

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 12 APRIL 2018

OXFORD: ABBEY ROAD AND CRIPLEY PLACE - PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND RESIDENTS PARKING SPACES

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on a proposal to amend waiting restrictions and residents parking spaces on Abbey Road and Cripsey Place, Oxford.

Background

2. The above proposal has been put forward as part of a proposed residential development at Abbey Road. A plan showing the proposal is provided at Annex 1.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 25 January and 16 February 2018. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, Oxford City Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were also placed in the vicinity of the proposed waiting restrictions and letters sent to approximately 20 adjacent properties.
4. Eight responses were received. 5 objections (60%) to the Abbey Road proposals and 4 objections (50%) for Cripsey Place. These responses are summarised at Annex. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objection and other comments

5. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals as advertised.
6. The objections and other responses were all from residents of the area primarily citing concerns that insufficient parking was provided for residents and that the current two-hour shared bays in Cripsey Place and the wider area were often abused by non-residents' vehicles over-staying this limit. That caused problems due to drivers searching for available spaces, noting that the area was close to the city centre and was, therefore, particularly prone to such behaviour.

7. The proposals for Abbey Road are for permit holder parking only and for Cripsey Place, the replacement of a currently unrestricted bay with a bay available for residents or two-hour waiting by non-residents. The proposals, therefore, would appear to be helping address the concerns raised by residents over the availability of residents parking places; although it is accepted that there may well be a case for a wider review of parking provision in the area. That would appear to be a wider matter than the changes being proposed in connection with the residential development on Abbey Road which is funding the proposals.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

8. Funding for the proposed waiting restrictions and amendment to residents parking spaces has been provided from the developers of land at Abbey Road

RECOMMENDATION

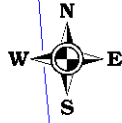
9. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to amend waiting restrictions and residents parking spaces on Abbey Road and Cripsey Place, Oxford as advertised.**

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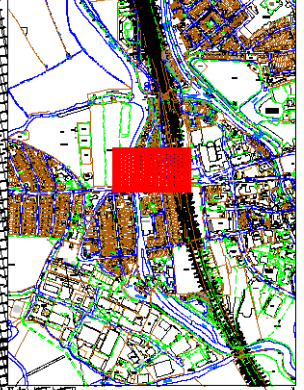
Background papers: Plan of proposed waiting restrictions
 Consultation responses

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Location Map






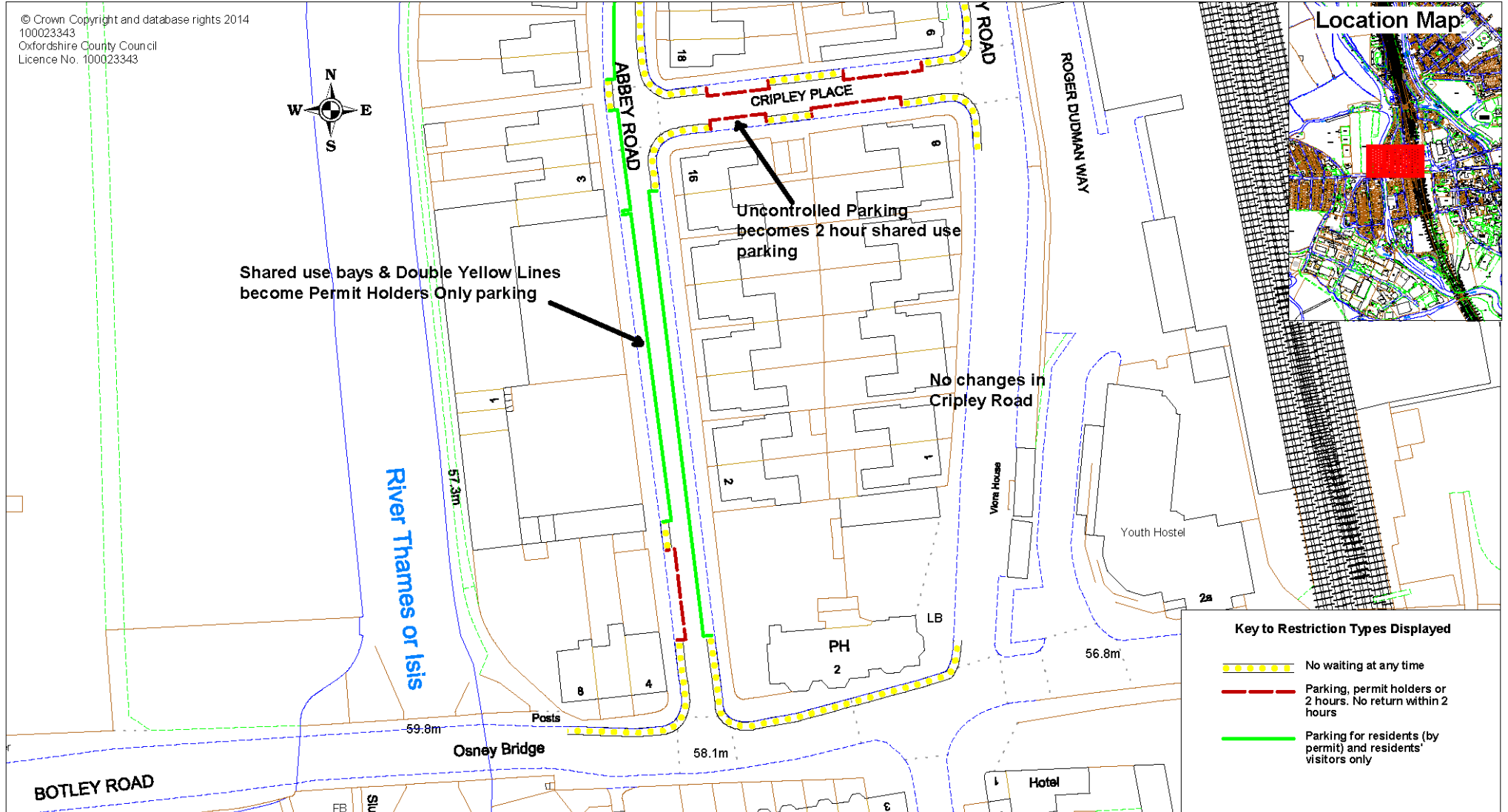
Shared use bays & Double Yellow Lines become Permit Holders Only parking

Uncontrolled Parking becomes 2 hour shared use parking

No changes in Cripsey Road

Key to Restriction Types Displayed

-  No waiting at any time
-  Parking, permit holders or 2 hours. No return within 2 hours
-  Parking for residents (by permit) and residents' visitors only



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**Proposed parking changes
 Abbey Road & Cripsey Place
 West Oxford**

SCALE	NTS
DATE	15/12/2017
DRAWING No.	
DRAWN BY	

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection.
Local Resident, (Abbey Road, Botley)	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Object – With the Cala homes development it is essential that existing and new residents have adequate parking in this area. I am pleased to see that the uncontrolled parking bay is to go, which is permanently abused by long stay parking. the biggest bugbear in this area is coaches overstaying their welcome, often on double yellow lines for drop offs staying at the yha or one hour plus meal drops at 'the one' pub/restaurant, often with the engines running to keep the 'aircon' running. Please have a dedicated drop off site for the yha, and ban coaches parking at length. Residents parking permits should include Cripsey road in the same way as Abbey road.</p> <p><u>Cripsey Place</u> – Support – My comments above cover most of this issue. Cripsey place must not be turned into a 'rat run'. nor an area for loitering taxis at all hours. Instigate some forward planning now with the future railway site redevelopment taken into consideration that will then be established in good time without more amendments and expense. aka Frideswide square!</p>
Local Resident, (unknown)	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Neither – I believe there are too few shared bays in Abbey Road as the permit only bays are often only partially used during the day. I would like to see the same number of shared spaces on the east side of Abbey Road as on the west side.</p> <p><u>Cripsey Place</u> – Neither – There are two 1-hour spaces adjacent to 'Go Eat' in Cripsey Road. I would like to see these changed to two hour spaces as a quid-pro-quo for removing the two unrestricted spaces in Cripsey Place.</p>
Local Resident, (Cripsey Road, Botley)	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Neither – see below</p> <p><u>Cripsey Place</u> - Neither- Preference is to remove the provision for two hour waiting – this does not benefit residents and leads to non-residents circling the area in the hope of finding a space to then travel to the nearby city centre; in addition to the inconvenience and noise, such users also leave litter etc. in the areas.</p>
Local Resident, (Abbey Road area)	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Object – see below</p> <p><u>Cripsey Place</u> - Object - Why, is there no attempt to use this review to sort out the parking issues on Cripsey road?! If the Council could make all of Cripsey Road double yellow/residents' parking - as it clearly should be (it being a residential street not a short stay car park) then coaches would not be drawn into the street.</p>

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<p>Local Resident, (Abbey Road area)</p>	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Object – see below <u>Cripley Place</u> - Object - Whatever the good intentions of the last review and subsequent changes (I was told something about easing strain on residents parking in Mill St), it clearly hasn't worked. The residents side is usually not full to capacity and the 2hr bays are almost always filled by either shoppers or coaches! So, as James and I have pointed out repeatedly, it's not only failed it's made things far worse for local residents</p>
<p>Local Resident, (Abbey Road area)</p>	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Object – see below <u>Cripley Place</u> - Object - Just to add - the 2 hour parking spaces are very rarely used by residents. I always see people returning with shopping bags (why bother paying for parking in the city centre when you can park for free!) At the weekend in particular you see so many cars driving around waiting for a parking space to become free. The temporary car park that was set up in Oxpens should be turned back into a coach park before the summer (at least until a better solution for tourist coaches is found).The spaces should be residents only.</p>
<p>Local Resident, (Abbey Road area)</p>	<p><u>Abbey Road</u> – Object – see below <u>Cripley Place</u> - Object - My view is close down these bays and make them all residential, preserving our neighbourhood and the environment.</p>