

Agenda Item IMD6

INDIVIDUAL EXECUTIVE MEMBER DECISION

REFERENCE IMD: 2023/06

TITLE	The Wokingham Borough Council On-Street Parking Consolidation Order 2017 (Amendment No.5) Order 2023
DECISION TO BE MADE BY	Executive Member for Active Travel, Transport and Highways - Paul Fishwick
DATE, MEETING ROOM and TIME	8 March 2023 LGF6 at 4pm
WARD	Arborfield; Barkham; Bulmershe and Whitegates; Coronation; Emmbrook; Finchampstead North; Finchampstead South; Maiden Erlegh; Norreys; Remenham, Wargrave and Ruscombe; Shinfield North; Shinfield South; Sonning; South Lake; Wescott; Winnersh; Wokingham Without;
DIRECTOR / KEY OFFICER	Director, Place and Growth - Simon Dale

PURPOSE OF REPORT (Inc Strategic Outcomes)

To report the results of the statutory consultation for the above-named Traffic Regulation Order, which seeks to amend the **Wokingham Borough Council, Waiting Restrictions Consolidation Order 2017** and to seek the decision of the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways & Transport.

The Order seeks to introduce, amend or revoke sections of on-street parking and waiting restrictions throughout the borough, as per the Notice of Proposal advertised. The proposals are required to improve road user safety, manage available parking spaces and reduce traffic congestion to the benefit of all road users.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Executive Member for Active Travel, Highways and Transport:

- 1) Considers the objections received to the proposed Amendment Order;
- 2) Agrees to proceed with the making of the Amendment Order as advertised with one minor change, not progressing with restrictions in Alder Mews, in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Local Authorities Traffic Order Procedures 1996; and
- 3) Instructs the Assistant Director for Highways & Transport to inform those who have responded to the consultation accordingly.

SUMMARY OF REPORT

This report considers all objections, comments and correspondence expressing support that have been received on the proposals advertised through the Order. Having

considered these objections and comments, it is proposed that all of the proposals with the exception of proposed waiting restrictions in Alder Mews (Winnersh), will be implemented and that relevant notices are now advertised in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Order making procedures.

Background

The current Consolidation Order for Wokingham Borough Council known as **Wokingham Borough Council (Various roads, Wokingham Borough)(Stopping, Waiting, Loading and unloading, Prohibitions Restrictions, Parking Places, Parking Places and Resident Permit Parking Places (Civil Parking Enforcement)(Consolidation) Order 2017** has undergone four amendments since its introduction in 2017, It is standard practice to amend a consolidation order where there is a need to introduce new parking restrictions or remove parking restrictions which are no longer required. These changes are often necessary to improve road safety, reduce traffic congestion or address residents' concerns on parking in their roads.

This is the fifth amendment to the 2017 consolidation order; details of the roads where restrictions have been proposed can be found in Appendix A. The proposed scheme drawings can be found in Appendix B.

The proposals comprise of;

- i. The introduction of new waiting restrictions along sections of Acorn Drive, Alder Mews, Aphelion Way, Antrim Road, Fairwater Drive, Barkham Ride, St James Road, Carolina Place, Baston Road, Bearwood Road, The Lilacs, Betchworth Avenue, Church Road, Church Lane, Eastcourt Avenue, Equestrian Court, Hatch Ride, Jersey Drive, Fresian Way, Longwater Road, Mimosa Drive, Cutbush Lane, Nightingale Road, Nine Mile Ride, Old Forest Road, Penrose Avenue, Pheasant Close, Princess Marina Drive School Hill, Sonning Lane, Stanley Road, Village Close and Whitlock Avenue.
- ii. The introduction of a new parking place in Aston Ferry Lane and alteration of an existing parking bay in Remenhem Lane.

Response to TRO Consultation

The Notice of proposal was advertised on the 18th August 2022. The 21 statutory objection period was scheduled to end on the 8th September but that date was extended to the end of November due to technical difficulties in uploading the supporting documents on-line. In total 27 responses were received, 11 were objections to some of the schemes, 6 were correspondence expressing support, 7 were comments on parking in some of the roads and 3 were from residents making general enquires.

The 11 objections were on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in Alder Mews, Equestrian Court, Jersey Drive, Church Road, Barkham Ride junctions with St James Road and Carolina Place. The objectors argued that the proposals will take away residents parking and increase traffic speeds. Details of the objections and officer responses have been provided in Appendix A2 but in summary officers have considered the grounds of the objections and have concluded that these proposed restrictions with the exception of Alder Mews are junction protection measures aimed at improving visibility, road safety and will enforce against the practice of parking too close to junctions, bends and areas with dropped kerbs in line with recommendations from the Highway code.

The proposal to introduce waiting restrictions in Alder Mews is to be withdrawn from this amendment. At the time the proposals were published Alder Mews was unadopted, the

road has since been adopted however feedback from residents has suggested that the reasons for introduction of the proposals is no longer a problem. It is therefore recommended that further engagement with the residents is undertaken, and should any restrictions need to be implemented that they are progressed through a later TRO amendments.

A number of comments that do not specifically object or provide grounds for objection to the proposals and requests for additional parking restrictions were also received and considered separately. No decision on these comments is required at this stage. They will be assessed as new requests and processed along with incoming request for parking restrictions.

Recommendation & Conclusion

- i. The proposals for an Amendment Order No.5 to the Wokingham Borough Traffic Regulation Consolidation Order 2017, as advertised, be approved for signing and sealing with the subsequent implementation of all the proposed restrictions with the exception of the proposed waiting restrictions in Alder Mews.
- ii. Objections and comments are noted and objectors those who have responded to the consultation informed accordingly prior to the advertisement of the Notice of making in line with the Local Authorities Traffic Orders procedures.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATION

The Council faces unprecedented financial pressures as a result of; the longer term impact of the COVID-19 crisis, Brexit, the war in Ukraine and the general economic climate of rising prices and the increasing cost of debt. It is therefore imperative that Council resources are optimised and 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)	NIL	-	-
Next Financial Year (Year 2)	£9,000	Yes	Revenue
Following Financial Year (Year 3)	NIL	-	-

Other financial information relevant to the Recommendation/Decision
n/a

Cross-Council Implications
The Amendment of waiting & loading restrictions across the Borough in response to resident and business needs contributes towards the Council’s statutory duties for road safety management and ensures that the statutory requirements of the Road Traffic Act 1988, Highways Act 1980 and Traffic Management Act 2000 are met, whilst also contributing towards responsible asset, transportation and mobility management.

Public Sector Equality Duty	
An EQIA assessment has been completed; based on this no impacts have been identified for any of the protected characteristics.	

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION RESPONSES	
Director – Resources and Assets	No comment received
Monitoring Officer	No specific comments to add
Leader of the Council	No comment received

For Highways use only	
Town and Parish Councils	
Arborfield and Newland Parish Council	No comment received
Barkham Parish Council	No comment received
Earley Town Council	The Council confirmed they had no additional comments
Finchampstead Parish Council	No comment received
Sonning Parish Council	No comment received
Swallowfield Parish Council	No comment received
Shinfield Parish Council	No comment received
Remenham Parish Council	No comment received
Ruscombe Parish Council	No comment received
Wargrave Parish Council	No comment received
Winnersh Parish Council	No comment received
Wokingham Town Council	No comment received
Woodley Town Council	In support of the changes proposed at Church Road. Reiterated the main reason is that of safety and commented that this restriction would resolved the current issues
Wokingham Without Parish Council	No comment received
Local Ward Members	
Paul Fishwick	No comment received
Tahir Maher	No comment received
Norman Jorgensen	No comment received
Mike Smith	No comment received
Shirley Boyt	No comment received
Andy Croy	No comment received
Shahid Younis	No comment received
Gary Cowan	No comment received
Keith Baker	No comment received
Alison Swaddle	No comment received
John Kaiser	No comment received
Chris Johnson	No comment received
Jackie Rance	No comment received
Jim Frewin	No comment received
Parry Batth	No comment received
John Halsall	No comment received
Graham Howe	No comment received
Prue Bray	No comment received
Paul Fishwick	No comment received

Rachelle Shepherd-DuBey	No comment received
Chris Bowring	No comment received
David Davies	No comment received
Pauline Helliard- Symons	No comment received
Gregor Murray	No comment received
Peter Dennis	No comment received
Maria Gee	No comment received
Michael Firmager	No comment received
Rachel Burgess	No comment received
Phil Cunnington	No comment received
Laura Blumenthal	No comment received
Beth Rowland	No comment received
Peter Harper	No comment received
Charles Margetts	No comment received
David Cornish	No comment received
Rebecca Margetts	No comment received
Rachel Bishop- Firth	No comment received
Morag Malvern	No comment received
Imogen Shepherd- DuBey	No comment received

Reasons for considering the report in Part 2
N/A

List of Background Papers
Appendix A – Correspondence Summary
Appendix B – Scheme Drawings

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