

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 23 NOVEMBER 2017
PROPOSED GOODS VEHICLE LOADING BAY SCHOOL LANE
GROVE

Report by Strategic Director, Communities

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation on a proposal to restrict the use of a layby on the south side of School Lane adjacent to the local shopping centre to goods vehicles for the purposes of loading and unloading between 7am and 7pm on all days of the week.

Background

2. The above proposals have been put forward by a retail business with premises in the shopping centre to facilitate safe and convenient loading of goods vehicles servicing the shopping centre. The proposal, if approved, would be funded by this business but would be available to any goods vehicle (irrespective of the business being served) during the times of the proposed restriction and to any vehicle outside these times. A plan showing the proposals is provided at Annex 1.

Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 12 October and 10 November 2017. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Grove Parish Council and the local County Councillor. Additionally letters were sent to 16 adjacent premises and street notices also placed on site.
4. Two responses were received. One an objection from a member of the public on the grounds that the proposal would further reduce the parking available for parents taking children to and from the nearby primary school. The second from Thames Valley Police expressing no objection but noting that a low priority would be given to enforcing the restriction given the many other more pressing demands on police resources. These responses are summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillor.

Response to objection.

5. The objection from the member of the public in respect of the loss of parking for parents taking children to the nearby primary school is noted. However, the layby can in any case only accommodate two cars and so its loss for this purpose would only have a small impact on the overall availability of parking in the area. Reserving the use of the layby for loading for vehicles servicing the local shopping centre during the extended working day would appear to be appropriate and would reduce the potential for such vehicles to be loading at other less suitable or safe locations.
6. Also noted are the Thames Valley Police comments that if approved this restriction would not be a priority for enforcement in view of the many other pressing demands on police time that

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 goods vehicle loading bay has been provided by a retail business with premises in the adjacent local shopping centre, whilst the appraisal of the proposals and consultation has been undertaken by council officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

9. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to restrict the use of a layby on the south side of School Lane adjacent to the local shopping centre to goods vehicles for the purposes of loading and unloading between 7am and 7pm on all days of the week as advertised.**

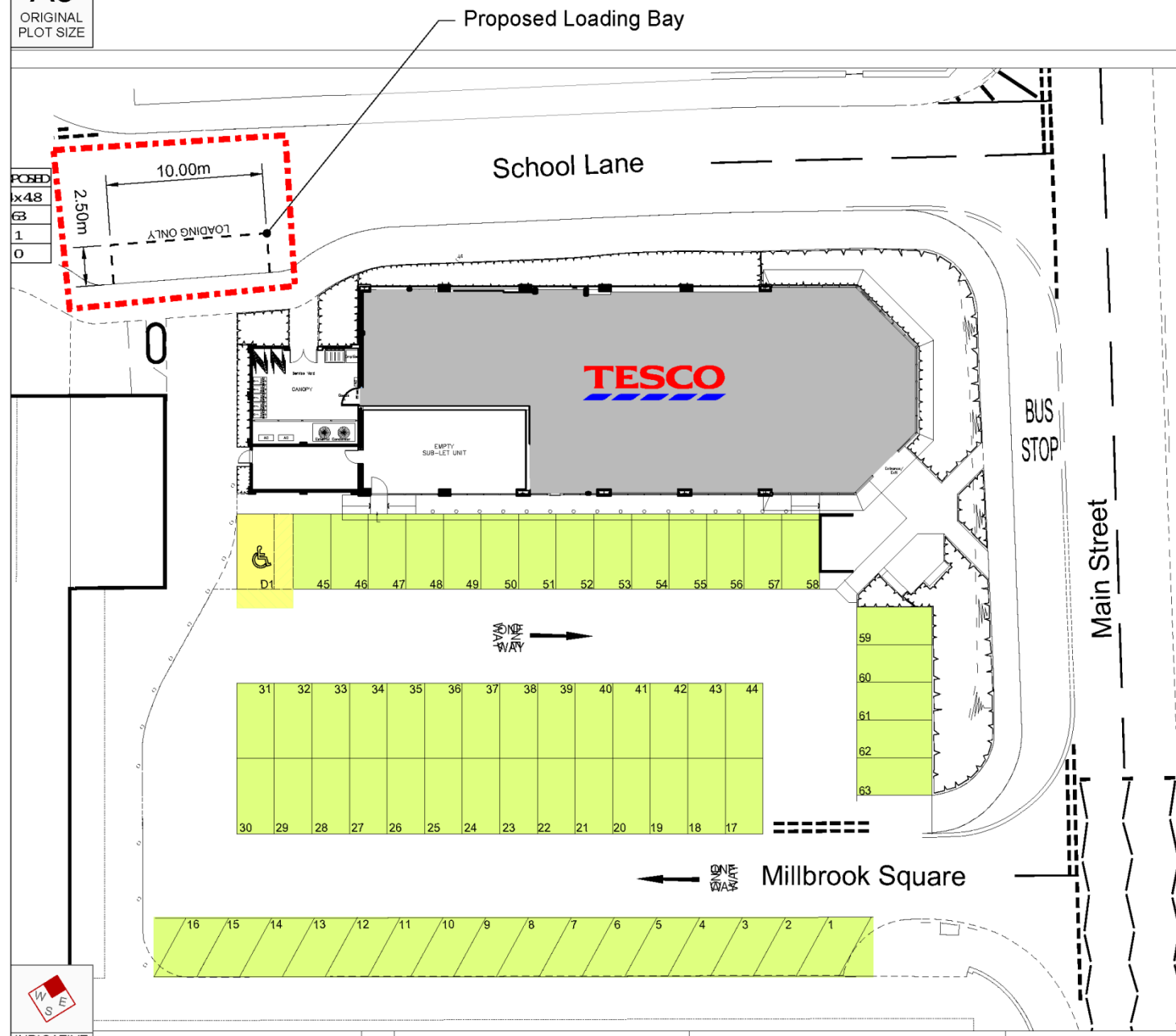
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Background papers: Plan of proposed loading bay
 Consultation responses

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**PROPOSED LOADING BAY
ALONG SCHOOL LANE**

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Thames Valley Police, (Traffic Management Unit)	<p>No objection - however this restriction must be reliant on good driver behaviour and compliance and should not be reliant on police enforcement.</p> <p>Any action by the Police in response to this kind of parking is governed by many factors. These include the seriousness of the offence, the road and traffic conditions at the time and the existence of other more pressing commitments for local police officers.</p> <p>In terms of operational priorities our officers are encouraged to give preference to offences which might directly affect public safety followed by those which have an impact on traffic flow on main traffic routes. However even those priorities must be viewed in the context of the many other more pressing and demanding commitments which our officers face.</p> <p>Should this proposal proceed please ensure that all requisite signing fully complies with TSRGD and that signing positively reflects this is a Goods Vehicle loading bay and NOT for general public shoppers. During my site visits it has been apparent that public parking has been prevalent in this area, possible made worse by the presence of a Public Convenience adjacent.</p>
(2) Area Operations (South) Team Leader (OCC)	No objection.
(3) Local Resident, (Peregrine Way, Grove)	Object - This will make it even harder for parents to park whilst collecting/dropping off at the school.