

Divisions: Banbury Grimsbury & Castle, Banbury Calthorpe

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 24 JULY 2014

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, BANBURY

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections to formal consultations on proposals to introduce or amend parking restrictions in two separate areas of Banbury. Other proposed parking changes in the town which were advertised at the same time did not attract any objections and have therefore been approved under my delegated authority.

Background

2. The proposals in this report are for two separate and unconnected parts of Banbury.
3. The first of the proposals is intended to address the problems caused by commuter parking along Bankside. The extent of parking here has grown in recent times so that it is now causing significant danger and disruption to traffic flow, including the town bus service. Requests for action to deal with this matter have come from local Councillors, Thames Valley Police, Banbury Traffic Advisory Committee and Stagecoach. The Police report that they are issuing fixed penalty notices to those cars which park in the most dangerous positions, but would like there to be a more permanent solution. The proposed restrictions along Bankside (Annex 1) do allow for some parking space to remain but in the section of road where it is likely to cause least disruption and danger.
4. The other proposal is for parking restrictions in the vicinity of a new residential development in Foundry Street (off Warwick Road). The development includes a new footway which will narrow part of the road and, as a result, any parking could make access difficult for large vehicles including fire appliances. The proposed restrictions Annex 2 would remove all parking in the cul-de-sac part of Foundry Street and also along the development frontage in the main part of Foundry Street. The developer has previously carried out informal consultation with existing residents of the cul-de-sac and reports support for the proposed changes there.

Formal Consultation

5. In May/June 2014 formal consultation took place on the proposals, with copies of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, statement of reasons, and a copy of the public notice deposited for public inspection at County Hall, and Banbury Library. At the same time, the Council wrote to local residents and businesses affected by the proposed changes and public notices were displayed on site and in the Oxford Times.
6. Three responses were received to the proposals for Bankside – these are summarised at Annex 3. Councillor Dhesi is in support but two residents of Newbold Close object to the retention of any parking on the road. In response it is felt that removal of all parking is likely to lead to intrusion into residential streets such as Newbold Close and that the proposal should be implemented as advertised.
7. Seven responses were received to the proposals for Foundry Street – summarised at Annex 3. Two of these are from businesses on the nearby section of Warwick Road who are concerned that the loss of parking on the cul-de-sac section of Foundry Street will have a serious effect on staff and customer parking. Five responses are from residents of Foundry Street, two of whom are objecting to the loss of parking for residents and the remainder make comments on the proposal and suggestions for other changes.
8. In the light of these objections it is suggested that the proposals be amended to allow parking to continue at the southern end of the cul-de-sac (Annex 4) which will allow some parking to continue where the road layout is not being changed by the new development.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

9. The cost of the proposed works described in this report will be met through developer funding.

RECOMMENDATION

7. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed parking restrictions for the two areas of Banbury as advertised but amended as described in this report.**

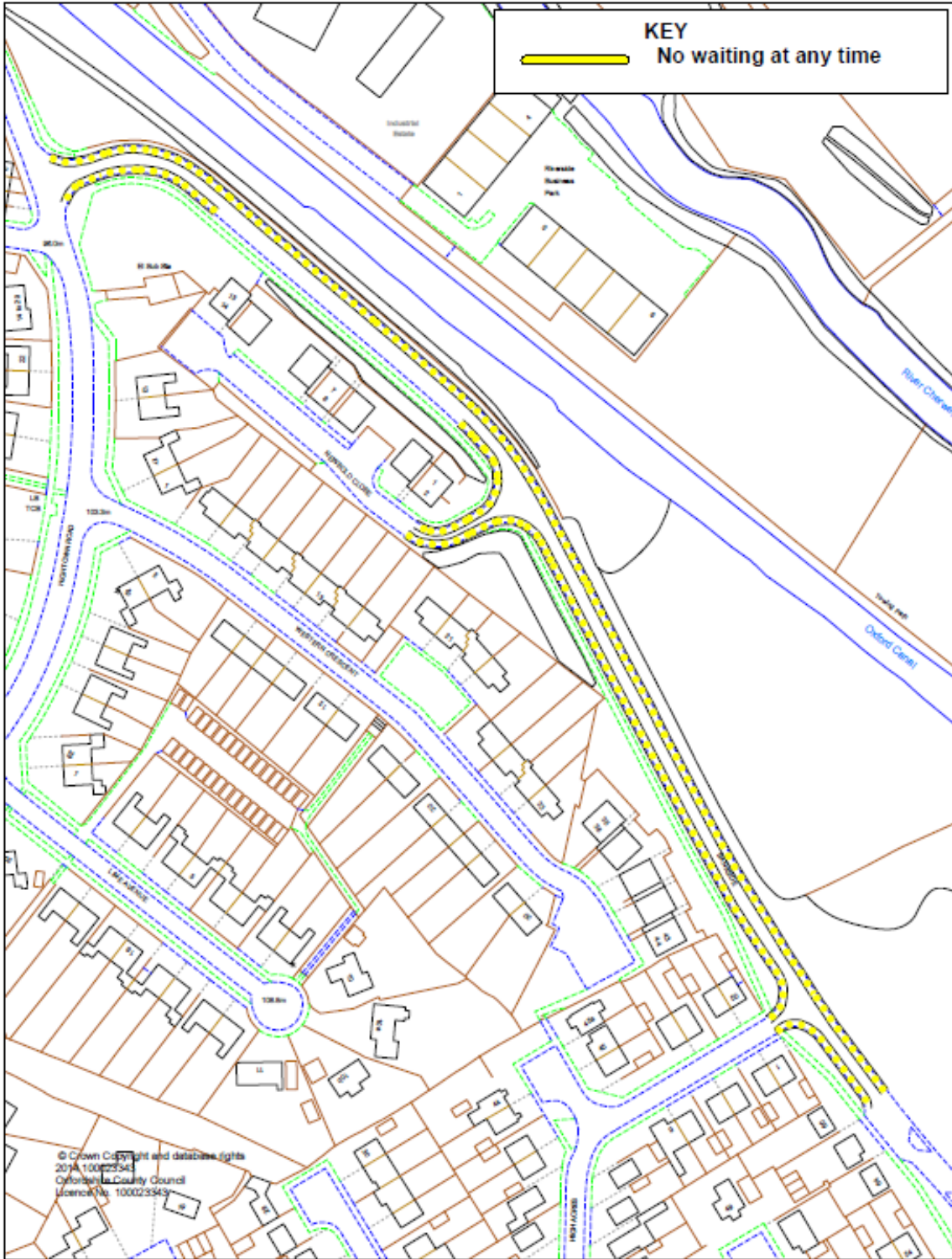
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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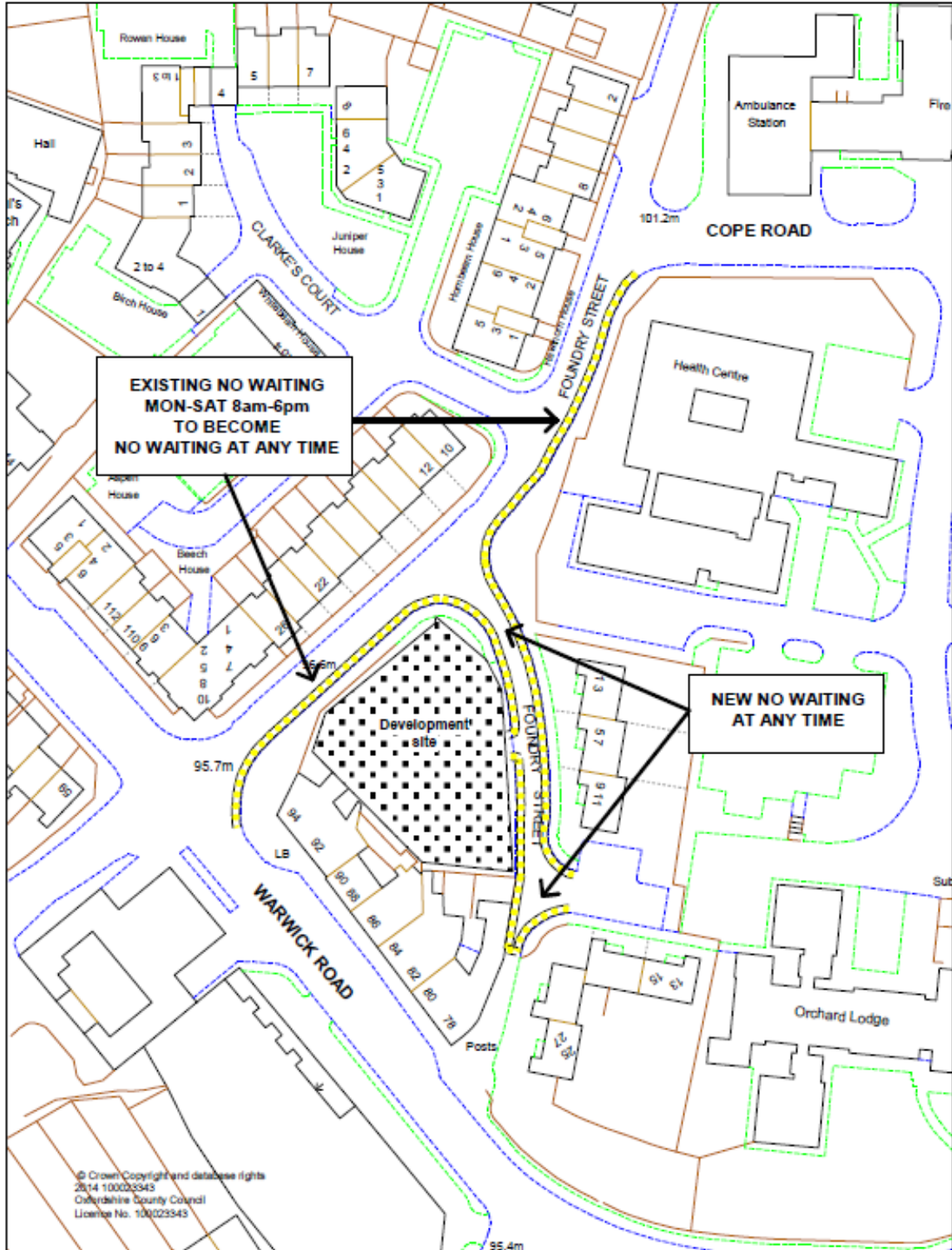


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**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
BANKSIDE, BANBURY**
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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

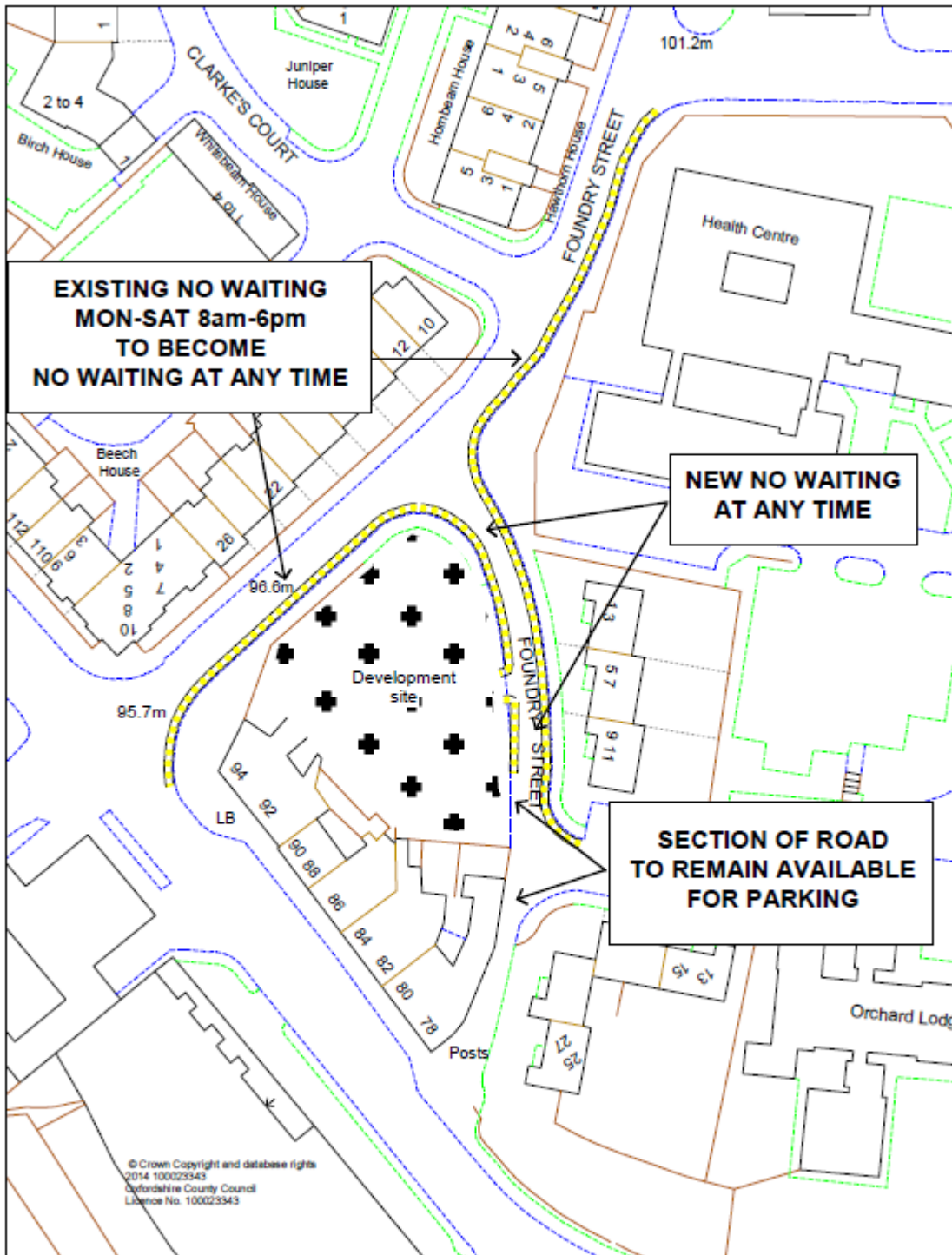
BANKSIDE		
RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
County Councillor Dhesi	Welcomes the proposal - many cars park on Bankside which obstructs vision of oncoming traffic; it is amazing that there have not been accidents.	Noted.
Resident (Newbold Close)	Angry with the problems of non-residents parking in Bankside and Newbold Close - many other residents of Bankside are also concerned. It is dangerous for cars exiting Newbold Close and there have been some near misses. Problem is even worse if there is an incident on the motorway and traffic diverts. Doesn't understand why some parking is allowed to remain.	The proposals are designed to address the danger caused by the parking on Bankside whilst recognising that removal of all parking is likely to lead to intrusion into residential streets such as Newbold Close.
Resident (Newbold Close)	It is ridiculous to leave parking on Bankside where it causes the most nuisance - all parking here should be stopped.	The section of parking that will remain is where there is adequate visibility and space for moving traffic to manoeuvre. Removal of all parking is likely to lead to intrusion into residential streets such as Newbold Close.
FOUNDRY STREET		
Business (Warwick Road)	Strong objections to the proposal due to concerns that it will create additional pressure on parking availability on Warwick Road for customers to local shops and also residents & employees will have even fewer places to park.	Some restrictions are needed on the cul-de-sac section of Foundry Street to assist egress from the parking area of the new development and to accommodate a proposed new footway. In view of

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		the concerns expressed it is suggested that the proposals be amended to allow parking to continue at the southern end of the street.
Business (Warwick Road)	Objects as the proposals will lead to extra parking pressure on Warwick Road which will make it more difficult for customers to access the business. The new development will increase the number of residents needing to park which will make the situation worse. Asks that the section of parking on Warwick Road be designated for business use only.	Some restrictions are needed on the cul-de-sac section of Foundry Street to assist egress from the parking area of the new development and to accommodate a proposed new footway. In view of the concerns expressed it is suggested that the proposals be amended to allow parking to continue at the southern end of the street. The parking on the section of Warwick Street where the business is located already has a 30-minute restriction which, by preventing long-stay parking, is designed to assist the businesses in the area.
Resident (Foundry Street)	Objection to proposal due to belief that this will increase the problem of finding somewhere to park.	Some restrictions are needed on the cul-de-sac section of Foundry Street to assist egress from the parking area of the new development and to accommodate a proposed new footway. In view of the concerns expressed it is suggested that the proposals be amended to allow parking to continue at the southern end of the street.
Resident (Foundry Street)	Objection to proposal due to belief it will increase problems especially in the evening and at weekends, especially when taking into account new development.	Some restrictions are needed on the cul-de-sac section of Foundry Street to assist egress from the parking area of the new development and to accommodate a proposed new footway. In view of the concerns expressed it is suggested that the proposals be amended to allow parking to continue at the southern end of the street.

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Resident (Foundry Street)	As the new development will bring in more cars then surely there should be somewhere for them to park.	The new development will provide parking for residents in accordance with current standards
Resident (Foundry Street)	Concerned that the proposed restrictions will not be enforced and the existing limited spaces for the existing elderly residents will be overwhelmed.	Enforcement is currently the responsibility of Thames Valley Police.
Resident (Foundry Street)	Suggests that the proposed double yellow lines on the through part of Foundry Street be swopped to the opposite side as there is a lot of through traffic cutting through.	This suggestion will be held on file and considered when parking restrictions are next reviewed in this area.



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