DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

13 NOVEMBER 2025

OXFORD: VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED 'NO WAITING AT ANY TIME' PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is RECOMMENDED to:

Approve the introduction of new 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) & amendment of existing parking restrictions, at the following locations as advertised:

- (a) Alice Smith Square,
- (b) Ashmole Place,
- (c) Balfour Road,
- (d) Bampton Close,
- (e) Brake Hill,
- (f) Brampton Road,
- (g) Chapel Lane,
- (h) Columbine Gardens,
- (i) Druce Way,
- (j) Field Avenue,
- (k) Frenchay Road,
- (I) Grenoble Road,
- (m) Harebell Road,
- (n) Jack Argent Close,
- (o) Jordan Hill,
- (p) Jowett Walk,
- (q) Moorbank,
- (r) Norman Smith Road,
- (s) Park Town,
- (t) Partridge Walk,
- (u) Railway Lane,
- (v) Sandford Road,
- (w) Warburg Crescent,
- (x) Wilcote Road, and
- (y) Wilcote Road link road.

Executive Summary

- 2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce new 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions (in the form of double yellow lines) in various roads within Oxford.
- 3. The primary aim of these proposals is to address safety and accessibility concerns at key locations:
 - 17 junctions and 4 bends, where parked vehicles currently reduce visibility or block the movement of vehicles. Consequently, some of the roads will need to be considered together as shown by the plans contained in Annexes 1 to 16.
 - 6 narrow road sections where vehicles either park on the footway or in the road, thereby obstruct some form of passing traffic.
 - 24 vehicle accesses that will be protected, either specifically, or indirectly, because of the above measures
 - In Grenoble Road, parking spaces reserved solely for cars, would be removed to allow buses to access a relocated bus stop.
 - On Field Avenue the existing double yellow lines opposite the school, introduce several years ago to address hazardous parking at either ends of the school day, would be formalised.
- 4. These proposals, covering 16 locations across the city, have been grouped together to distribute the legal costs associated with promoting a Traffic Regulation Order. If each location had been proposed separately, individual legal fees would have applied. Full details of the proposals are provided in **Annexes 1** to **16**.
- 5. The proposals have been put forward following various collated complaints from members of the public, County & City Councillors, a local school, and site observations by Officers.

Corporate Policies and Priorities

- 2. Of the nine priorities identified within the 'Oxfordshire Strategic Plan 2022-2025', the proposals support priority nos.3 & 5, with the nine priorities listed below:
 - (1) Put action to address the climate emergency at the heart of our work.
 - (2) Tackle inequalities in Oxfordshire.
 - (3) Prioritise the health and wellbeing of residents.
 - (4) Support carers and the social care system.
 - (5) Invest in an inclusive, integrated and sustainable transport network.
 - (6) Preserve and improve access to nature and green spaces.
 - (7) Create opportunities for children and young people to reach their full potential.
 - (8) Play our part in a vibrant and participatory local democracy.
 - (9) Work with local businesses and partners for environmental, economic and social benefit

Financial Implications

6. Funding for consultation on the proposals (and implementation if approved) has been provided by the County Council's Accessibility & Road Safety budget.

Legal Implications

- 7. The consultation that has been undertaken complies with the consultation requirements for the various elements as required by law including under the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and any other relevant legislation.
- 8. The scheme has been promoted by Oxfordshire County Council as the Highway Authority and Traffic Authority under the Highways Act 1980, and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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Staff Implications

9. The design & appraisal of the proposals, as well as the consultation process have been undertaken by Officers from the 'Traffic & Road Safety' and 'TRO & Schemes' teams as part of their regular day-to-day duties, with no additional/negative impact on capacity expected.

Equality & Inclusion Implications

10. No negative implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

11. The proposals will help maintain and improve road safety in these roads, by making provision for a bus stop, preventing vehicles from parking too close to junctions and causing highway obstructions, thereby improving visibility, and making it easier for pedestrians to cross.

Risk Management

12. No potential significant health and safety or service provision risks, or potentially significant financial impact have been identified in these proposals.

Formal Consultation

- 13. Formal consultation was carried out between 28 August and 26 September 2025. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper, and an email was sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport/access & disabled peoples user groups, Oxford City Council, relevant local City Cllrs, Blackbird Leys & Littlemore Parish Councils, and the local County Councillors representing the 'Rose Hill & Littlemore', Leys, 'Barton, Sandhills & Risinghurst', 'Summertown & Walton Manor', and Parks divisions.
- 14. Letters were also sent directly to approximately 950 properties in the immediate vicinity. Although plans were not included with the individual letters, instructions were provided on how to view them online.
- 15. The parish council, and local Councillors (including County, District, Parish) were also encouraged to use the consultation documents provided to publicise the proposals amongst local residents as necessary.
- 16. During the course of the formal consultation, 260 responses were received via the online survey, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Object	Partially support / concerns	Support	No opinion /objection	Total
Alice Smith Square	129 (50%)	9 (4%)	45 (17%)	77	260
Ashmole Place	120 (46%)	9 (4%)	44 (17%)	87	260
Balfour Road	125 (48%)	8 (3%)	46 (18%)	81	260
Bampton Close	117 (45%)	9 (4%)	42 (16%)	92	260
Brake Hill	125 (48%)	9 (4%)	48 (19%)	78	260
Brampton Road	123 (47%)	6 (2%)	46 (18%)	85	260
Chapel Lane	119 (46%)	6 (2%)	46 (18%)	89	260
Columbine Gardens	122 (47%)	8 (3%)	44 (17%)	86	260
Druce Way	125 (48%)	6 (2%)	43 (17%)	86	260
Field Avenue	124 (48%)	7 (3%)	44 (17%)	85	260
Frenchay Road	126 (49%)	7 (3%)	59 (23%)	68	260
Grenoble Road	131 (50%)	7 (3%)	47 (18%)	75	260
Harebell Road	120(46%)	6 (2%)	43 (17%)	91	260
Jack Argent Close	123 (47%)	8 (3%)	43 (17%)	86	260

Jordan Hill	118 (45%)	7 (3%)	47 (18%)	88	260
Jowett Walk	120 (46%)	5 (2%)	47 (18%)	88	260
Moorbank	120 (46%)	6 (2%)	43 (17%)	91	260
Norman Smith Road	119 (46%)	5 (2%)	45 (17%)	91	260
Park Town	125 (48%)	4 (2%)	49 (19%)	82	260
Partridge Walk	117 (45%)	6 (2%)	48 (19%)	89	260
Railway Lane	121 (47%)	6 (2%)	52 (20%)	81	260
Sandford Road	129 (50%)	3 (1%)	53 (20%)	75	260
Warburg Crescent	118 (45%)	3 (1%)	46 (18%)	93	260
Wilcote Road	122 (47%)	5 (2%)	49 (19%)	84	260
Wilcote Road (link)	121 (47%)	5 (2%)	49 (19%)	85	260

- 17. Additionally, a further 14 emails were received directly with Thames Valley Police not objecting. 'Oxford Pedestrians Association' & 'Oxfordshire Liveable Streets' both supported the proposals, albeit 'Oxfordshire Liveable Streets' raised concerns about three of the locations. The local group 'ROX' (backing oxford business) objected to the proposals on the basis that it would cause difficulties for businesses, staff, customers, and also for residents and their visitors.
- 18. Further objections were received from local residents of Brampton Road, Frenchay Road, Jordan Hill, and Park Town. Whilst residents of Brampton Road, Field Avenue, Jordan Hill, Medhurst Way, Portland Road, and St John Street raised concerns or offered their partial support.
- 19. However, it should be noted that 3 of the comments Used to support objections were based on a misinterpretation of the proposals or a general criticism of Oxfordshire County Council's transportation policies, while 12 others failed to give any argument against the reasons behind the proposals, which amounts to just under 6% of those who objected.
- 20. The full responses are shown in **Annex 17**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors. Any comments received that Officers identify as containing personal abuse and/or other personal information will be redacted as appropriate.

Officer Response to Objections/Concerns

21. Several objectors criticized the consultation process as being inadequate and lacking transparency, with several citing the lack of any plans.

- 22. As referenced in paragraph 13, clear instructions were provided for accessing the plans online. Accordingly, individuals who submitted comments via the online portal should have been able to view the plans using the same webpage.
- 23. Many objectors believe the proposed double yellow lines and parking bans are excessive and not justified.
- 24. County Council Officers conducted site visits at each location, with several sites inspected on multiple occasions to verify reported concerns.
- 25. Certain comments indicated a lack of clarity regarding the scope of the proposed restrictions. Such misunderstandings may have resulted from individuals not consulting the detailed proposals or failing to appreciate that the initiative consists of 16 distinct schemes distributed throughout the city, as opposed to a single, comprehensive project in one area.
- 26. Concerns about reduced on-street parking for residents, carers, visitors, and businesses, where off-street parking is limited, especially at night and during busy times were expressed.
- 27. Most of the sites are at junctions, bends with limited visibility, or across accessways. The Highway Code advises against parking in these areas or where they would cause an obstruction on narrow sections of road, whether on the footway or carriageway. Consequently, vehicles should not be parked in these locations anyway.
- 28. Some objectors felt that the proposals would cause harm to local businesses by reducing parking, which would deter customers and damage the local economy, while another requested a drop-off point near the Kassam Stadium.
- 29. Most proposed locations are in residential roads, distant from shops, businesses, and the stadium. Consequently, they are unlikely to impact trade or access to the business. In fact, improved access for delivery vehicles may result in operational efficiencies.
- 30. Where businesses are present, residents requesting the controls, have alleged that patron parking contributes to the existing issues. However, the effect of these measures is expected to encourage patrons to park slightly further away from the road junctions, mitigating the problem without significantly affecting parking capacity in the area.
- 31. There are claims that displaced vehicles are likely to push cars into nearby streets, increasing congestion and creating new safety issues. While it is acknowledged that displacement may occur, this does not mean new safety issues will arise. However, should such issues occur in the future, officers will investigate and propose solutions, subject to available resources.
- 32. Concerns were raised that the loss of parking could increase isolation, strain community relations, and disproportionately affect vulnerable groups—

- especially elderly, disabled, low-income residents, carers, and families with children—by limiting parking and the ability to be picked up close to their homes, potentially reducing independence and social contact.
- 33. As suggested in paragraph 24 above, it is believed that those who raised this concern may have thought that the proposals were far wider reaching than they really are.
- 34. Additionally, anyone can still pick up, drop off, load, and unload passengers on double yellow lines, as no loading controls are proposed—provided they do not cause an obstruction. Disabled residents with a blue badge may also qualify for a Disabled Persons' Parking place to be provided nearby.
- 35. Some objectors called for better enforcement of existing rules (e.g. parking on the footway or being parked too close to a junction) Instead of introducing double yellow lines.
- 36. Enforcement of the rules mentioned, is currently limited to Thames Valley Police and only under specific circumstances. For instance, parking a vehicle on the footway constitutes an offence only if a police officer observes a pedestrian being obstructed, or if the vehicle is being driven on the footway at the time. Merely parking on the footway is insufficient for prosecution.
- 37. Also, parking within 10 metres of a junction is only advice rather than an enforceable rule. In such cases only TVP could prosecute, if the attending police Officer is able to establish that the vehicle was a danger, or causing an obstruction.
- 38. However, the introduction of double yellow lines Would enable one of Oxfordshire County Council's Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) to issue a penalty charge notice, since double yellow lines apply to any highway verge or footway adjacent to them, irrespective of whether an obstruction occurs or if the CEO witnessed the vehicle being driven along the footway.
- 39. Additionally, comments were made concerning the lack of enforcement relating to existing parking controls. However, levels of enforcement are outside the scope of this report.
- 40. Some suggested less severe measures, such as daytime only prohibitions, time-limited parking, a residents' only permit scheme or additional permit holders only parking places, to balance safety and parking needs.
- 41. Sadly, the parking issues that these proposals are designed to combat are worst during the evening. Consequently, daytime parking controls would do little to solve the problems.
- 42. The implementation of resident permit or time-limited parking typically requires establishing a Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) or Permit Parking Area (PPA), which falls outside the scope of this report. As does providing additional permit holders' only parking places where zones already exist.

- 43. Notably, previous proposals for a permit parking area in the Blackbird Leys area, where some of the double yellow lines are now being proposed, were rejected by residents.
- 44. Residents have also requested traffic calming since vehicle speeds are likely to increase if yellow lines are introduced. Unfortunately, this is beyond the scope of this report.
- 45. Consider footway parking to minimize the loss of residents' parking spaces. This has been considered at one of the locations previously. However, footway parking no longer accords with Oxfordshire County Council policies.
- 46. Several people have asked if alternative off street parking can be provided. Unfortunately, this is outside the scope of this report as well as being unlikely in most of the areas under consideration.
- 47. Some residents reported that parked vehicles obstruct access to their off-street parking. In most cases, further details are needed to determine if the proposals will resolve these issues. Where this is not addressed by the proposals, residents may apply for a Private Access Protection Marking.
- 48. Requests were also received for additional no waiting controls beyond those currently advertised. However, these cannot be incorporated into the present proposals, as doing so would constitute a "significant change" and require the statutory process to be repeated. It is therefore more appropriate to consider such requests at a future date.
- 49. A request has been received to remove a specific Disabled Persons Parking Place. As this cannot be done as part of these proposals, for legal reasons, the request has already been forwarded to the officer who manages these parking places for review.
- 50. An objection was received to removing the permit holders 'only bay in Frenchay Road, as it provides traffic calming. However, this bay was only permitted because the road' was a short cul-de-sac, well within the Fire & Rescue Service's manual handling range, when first installed. Consequently, a substandard width between the bays was permitted. However, this is no longer the case since the road was extended into the Waterways development.
- 51. A specific objection was raised to removing the permit holders' bays in Park Town. Sadly, these do not meet Department for Transport width regulations and widening would reduce the carriageway below the minimum required by the Fire & Rescue Service.

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Annex(es): Annexes 1-16: Consultation plans

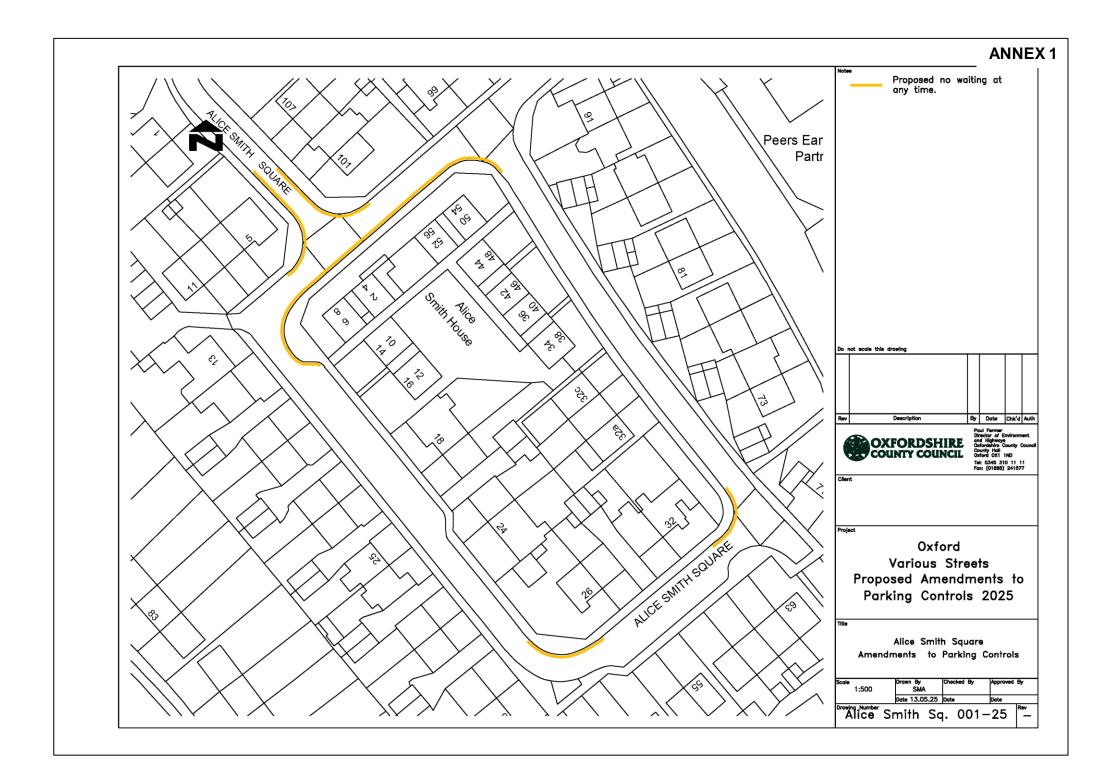
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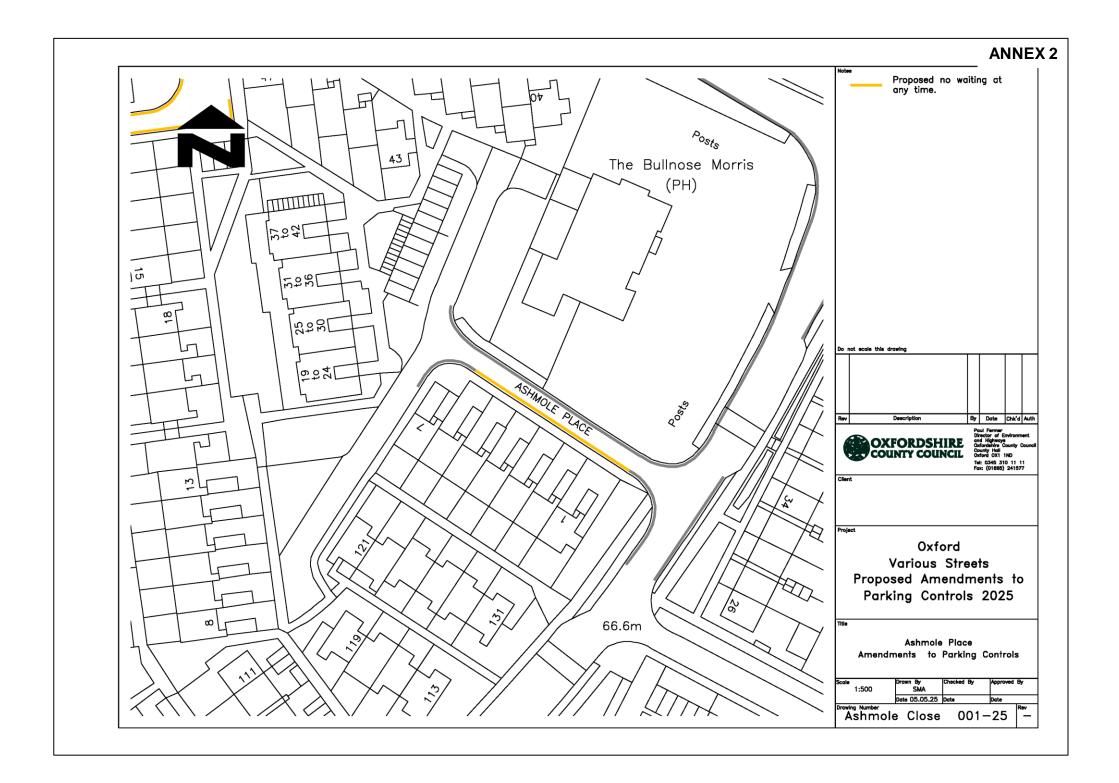
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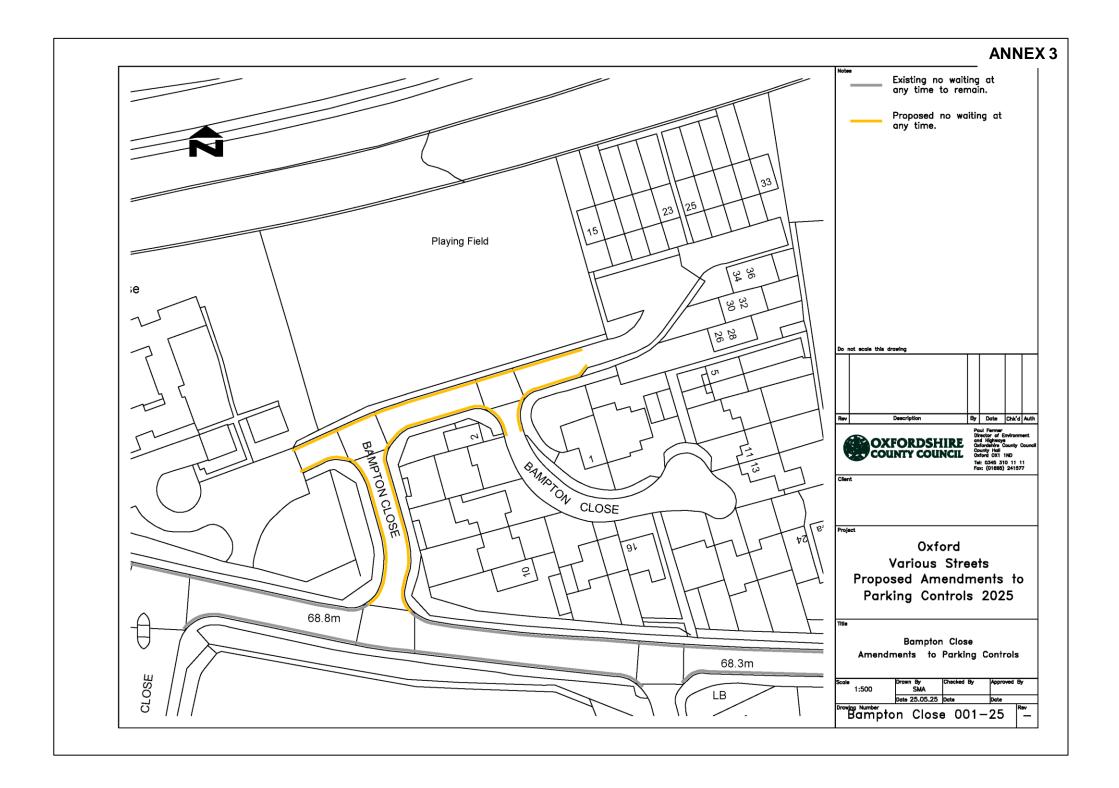
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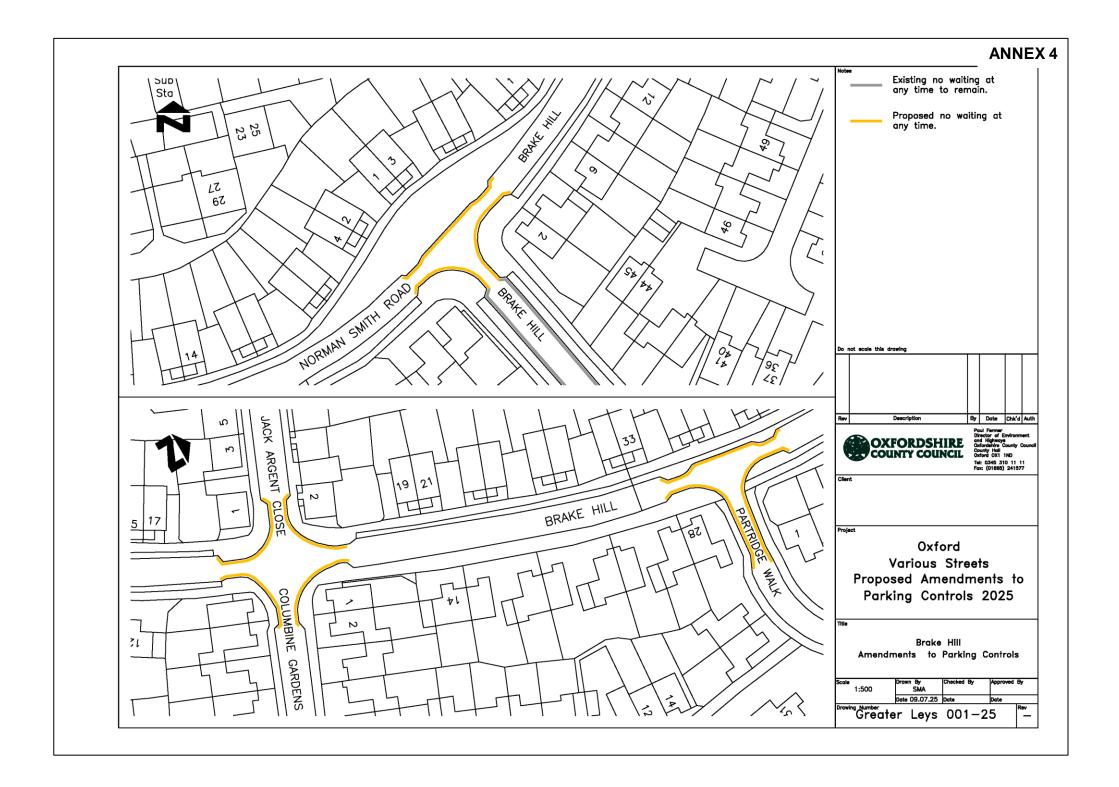
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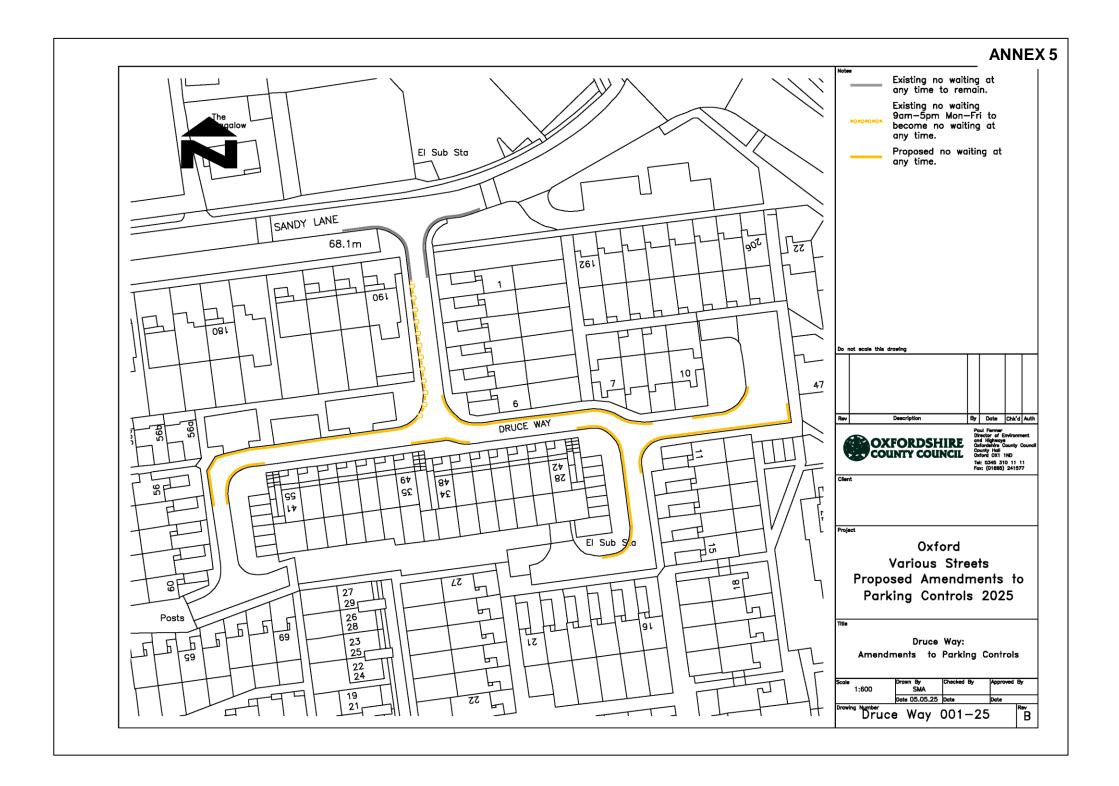
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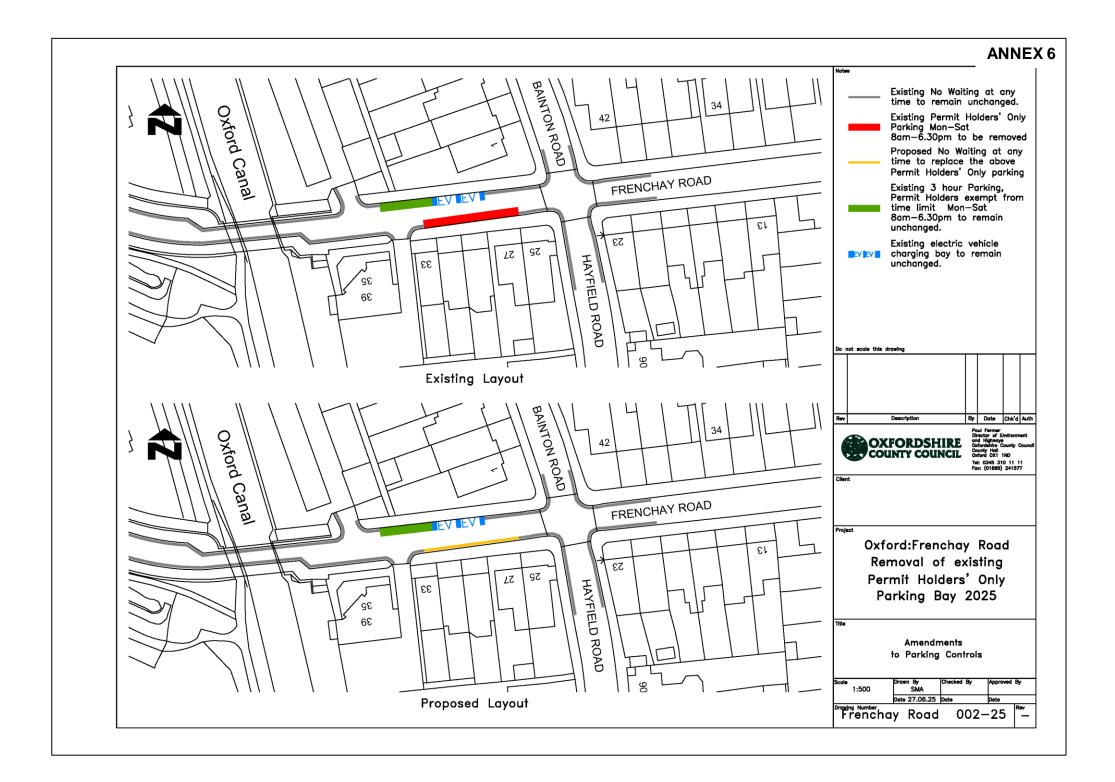


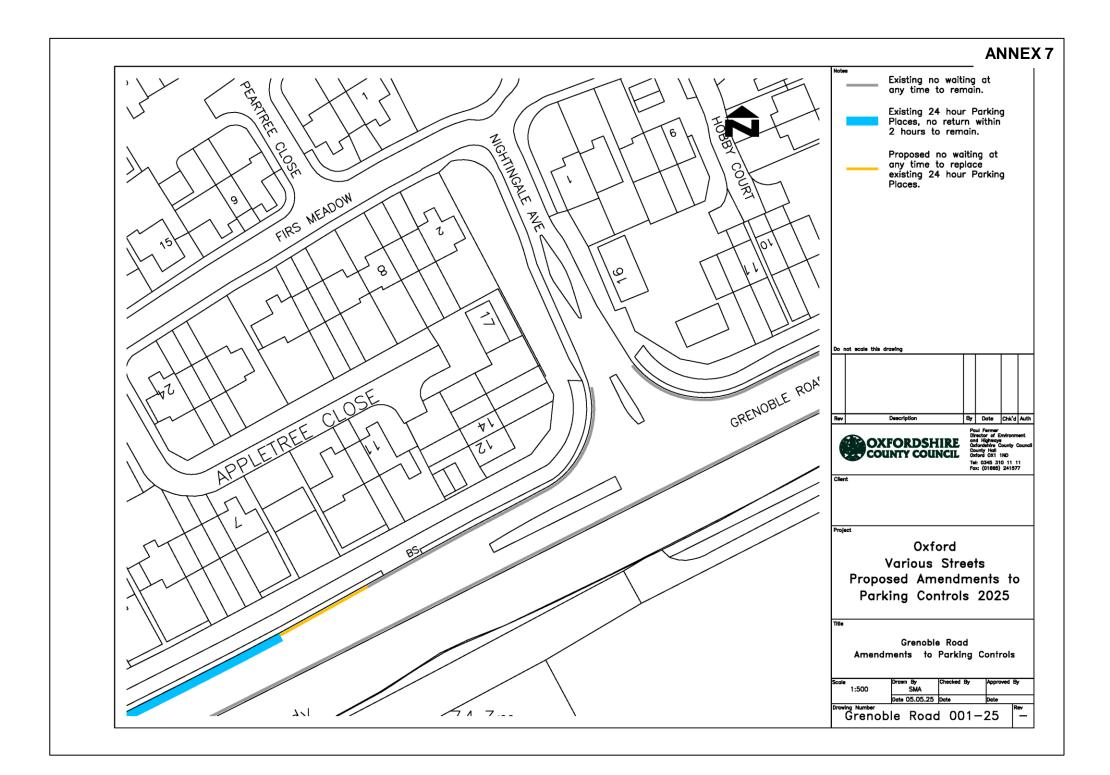




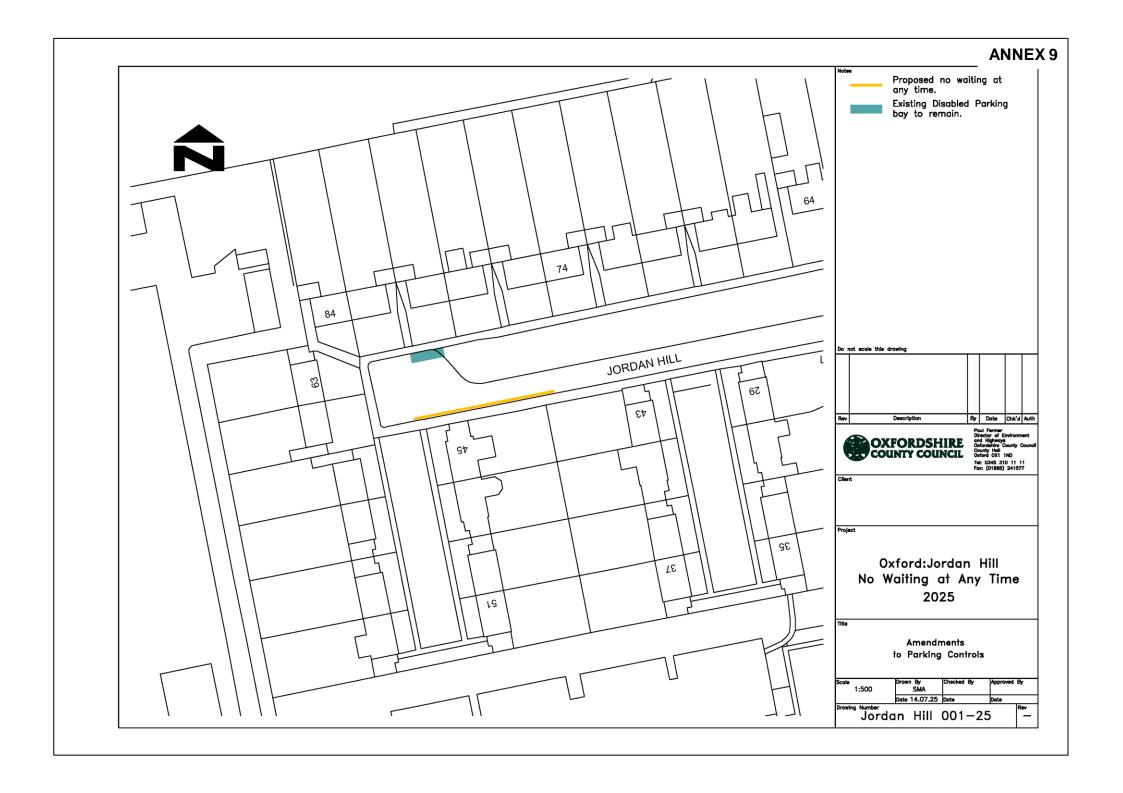




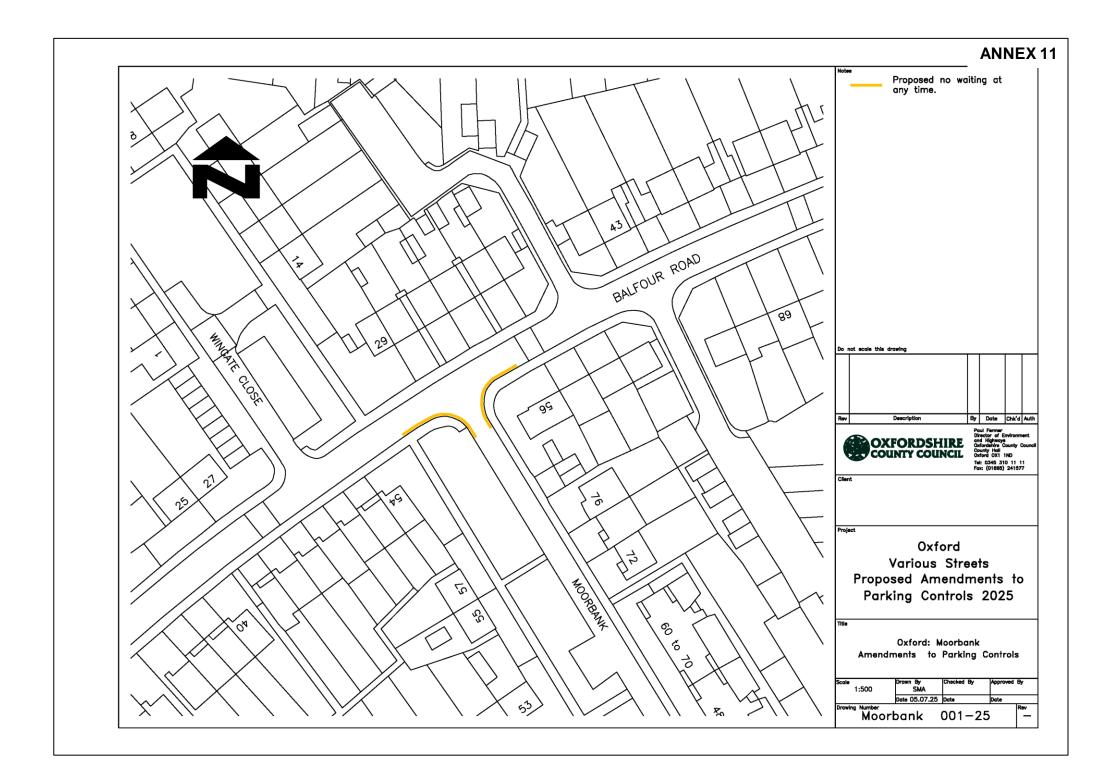


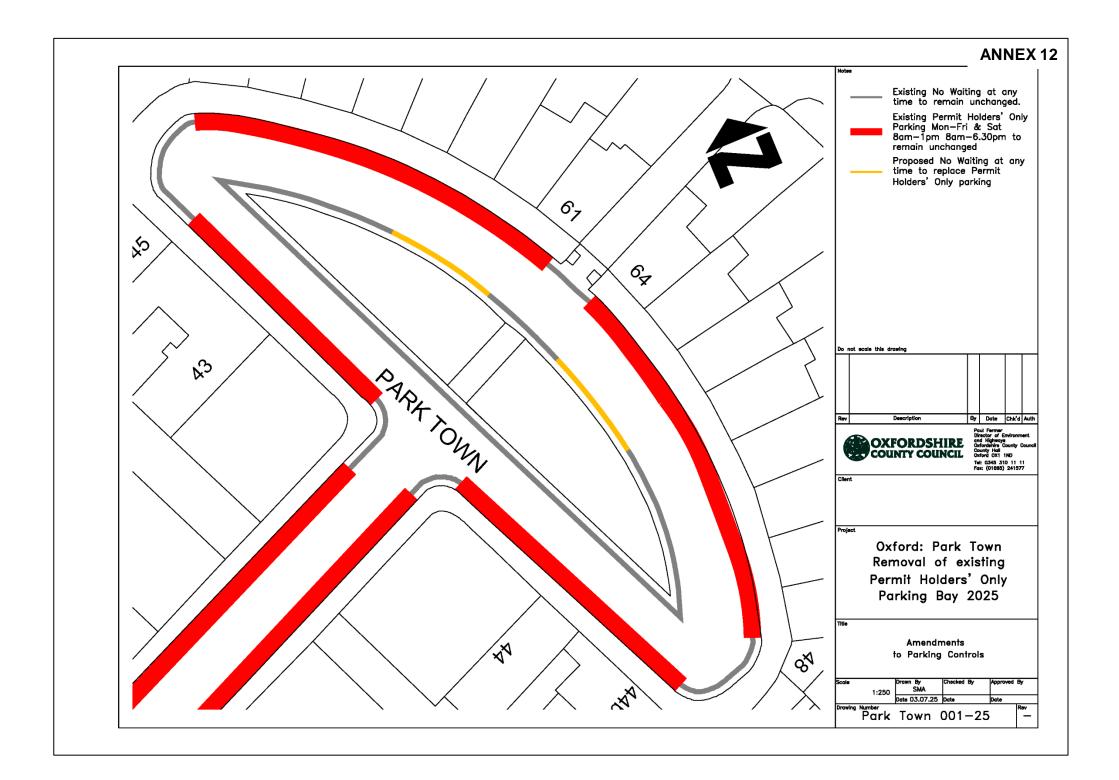


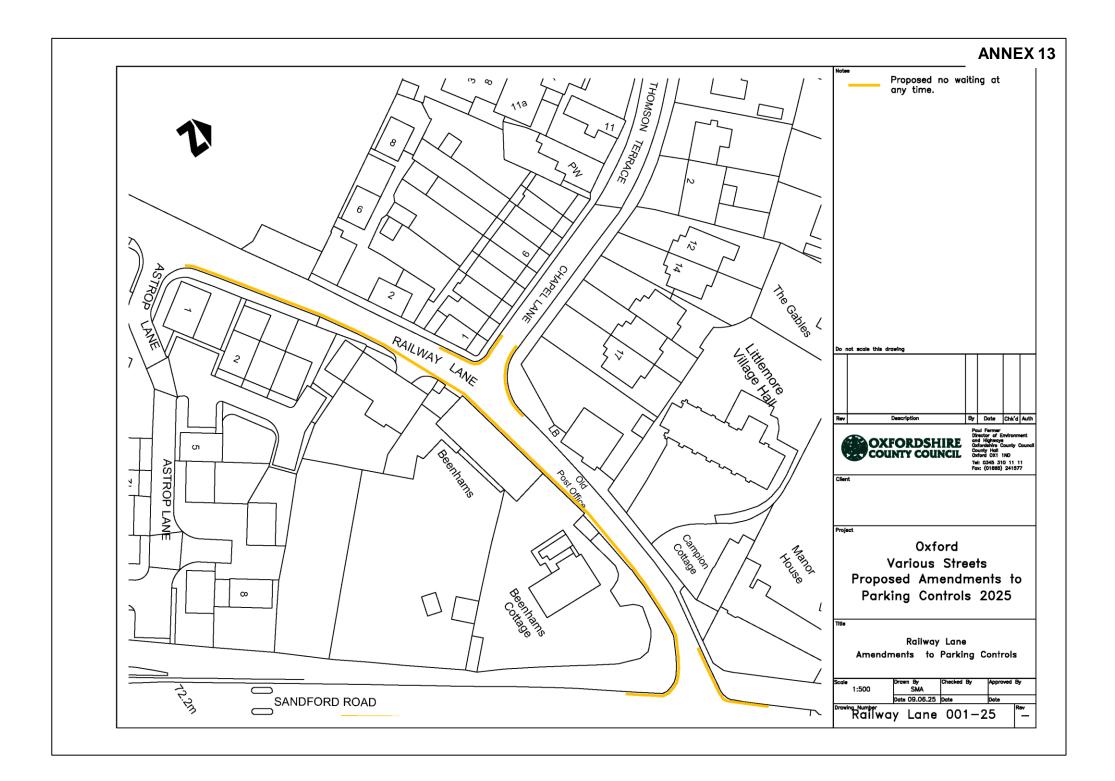
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