

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 8 OCTOBER 2015

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – CALDECOTT CHASE, ABINGDON

Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections received as a result of a formal consultation on a proposal to introduce 'no waiting at any time' restrictions at the entrance of Caldecott Chase, Abingdon

Background

2. Following concerns regarding the dangers caused by cars parking close to the junction of Caldecott Close and Blacknell Road, and a site meeting with County Council officers, Thames Valley Police, residents and representatives of Covenant Management Ltd (who manage the Caldecott Chase development), the latter offered to fund the introduction of parking restrictions in this area. The proposed restrictions are shown at Annex 1.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposals was carried out between 8 July and 7 August 2015. Letters were sent to 143 properties in the immediate area, and street notices were also put up along the street and published in the Abingdon Herald on 8 July, with an email sent to the statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service and local County Councillors.
4. A total of 7 responses were received including an objection from a resident of Blacknell Road and this – along with other comments received as part of the consultation – is summarised at Annex 2. Copies of all the responses are available in the Members' Resources Room.

Objections and concerns

5. The objection related to a concern that the proposals would lead to parking being displaced from the entrance of Caldecott Chase into Blacknell Road, thus reducing the parking options for residents. Further concerns were raised about the general safety of Blacknell Road specifically (access to Caldecott Chase is via Blacknell Road), with pedestrian safety – particularly school pupils – and vehicle speeds both mentioned.

6. In response, it is understood that residents of Caldecott Chase have access to defined parking places within their development and so should have limited need to park their vehicles on nearby roads. The proposals stem from concerns by residents of Caldecott Chase regarding the safety risks posed to them by vehicles parking on the road where the waiting prohibition is proposed; the removal of this parking will make it easier for residents to use the off-street spaces.
7. On the issue of general road safety concerns in the area, records show that there have been no accidents in either Blacknall Road or Caldecott Chase during the latest 5 year reporting period. Results from a speed survey carried out on Blacknall Road just south of Caldecott Chase in May 2005 showed average speeds of 23mph in either direction.

How the Project supports LTP4 Goals

8. The proposals described in this report would help to reduce the risk of accidents and improve public health, safety and individual wellbeing.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

9. Full funding for the proposal has been secured from Covenant Management Ltd. The appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

10. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of proposal as advertised.**

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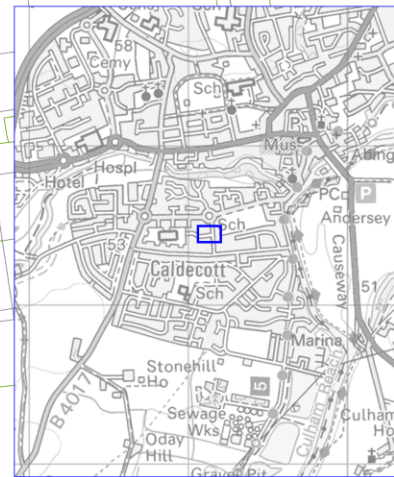
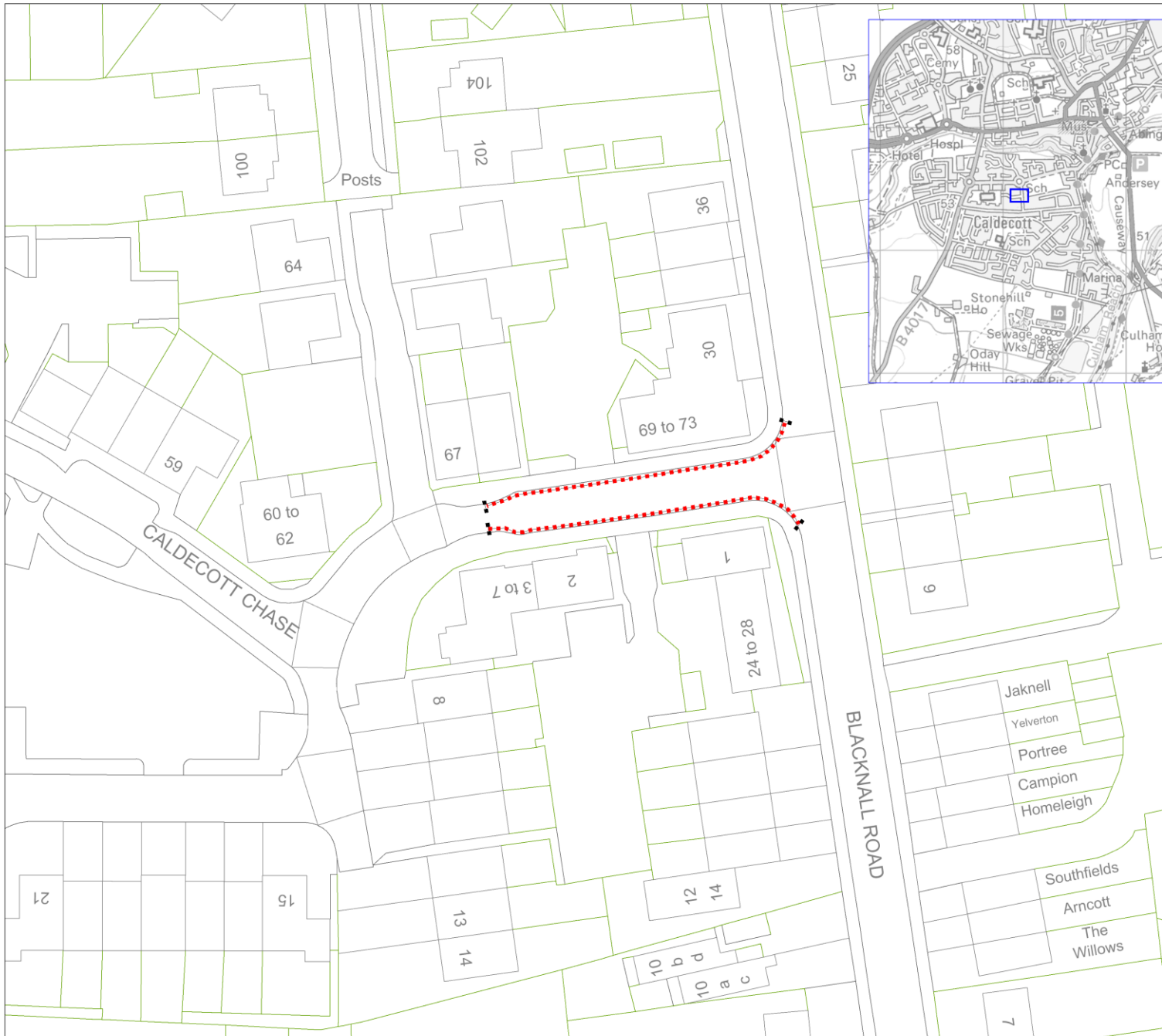
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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
 Consultation responses

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ANNEX 1



Drawing No.	Revision 1	
<p>Proposed "No waiting at any time" parking restriction (Double Yellow Lines)</p> <p>End point of proposed restriction</p> <p>Site Location</p>		
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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Thames Valley Police	No objection – but comment that the restriction will feature extremely low in terms of any enforcement activity by Thames Valley Police.
Fire & Rescue Service	No objection.
Resident, (Blacknall Road)	Objects – would only agree if a proposed change in parking was also introduced on Blacknall Road. The road should become a residents parking zone only, restricted to the odd numbered houses and only two permits per household. If the proposal is passed on Caldecott Chase then the residents and visitors of 12 – 36 Blacknall Road should have no right to park on Blacknall Road because they have their own car parks behind the properties.
Resident, (Caldecott Chase)	Supports - for traffic safety reasons.
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Resident, (Blacknall Road)	No objection – but believes the problem has to be dealt alongside the safety concerns of traffic on Blacknall Road as there are a lot of near misses at the sharp bend in the road at the Saxton Road end which is a major pedestrian walk way for a large volume of school children. The parked cars alongside one side of the road mean there is only traffic flow in one direction anyway, which poses a safety concern (pedestrians & other cars). Traffic flow from Caldecott Chase and Blacknall Road would also be greatly safer with one way traffic, although recognise

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	a speed may become an issue, the solution to this would be road humps.
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