

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 21 OCTOBER 2010

OXFORD – TEMPLE COWLEY AREA PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy Highways & Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments received in response to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation to vary the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) covering various streets in the Temple Cowley area of Oxford. The predominant effect is to amend the extent and timing of no waiting restrictions in response to requests from local residents and as a result of site observations.

Background

2. The parking controls in this part of Cowley were last comprehensively reviewed in 1998. Since then there have been requests to amend and provide additional controls to prevent parked vehicles obstructing narrow sections of road and access ways. Requests have also been received to regulate parking associated with a business in Marsh Road and there have been changes to the pattern of parking with the closure and subsequent redevelopment of the Temple Cowley Middle School.

Informal Consultation

3. Following an initial assessment, letters were sent to local members, residents of Marsh Road, St. Christopher's Place and the affected length of Temple Road. This contained a plan showing initial proposals and invited comments.
4. The results of this informal consultation, which took place in May and June 2010, were fairly mixed with some responses requesting additional parking controls while others were concerned about a perceived loss of parking opportunities; the latter despite the documentation stating that additional parking was being provided to compensate for any loss. One resident also appeared to be concerned that the proposals had been developed to encourage large vehicles to by-pass congestion on the Oxford Road.
5. Following the informal consultation the various comments were considered and revised proposals produced which incorporated some of the more viable requests. Where suggestions were felt inappropriate those concerned were given an explanation as to why their ideas had not been incorporated. It was also explained that the improvements allowing easier access for larger

vehicles were to enable them to service premises in the area and not to encourage through traffic.

Formal Consultation

6. Formal consultation on the revised scheme was carried out between 15 July and 14 August 2010. Letters and plans explaining the revised scheme were sent to the same properties as the informal consultation. A summary of this revised scheme is attached at Annex 1. Notices explaining the proposals were placed on site and in the Oxford Times and information also sent to local Councillors and the emergency services. A copy of the public notice and other legal documents, which were placed on deposit in Cowley Library and at County Hall, are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
7. E-mails were received from four residents of St. Christopher's Place and were broadly supportive. However, they requested amendments to the proposed layout of no waiting controls in the vicinity of numbers 10, 12 and 14 St. Christopher's Place. These are summarized at Annex 2 with copies of the emails being available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
8. No other comments were received in relation to the controls in the other two streets.

Additional Consultation concerning St. Christopher's Place

9. Following discussions with the residents directly alongside the section of St. Christopher's Place concerned a further revised layout of parking was devised for the Close. As this was only a minor departure from the original formal proposals, the additional consultation was restricted to numbers 1-15 St. Christopher's Place and local members. A plan showing this revised layout can also be inspected in the Members' Resource Centre.
10. This additional local consultation generated one comment from the resident of number 12 St. Christopher's Place who asked for their proposed access protection to be downgraded from no waiting at any time to no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm. It is recommended that this request be met.
11. There remain two unresolved requests arising from either the formal or additional consultations. Both concern the provision of additional no waiting restrictions in the vicinity of numbers 12 and 14 St Christopher's Place. However, the extent and duration of the controls in each request differ and officers feel that they may not be necessary. Consequently it is felt that these requests should be kept on file for consideration at a future time.

Conclusions

12. The earlier concerns regarding the loss of parking and possible increase in large vehicles which had been raised during the informal consultation appear to have been assuaged since there were no similar comments received during the formal consultation.

13. However, some changes to the proposals around the turning area in St. Christopher's Place are desirable to address most of the concerns received; these have been incorporated into the recommendations below

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

14. The proposals described in this report comply with the LTP2 objectives of tackling congestion (encouraging development that minimises congestion) and improving the street environment (better management of parking).

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

15. Funding for the costs of implementing the proposals described in this report are estimated to be around £3500 (including advertising) which will put additional pressure on the parking account.

RECOMMENDATION

16. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to approve the making of the Oxfordshire County Council (City Of Oxford Various Streets Cowley Area) (Traffic Regulation) Consolidation (Variation No.10*) Order 20** as advertised but with the following revisions:**
 - (i) **To provide no waiting at any time instead of no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm opposite number 10 St. Christopher's Place.**
 - (ii) **To provide no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm instead of no waiting at any time outside number 10 St. Christopher's Place.**
 - (iii) **To provide no waiting Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm instead of no waiting at any time across the access to number 12 St. Christopher's Place.**

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Background papers: Cnsultation documentation.

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TEMPLE COWLEY AREA, OXFORD**DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AS
FORMALLY PROPOSED****MARSH ROAD**

1. Additional 1 hour parking outside 4 Marsh Road. This would provide legitimate short stay parking for up to two vehicles visiting the area.
2. To remove part of the no waiting at any time outside 10 Marsh Road to provide one additional parking opportunity.
3. To extend the amount of no waiting at any time, outside the access to 32 Marsh Road, to prevent overhanging vehicles obstructing it. This would mostly be achieved by relocating the No Waiting, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm towards the Oxford Road Junction.
4. To extend the amount of no waiting at any time, outside the access to 38 Marsh Road, to prevent overhanging vehicles obstructing it. This would replace a short length of the existing No Waiting, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm.
5. The removal of some No Waiting, Monday to Saturday 8am to 6.30pm (single yellow line) outside 42 Marsh Road to provide one additional parking opportunity.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PLACE

6. To introduce no waiting at any time on both sides of the road, from its junction with Temple Road to the first turning area containing numbers 8 to 14 St. Christopher's Place.
7. To introduce various lengths of no waiting at any time and no waiting, Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm, around the turning area containing 8 to 14 (evens) St. Christopher's Place. Plans showing the arrangement as originally proposed are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.*

TEMPLE ROAD

8. To replace the parking place opposite 2 Temple Road with No Waiting, Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm. This is to reduce congestion when larger oncoming vehicles meet at this location, during the day.*
9. To remove the no waiting at any time in front of the access ways to number 2A Crescent Road. This would allow a vehicle connected with the property to

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park in front of the gates, thereby releasing a space elsewhere in Temple Road.*

10. To remove the no waiting at any time between the access ways to 28 and 30 Temple Road. This would compensate for the loss of parking elsewhere in the road.
11. To extend the amount of no waiting at any time, outside the access ways to 53A Temple Road, to prevent overhanging vehicles obstructing it.*
12. To provide additional no waiting at any time outside 48 Temple Road. This will coincide with the existing School Keep Clear markings near St Christopher's Church of England Primary School.
13. To replace the parking place opposite the entrance to St Christopher's School with No Waiting, Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30pm. This is to improve visibility safety for Children crossing the road and vehicles leaving St Christopher's Place.*
14. To move the parking place immediately east of the junction with St Christopher's Place slightly further away from the junction to improve visibility.

* Indicates proposal modified or introduced as a result of the Informal Consultation.

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Summary of Comments Received and Officer Response arising from the Formal Consultation

	Comment	Officer Response
1.	The resident feels that the proposals are a sensible approach. However, he considers that the no waiting at any time protecting the access to 12 St. Christopher's Place should be extended by 5 metres to ensure that large vehicles can manoeuvre unhindered.	It is believed that the extent of no waiting restrictions currently proposed is sufficient. It is therefore recommended that this addition is not progressed. Although these requests should be kept on file and reviewed next time Oxfordshire County Council has cause to vary this TRO. RECOMMEND: No TRO change.
2.	Another resident requested no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm outside numbers 12 and 14 St. Christopher's Place.	
	He would also like no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm outside to protect their access way in place of the no waiting at any time.	RECOMMEND: Amend the Traffic Regulation Order to reflect this request (see recommendation (iii)).
3.	One resident wondered if the sign for the no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm (as originally proposed opposite 10 St Christopher's Place) could be placed on the lamp column on the opposite side of the road.	Such signs have to be placed on the same side of the road as the restriction and in accordance with various siting rules. However, this comment has been largely overtaken by events (see below) RECOMMEND: No TRO change.
4	Another resident asked for the no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm (as originally proposed opposite 10 St Christopher's Place) to be moved to the same side as number 10.	This can only be achieved by protecting their access way with the no waiting Mon-Sat 8am-6.30pm, to which they agree. RECOMMEND: Amend the Traffic Regulation Order to reflect this request (see recommendations (i) & (ii))