

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 25 APRIL 2019
WALLINGFORD, CHARTER WAY - PROPOSED WAITING
RESTRICTIONS

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed additional waiting restrictions on Charter Way, Wallingford.

Executive summary

2. Waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development, and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over parking obstructing traffic and / or being detrimental to road safety.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce additional waiting restrictions at Charter Way, Wallingford.

Background

4. The above proposal as shown at Annex 1 has been put forward as a result of development of adjacent land.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 21 February and 22 March 2019. A public notice was placed in the Oxfordshire Herald series newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, South Oxfordshire District Council, Wallingford Town Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to properties adjacent to the proposals.
6. Four responses were received to the consultation as summarised below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Neither/No opinion	Total
Double Yellow Lines	2	1	1	4

7. The responses are summarised at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

8. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals but commented that the enforcement of waiting restrictions would be a low priority for police resources.
9. County Councillor Lynda Atkins objected to the proposal on the grounds of the loss of parking for residents in an area already under significant parking pressure due to the character of older development in the area where many properties did not have off street parking and the risk of parking problems being displaced to other locations. Councillor Atkins also expressed a concern that the impact of the development on parking pressures in the area should have been given more consideration at the planning stage.
10. Two expressions of support were received from members of the public who are residents of the area, though one of these responses noted that there were already difficulties due to inconsiderate parking obstructing visibility at the access to driveways in the area and expressed concerns that these problems would likely increase when the development is fully occupied.
11. The concerns of Councillor Atkins are noted and it is accepted that parking pressures in the area will likely increase as a result of the approved development. However, on balance it is considered that the benefits of the proposals in helping ensure the road is not obstructed by parking outweigh the anticipated problems of parking being displaced to other areas.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

12. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

13. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by the funding developers of adjacent land.

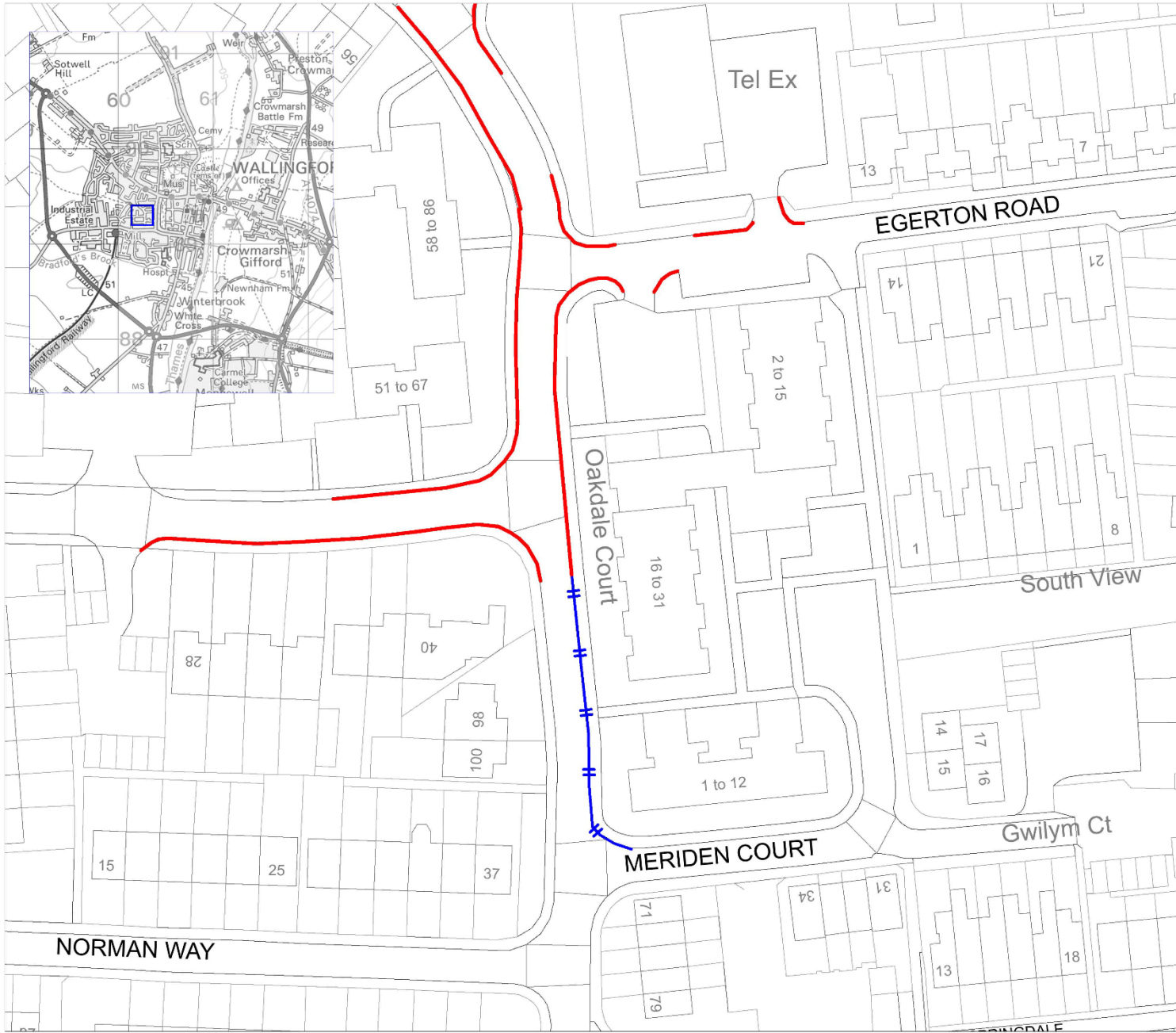
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Background papers: Plan of proposed waiting restrictions
Consultation responses

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- Existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions (Double-yellow lines)
- + Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Parking Restrictions (Double-yellow lines)

— Site Location

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**CONSULTATION PLAN
 PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

**CHARTER WAY
 (WALLINGFORD)**

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection - Such restrictions will NOT feature for any level of targeted enforcement by Thames Valley Police. Wallingford is already subject of many complaints of illegal parking. The restrictions must be reliant on good driver behaviour.
(2) Local County Councillor (Wallingford Division)	<p>Object – There is a significant shortage of parking in the area around this development as many of the local houses are old enough not to have any parking provision within their curtilage and the streets are very narrow which restricts parking on them. If this space is no longer available for parking it will displace vehicles which simply have nowhere else to go. There is already a problem along Croft Road with vehicles frequently parking on double yellow lines there and there have been significant disputes between some residents over what space is available.</p> <p>Those developing the site should have thought more carefully about the impact of their plans on existing residents before trying to add extra restrictions on, simply because of the needs of new residents.</p>
(3) Local Resident, (Wallingford)	Support - I can't I agree more and as a resident here I remember that there used a double line before the new estate moved in and resurfaced the junction furthermore we would do with a pedestrian crossing too.
(4) Local Resident, (Wallingford)	<p>Support (with concerns) - We live on Charter Way and currently have issues with people parking and blocking our drive. We do have a dropped curb, but people are constantly parking across the slope and the dropped curb part. Apart from being inconsiderate, this makes it unsafe for us when leaving our drive as our visibility is reduced and we have had a number of near misses with other road users.</p> <p>We welcome the proposal for the parking restrictions, however we are concerned that parking across our drive will become the norm, especially given the increase to the housing across the road. We understand that parking will be increased for the new development, however we feel there will most likely be insufficient parking for visitors and those households with more than 2 cars.</p>

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