

# Agenda Item IMD41

## NOTICE OF INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

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

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<b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b>	John Kaiser, Executive Member for Planning and Highways
<b>ON TIME</b>	17 November 2015 9:10am
<b>WARD</b>	Finchampstead South
<b>STRATEGIC DIRECTOR</b>	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 5<sup>th</sup> of July with a deadline for responses by the 28<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> of July. This outlined the proposed changes to Whittle Close and the deadline for replies was the 10<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Strategic Director - Resources</b>	No response
<b>Monitoring Officer</b>	No response
<b>Leader of the Council</b>	See appendix A
<b>Town and Parish Councils</b>	
Finchampstead Parish Council	See appendix A
<b>Local Ward Members</b>	
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, 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation letter from Wokingham Borough Council and drawing 5049-2074-B

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