

Division(s): Churchill and Lye Valley

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 2 MARCH 2017

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS WOOD FARM AREA OXFORD

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents objections and comments received in the course of the statutory consultation on proposals to introduce waiting restrictions in various roads in the Wood Farm area, Oxford.

Background

2. Following local requests for action to address concerns over parking in the Wood Farm area, proposals have been prepared for introducing no waiting at any time restrictions in Blackstock Close, and in Masons Road, Titup Hall Drive and Wood Farm Road at their junctions with various side roads as shown in Annexes 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Consultation

3. These proposals require an amendment to the relevant Traffic Regulation Order and, accordingly, a formal consultation was carried out between 8 December 2016 and 13 January 2017, comprising the publishing of a notice in the newspaper, the provision of street notices, and letters being sent to properties adjacent to the proposals. The local member, and Oxford City Council, together with the police and other statutory consultees were also consulted. A dedicated page was also added to the County's online consultation portal to allow people to view and respond to the proposals.
4. Nine responses were received (as summarized in Annex 5), comprising three objections, three expressions of support (or no objection), and three expressing support (or no objection, but requesting consideration of additional restrictions. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

Response to objections and concerns

5. Councillor Liz Brighouse, the local member, expressed support for the proposal, and Thames Valley Police raised no objection to the proposal. Additionally, a resident of a road accessed off Blackstock Close raised concerns over obstructive parking on Blackstock Close and would presumably

be in support of the proposals as advertised, although was not specifically responding to this consultation.

6. An objection was received from a resident of Atkyns Road on the grounds that the proposal would result in difficulty in finding a parking space close to their property. However it is not considered desirable to shorten or remove the proposed length of double yellow line in the vicinity of the resident's property as these proposals are limited to protecting junctions and access ways and there remains a substantial amount of unrestricted kerb space beyond the proposed controls which may offer parking opportunities a short distance away.
7. Two objections were received from the same address in Blackstock Close on the grounds that the proposed restrictions at the north east end of the road adjacent to residential properties were unnecessary and would cause significant difficulties for residents, and requested consideration of a residents parking scheme. All the residential properties at this end of the Close have off-street parking provision, though it is appreciated that this provision may not meet the demand at times, for example where occupants have more than one car, or several visitors etc. However, the road is quite narrow and there are in any cases quite limited spaces where cars may be parked without causing obstruction to the off street spaces, or without parking on the footway, thereby presenting a potential hazard to pedestrians.
8. Three responses were received requesting consideration of additional lengths of waiting restrictions, including from Stagecoach Bus Company who operate the number 10 service, which provides an important local amenity for residents of the area. It is accepted that several of the suggestions would be beneficial, especially as it does appear that there has been some additional parking demand in the area since the recent implementation of the CPZ in Lye Valley (which is immediately adjacent to the Wood Farm area). Subject to confirmation of funding, it is hoped that work on introducing a CPZ in the Wood Farm area will commence in 2017/18. This would provide an opportunity to include these suggestions, but should there be a delay in progressing that project there may be a case for progressing these as a low cost project as an interim measure.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

9. The proposals will facilitate the safe and efficient movement of traffic by the better management of parking in the area. They will also assist bus movements through the area.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

10. Funding for the proposal is being provided through S106 funding; the appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by Communities officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

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

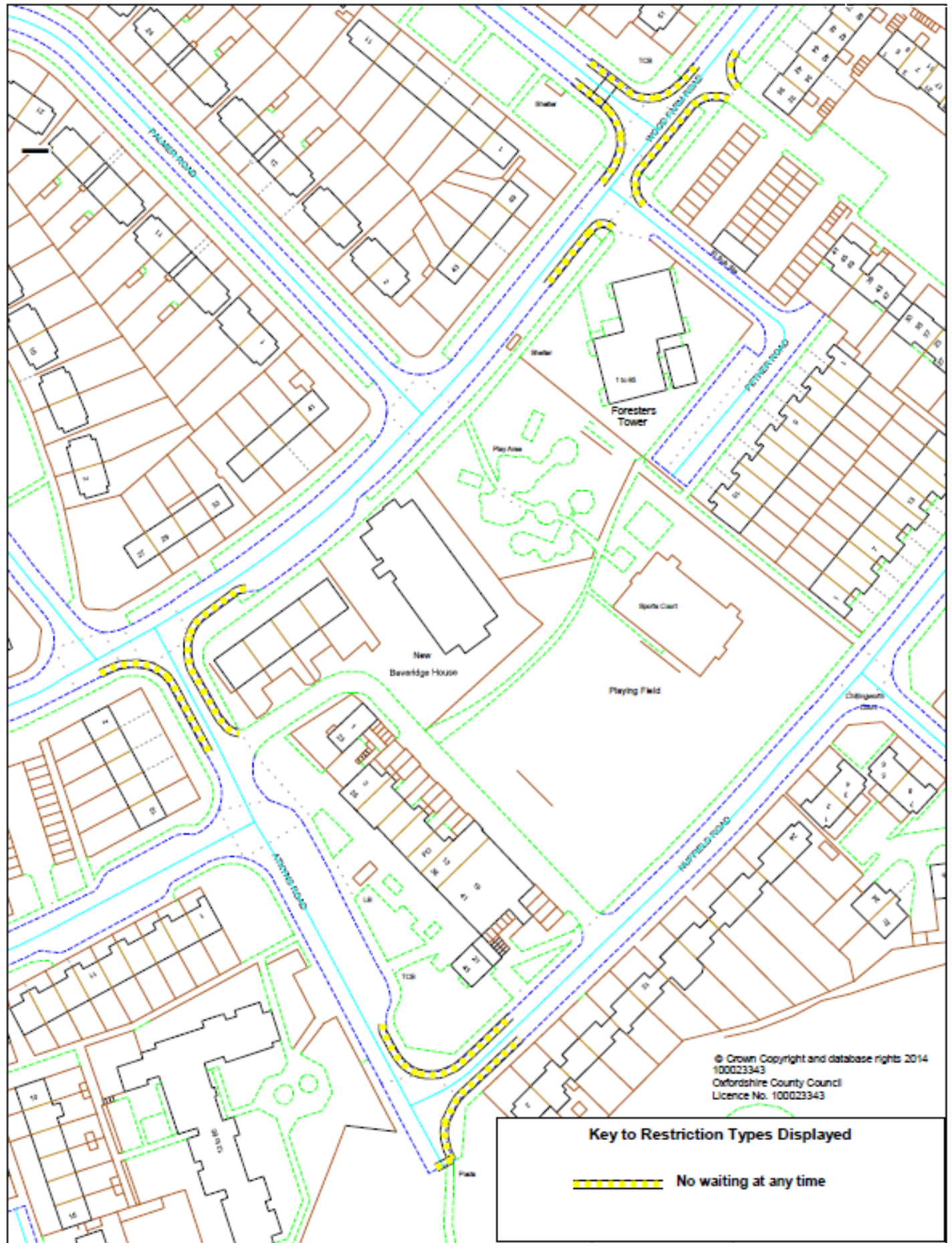
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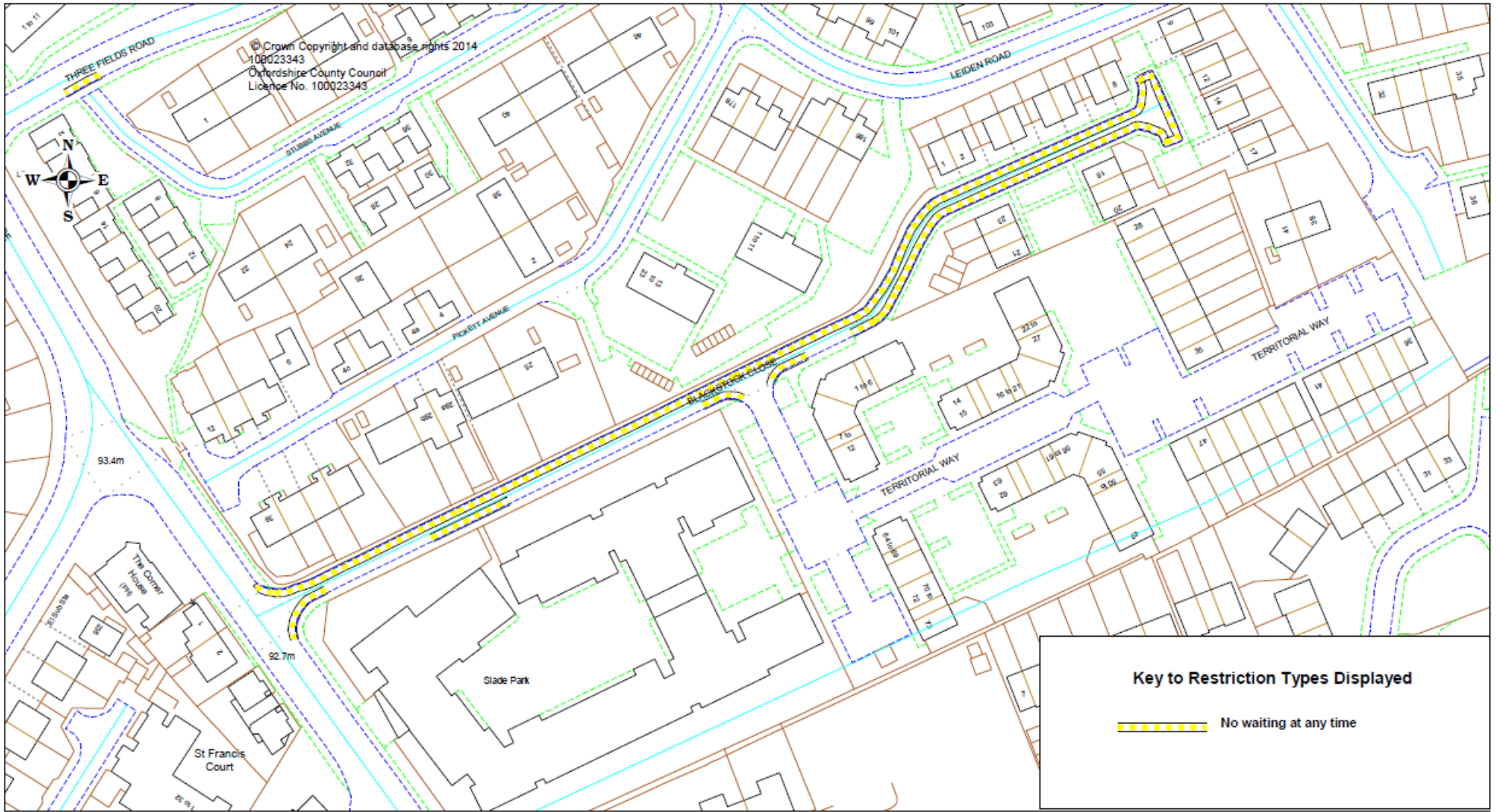
Background papers: Consultation responses

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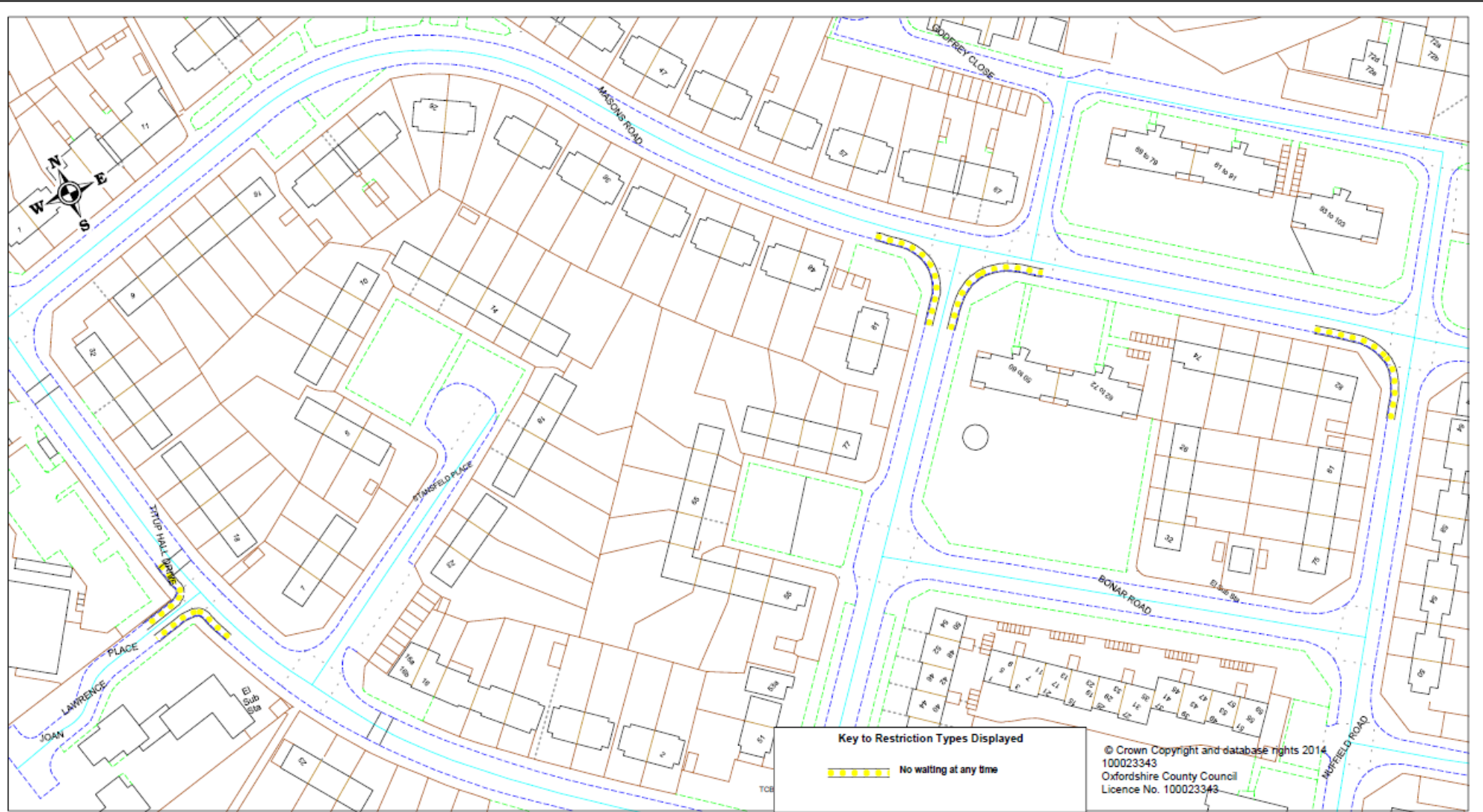



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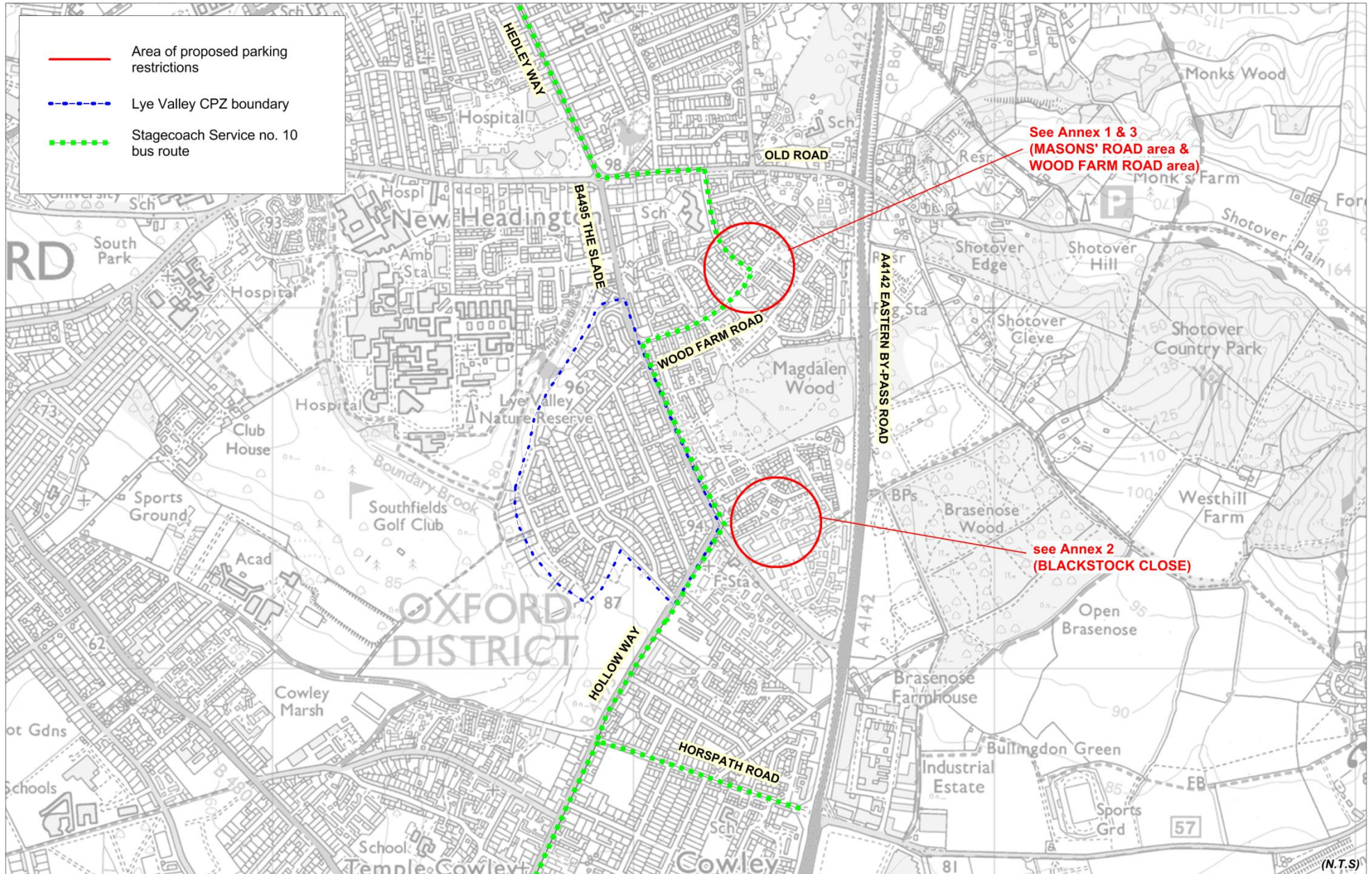
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PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTION
 JOAN LAWRENCE PLACE, MASONS' ROAD,
 NUFFIELD ROAD & WOOD FARM ROAD

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Respondent	Comments
Cllr Brighthouse (local member)	Supports proposals
Thames Valley Police	No objection
Stagecoach Bus Company	Supports proposals but requests additional restrictions to parking on the south side of Wood Farm Road, from the Foresters Tower stop used by buses towards the city to New Beveridge House, and from the junction with Atkyns Road to The Slade, and also a small restriction at the entry to Stansfield Place on Titup Hall Drive.
Resident of Atkyns Road	No objection, but requested an additional length of double yellow lines on Atkyns Road opposite the shops, in particular to help keep an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point clear of parked vehicles
Resident of Atkyns Road	Objected on the grounds of lack of parking provision.
Residents of Blackstock Close (2 residents of same property submitted separate but very similar responses)	Objects on the grounds of loss of parking at the north east end of the road where the residential premises are located – while supporting the proposals for the south west end of the road in principle, expresses concerns that should parking be retained at the north east end of the road as requested, the displaced parking would result in severe parking pressures. Requests residents parking places to be provided.
Resident of Territorial Way	While unaware of the consultation on the proposals for Blackstock Close, separately requested the introduction of waiting restrictions here to facilitate the passage of traffic along the road
Resident of Wood Farm Road	No objection, but requests the provision of double yellow lines at the junction of Wood Farm Road with Pauling Road due to concerns over the obstruction of visibility at the junction due to parked cars