

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 24 MARCH 2011

VARIOUS ROADS, SONNING COMMON - PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND RESTRICTED LOADING

**Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy -
Highways & Transport**

Introduction

1. This report considers objections/comments received to a consultation and formal advertisement of the proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' restrictions along with a restricted loading bay, on various roads in Sonning Common. The extents of the restrictions are shown on the plans at Annex 1.

Background

2. Vehicles parked in the vicinity of the junctions of Sedgewell Road/Wood Lane, Sedgewell Road/Peppard Road and Wood Lane/Peppard Road present an accident risk and contribute to congestion near these junctions. The Town Council and various residents requested the proposed restrictions to reduce these problems.

Consultation

3. An informal consultation on suggested amendments to existing waiting restrictions which sought the views and comments of local and statutory stakeholders was carried out in August and September, 2010. This resulted in some amendments to the original suggestions which then formed the formal proposals.
4. The proposals were subsequently advertised in the local press, notices posted on site and copies of the notice, draft Order, statement of reasons and plans posted to all the statutory consultees and affected frontagers. Consultation with statutory consultees and affected frontagers was carried out between 21 January and 18 February, 2011.
5. Thames Valley Police indicated that they had no objection to the waiting restriction proposals but stated that they would prefer the loading restriction to have been shortened to a maximum of 10 minutes
6. Sonning Common Parish Council support the proposals.
7. Support has also been received in respect of the Wood Lane and Woodlands Road proposals from 2 residents of Wood Lane.
8. Three letters with objections/comments have been received. 1 from a local resident and 2 from shopkeepers on Peppard Road. Summaries of their comments are set out in Annex 2 to this report.

9. The local resident indicated that they would have preferred the waiting restrictions to have been applied equally on both sides of Wood Lane near Woodlands Road.
10. The shopkeepers both refer to the proposals close to the junctions on Peppard Road having an adverse effect on their business as potential customers will now no longer be able to park quite so close to their establishments.

Conclusion

11. In respect of the waiting and loading restrictions in Wood Lane and Woodlands Road close to the shops these proposals were included in the planning consent in respect of the Co-operative store at the junction.
12. In respect of the proposed restrictions at the junction of Sedgewell Road/Peppard Road and Wood Lane/Peppard Road these proposals merely reflect the advice contained within the Highway Code about parking at or near junctions.

Financial and Staff Implications

13. The cost of introducing the waiting and loading restrictions on Wood Lane and Woodlands Road near the shops will be met from monies received through the planning process and allocated to the County Council's maintenance budget. The remainder will be met from the County Council's maintenance budget.
14. The preparation of the Order has been undertaken by officers from Environment & Economy as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

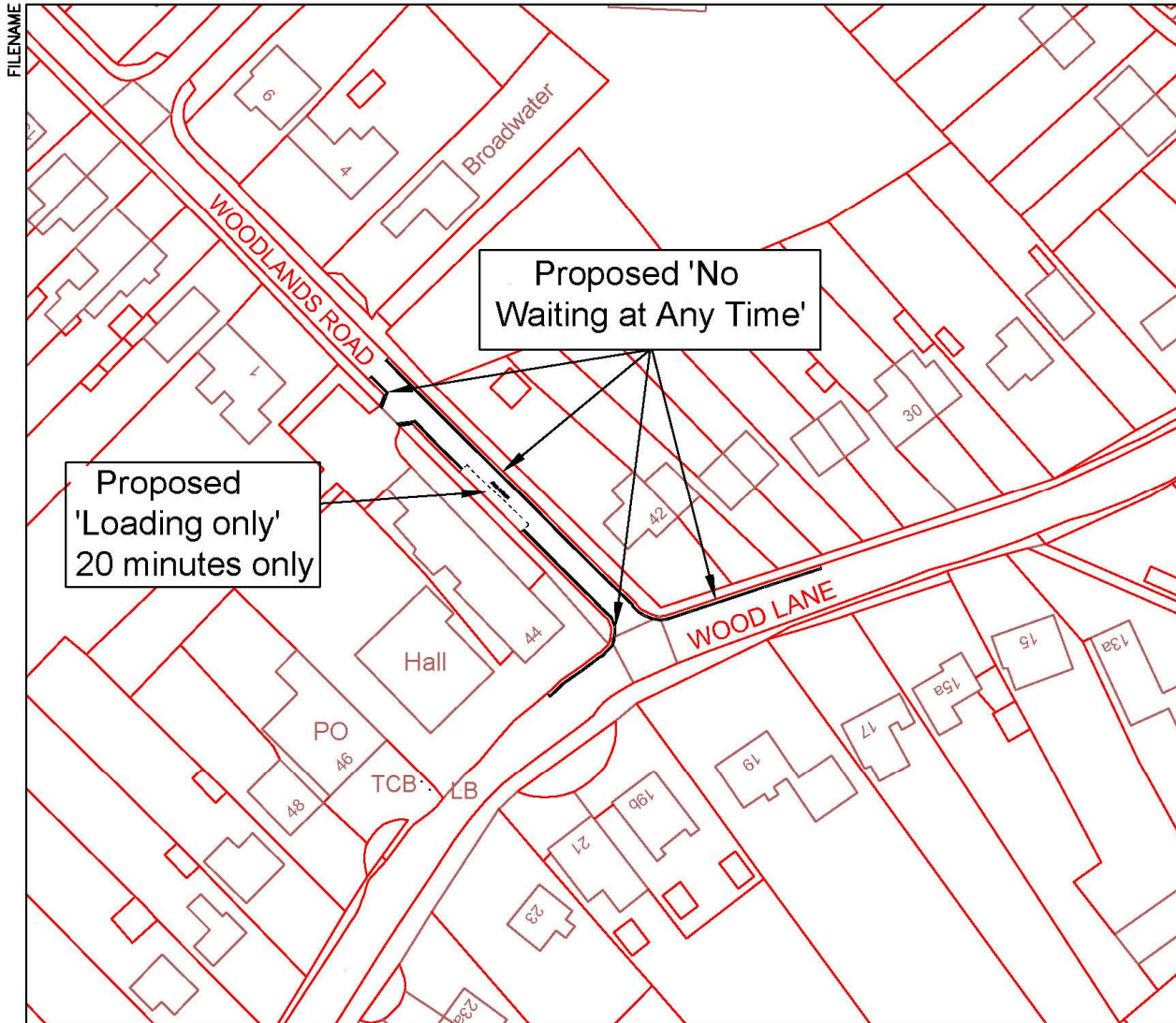
15. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - (a) **approve the various roads, Sonning Common prohibition of waiting and restricted loading proposals as advertised; and**
 - (b) **authorise the necessary works to implement the proposals.**

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Background papers:

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Proposed
Waiting Restrictions
& Loading Bay

Title:
Wood Lane &
Woodlands Road,
Sonning Common

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