Year (Year 1)	£5,000		Revenue
Next Financial Year (Year 2)			
Following Financial Year (Year 3)			

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
None

Cross-Council Implications
None

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Corporate Services	No Comment
Monitoring Officer	No Comment
Leader of the Council	No Comment

For Highways use only	
Town and Parish Councils	
Wokingham Town Council	None received
Shinfield Parish Council	None received
Sonning Parish Council	None received
Winnersh Parish Council	None received
Earley Town Council	None received
Twyford Parish Council	None received
Wargrave Parish Council	None received
Wokingham Without Parish Council	None received
Local Ward Members	
Keith Baker	None received
Kate Haines	None received
Mike Haines	None received
Laura Blumenthal	None received
Jenny Cheng	None received
Andy Croy	None received
Carl Doran	None received
Shahid Younis	None received
Pauline Helliard-Symons	None received
Angus Ross	None received

David Sleight	None received
Ullakarin Clark	None received
Philip Mirfin	None received
Imogen Shepherd-Dubey	None received
Julian McGhee-Sumner	None received
Oliver Whittle	None received
Chris Bowring	None received
Sarah Kerr	None received
Dianne King	None received
Alistair Auty	None received
Rachel Burgess	None received
Malcolm Richards	None received
Prue Bray	None received
Philip Houldsworth	None received
Rachelle Shepherd-Dubey	None received
Graham Howe	None received
Lindsay Ferris	None received
John Jarvis	None received
Charlotte Haitham Taylor	None received
Barrie Patman	None received
Anthony Pollock	None received
David Chopping	None received
Guy Grandison	None received
Ken Miall	None received

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
Objections and Officers comments

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