

Divisions affected: *Didcot West*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 18 NOVEMBER 2021

DIDCOT – VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve the waiting restrictions on the side roads leading off the B4493 Foxhall Road at: Brasenose Road, Blakes Field, Lydalls Close, Manor Crescent and Manor Road as advertised.

Executive summary

2. Waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over parking obstructing traffic and/or being detrimental to road safety.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for the proposals has been provided by a local development.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

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

Sustainability Implications

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

Consultation

6. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 4 December 2019 and 10 January 2020. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald Series newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Didcot Town Council, South Oxfordshire District Council and local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to 55 properties in the immediate vicinity adjacent to the proposals.

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7. Twenty-one responses were received during the consultation as summarised in the table below:

Location	Object	Support	Concerns	No Objection/ Opinion
Brasenose Road	2 (9.5%)	9 (43%)	4 (19%)	6
Blakes Field	2 (9.5%)	9 (43%)	2 (9.5%)	8
Lydalls Close	1 (5%)	9 (43%)	3 (14%)	8
Manor Crescent	3 (14%)	10 (48%)	2 (9.5%)	6
Manor Road	1 (5%)	10 (47%)	3 (14%)	7

8. The individual responses are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

9. Thames Valley Police while not objecting did point out that formal parking restrictions in remote residential areas were reliant on good driver behaviour and would not feature for any targeted enforcement activity. Civil Parking Enforcement is due to be implemented in the Vale of the White Horse in the near future which will result in more rigorous enforcement.
10. Didcot Town Council supported the proposals.
11. Thames Travel who currently experience operational difficulties due to chaotic parking in the area supported the proposals.

Brasenose Road

12. Two objections, four concerns and nine expressions of support were received. Objections and concerns centred on the restrictions putting pressure on parking in the road, pushing commuter parking further up the road, encouraging dangerous and inconsiderate parking and that the restrictions should be extended beyond the brow of the hill and bend.
13. The restrictions in Brasenose Road have been proposed to improve road safety by keeping the junction free of obstructive parking at all times.

Blakes Field

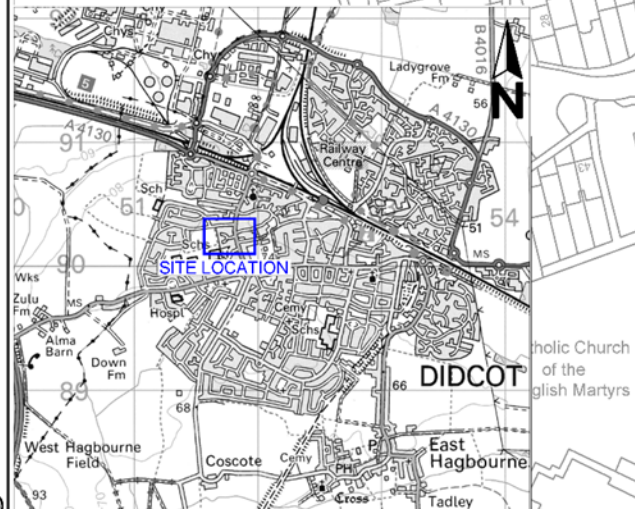
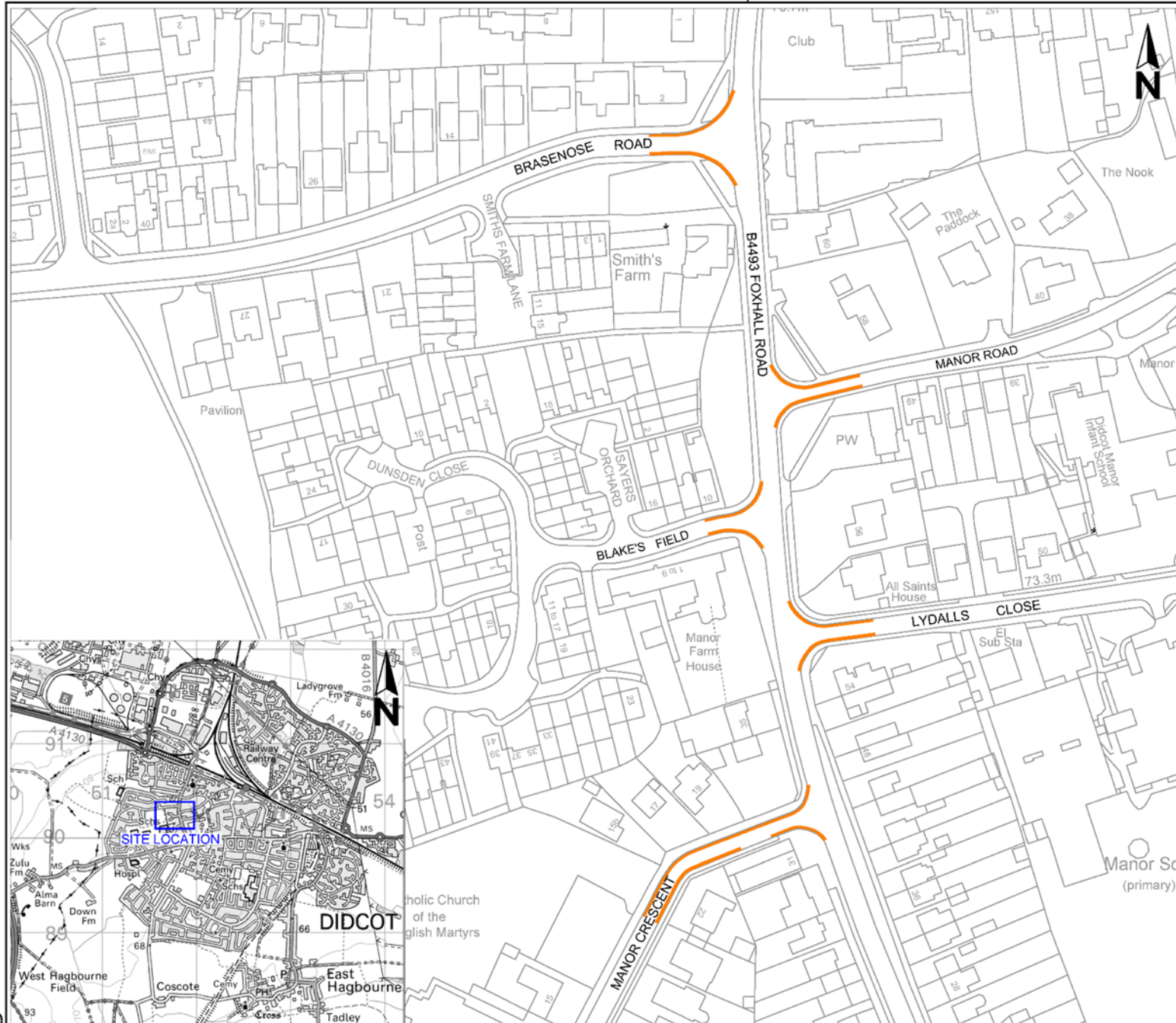
14. Two objections, two concerns and nine expressions of support were received. Objections and concerns centred on enforcement issues and lack of parking for residents so putting pressure on other roads.
15. It was noted on various site visits that there are off highway parking provisions in place for residents. Civil Parking Enforcement is due to be implemented in

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— Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time'

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>No objection – Formal parking restriction in remote residential areas are reliant on good driver behaviour and will not feature for any targeted enforcement activity by Thames Valley Police.</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>
(2) Didcot Town Council	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>No comments.</p>
(3) Thames Travel	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p>

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	<p>Chaotic parking and waiting along Manor Crescent and Foxhall Road presents operational difficulties to our buses serving Didcot Girls' School. School buses are delayed both arriving and departing from the Girls' School by gridlocked traffic on Manor Crescent and Foxhall Road.</p>
<p>(4) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - Object Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - Object</p> <p>(Brasenose Road) I support Prohibition of Waiting at Any Time on the South side, but I object, parking should be permitted on the North side, evenings and at Weekends.</p> <p>(Manor Crescent) There should be at least one vehicle length (preferably two vehicles length) clear, no parking, at the junction, as vehicles turning in, from Southbound along Foxhall Road, often have to wait for vehicles coming the other way. Otherwise, vehicles may have to reverse back into Foxhall Road. And with the proposed restrictions, more vehicles will want to park where permitted.</p> <p>There should be parking permitted in evenings and at Weekends, otherwise there is too little parking space, for visitors to residents. And, if "Prohibition of Waiting" covers all Waiting, not just parking, it should be "except for School Buses" as at present School Buses often wait on the School Yellow Zig-Zag Lines, restriction sight lines for people crossing from the footpath from Loyd Recreation Ground to Glyn Avenue.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Object Brasenose Road - Object Lydalls Close - Object Manor Road - Object Manor Crescent - Object</p> <p>The proposed parking restriction to the junction with Foxhall road should be extended to cover both sides of the road and to enforce the highway codes regulation of no parking within ten metres of a junction. Your present planned intervention will only serve to penalise the residents further and will in no way abate the dangerous and continuous parking adjacent to the tattoo shop and pest control company. The cars which constantly and illegally encroach at the</p>

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	<p>junction, are all frequenting these sites. It is this which is in desperate need of enforcement, for both the compliance to the highway code and the safety of all road users and pedestrians. The current situation means that at best only one car may enter Manor Crescent from Foxhall road and is, in many cases, dangerously exposed into the Foxhall road flow of traffic and is a direct result of the previously mentioned illegal and discourteous parking.</p> <p>With regard to the proposed “prohibition of waiting at any time”, this will again have the biggest negative affect on residents and any visitors to their properties and will again do nothing to stop people frequenting the school, and restaurants on Wantage road from risking inconsiderate and irresponsible parking for the purposes of self-gratification at the inconvenience of Manor Crescent residents. There is a constant and long running issue with the general public using Manor Crescent as a car park. This often infringes on residents’ driveways and the ability of genuine guests of the residents of Manor Crescent to be able to park safely and reasonably in a timely and non-stressful manner.</p> <p>The above describes the vicissitudes of traffic and parking on Manor Crescent since the re-direction of the buses from Oxford Crescent, which i suspect was implemented for the same reasons, and has therefore only sought to pass the problem on, rather than seek to resolve it. It seems to me that the safest and most effective long-term strategy would be to “double yellow” both junctions and bilaterally, to ten metres at the minimum. In addition, to counter the obvious redistribution of the dispersed vehicles, it would be sensible and respectful, to the patrons and residents of Manor Crescent, to enforce "permit only parking". This would finally allow the residents of this street, who are continually subjected to obscene volumes of traffic and parked cars, none of which are actually visiting the dwellings of this street, the opportunity to interact with their homes without running this relentless gauntlet.</p> <p>As a direct caveat of the above statement, i object to all elements of your proposed intervention.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Object Brasenose Road - <i>No opinion</i> Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - <i>No opinion</i></p> <p>I would like to put in my objections to the Proposal for Parking Restrictions B4493 Foxhall Road Junction.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There is already sufficient legislation within the highway code and the law, which is not being enforced. 2. How will this new proposed legislation be enforced? 3. The proposed restriction will disproportionately penalise residents, from going about their lawful business for

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	<p>example deliveries, groceries etc. 4. Why can we not have a residents parking scheme? (you have adequate data from the collection of council tax)</p> <p>As a resident of Blakes Field and children attending a local School I am well aware of the parking problem. Why should residents be penalised for the failings of the local authority in implementing the existing laws? Where are the residents going to park?</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - <i>No opinion</i> Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - Object</p> <p>The proposal of double yellow lines on Manor Crescent is ridiculous, the most congested and dangerous part of Manor Crescent is the 16 meters you are planning NOT to paint double yellow lines on the south side at the Foxhall Road junction.</p> <p>This area is really dangerous when all the vehicles from The Pest Control Company and people parking in this area to walk to the railway station and people parking to drop their children off at Manor School and the Didcot Girls School. It is only a matter of time before an accident happens especially when the school buses are trying to manoeuvre past the parked vehicles. I hope you reconsider and install double yellow lines in this area.</p>
<p>(8) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p><i>No comments</i></p>
<p>(9) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support</p>

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	<p>Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>A very sensible thing to do to keep the traffic flowing freely and safely.</p>
<p>(10) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>Residents need protection from lengthy parking times where commuters and other rail users park on residential streets and often contrary to the Highway Code.</p>
<p>(11) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - <i>No opinion</i> Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - <i>No opinion</i></p> <p>I do support the idea of double yellow lines at the junction of Manor and Foxhall Rd however I am concerned that this will only move vehicles from this location further down Manor Road towards Lydalls Rd. The main issue is the lack of enforcement by Thames Valley Police during the No waiting times which for Manor Road are 1400- 1500 hrs. If enforcement was carried out then I fully support this application.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p>

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	<p>I live on Lydalls Close but through my own fault did not apply for my drive to be marked by the council in 2019. If the double yellows are added to the road, could I have my drive marked for free while they are here? My concern would be that with the double yellows and all the other drives marked, my drive might be a last resort? Happy to have double yellows if that is easiest?</p>
<p>(13) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>This is very much needed and overdue. However, I would like to know how this will be enforced.</p>
<p>(14) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>Didcot currently has no enforcement of double yellow lines people park where they want to and Thames Valley Police have made it clear that they are not in a position to enforce any parking restrictions. I welcome the proposals but unless they are properly managed it is pointless applying any restrictions. We as residents are thoroughly fed up with commuters perking in our close and it has been a big issue for many years. What assurances can you give that the proposals will be enforced in future?</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Concerns Brasenose Road - Concerns Lydalls Close - Concerns Manor Road - Concerns Manor Crescent - Concerns</p> <p>Agreed that road safety is the concern. But with your proposal. The cars parked in this area now, will park further up</p>

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	<p>Brasenose Road, as they already do and this causes a safety issue with us turning left out of our drive towards Foxhall Road into oncoming traffic.</p> <p>With the other roads in the proposal also having double yellow lines this will put more pressure on Brasenose Road for the increasing number of cars that park here to walk to the railway station.</p> <p>We also have a new development opposite with 6 new houses being built with very little or no parking spaces? The solution must be more available free parking around the station area, as Didcot like all areas in Oxfordshire are becoming more and more congested with more and more houses being built with no thoughts on infrastructure to cope.</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - <i>No opinion</i> Lydalls Close - Concerns Manor Road - Concerns Manor Crescent - <i>No opinion</i></p> <p>I understand the importance of restricting parking at the junctions with Foxhall Road for reasons of safety and support the proposal. However, I am concerned that simply restricting parking in this way with no other measures will, as a consequence, aggravate the parking problems both these roads face, Manor Road in particular.</p> <p>As you may be aware, both roads are used for parking by commuters heading to Didcot station. By 8:30 am on weekdays every legal parking space in Manor Road is occupied, primarily by commuters' cars. Parents' cars dropping children off at Manor school follow between 8:40 and 9:00 am but these cars are usually only parked for a short time.</p> <p>I am concerned that double yellow lines will concentrate commuter parking even further in Manor Road and Lydalls Close and encourage dangerous and inconsiderate parking, blocking drives and verges. It is currently impossible for visitors to residents in either road to park, or for deliveries to be made at the kerbside during the week.</p> <p>Would the Council consider some form of Residents Parking or a time-limited restriction that could be enforced in addition to the double yellow lines to prevent all-day commuter parking filling the two roads on weekdays?</p>

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<p>(17) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - Concerns Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - <i>No opinion</i></p> <p>The proposal for double yellow lines in Brasenose Road, I have some concerns that the lines do not go far enough up the street. We think that on the opposite side of the road to our property, the lines should extend from the junction to the entrance to Smiths Farm Lane. This is because people tend to park here and it's on the brow of a hill and a bend, both of which are exceedingly dangerous. See attached picture. The accidents that have happened in the street have been as a consequence of people parking on that side of the road.</p> <p>We also would have liked the lines to go the same distance on our side of the road: I am all in favour of having them outside our property but I think one family will object as they have 4 cars and 2 spaces. The problem is that if the lines only go for the 27 meters planned, this will lead to more cars parking outside our house, compounding the safety problem.</p> <p>We are also concerned that where they are currently building six houses in the Smiths Farm Lane yard, we hope they are providing parking spaces for the future residents, if not that could be another six to eight vehicles parking in the street again.</p>
<p>(18) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - <i>No opinion</i> Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>We frequently have difficulty getting in and out of our driveway. The school buses daily have to mount the pavement outside our wall which has been knocked down twice already and we feel sure that the foundations will be damaged again.</p> <p>We welcome the proposals and hope they come to fruition in the very near future.</p>

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<p>(19) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Support Brasenose Road - Support Lydalls Close - Support Manor Road - Support Manor Crescent - Support</p> <p>We have suffered for many years with inconsiderate and nuisance parking, and our objections were on the grounds of safety. If there are vehicles parked outside my property, and outside our neighbours, then my view of oncoming traffic coming down towards Foxhall Road, is completely obscured. This is a very busy road now, with buses and trucks using the road, as well as many motorists using the road as a rat run. It is by far the busiest of the streets earmarked for yellow lines. This makes it very dangerous when we are trying to get out of our driveway. As we are carers for an elderly relative and a disabled adult son, we have to go out two or three times a day, and parked cars mean that my wife has to stand in the road and signal to me when it is safe to come out. I have attached two photos, taken recently, to show you how dangerous it is. I have many more photographs if you need any more evidence as to the gravity of the problem.</p> <p>In the year 2018, we had vehicles parked outside our property 145 days and several nights. Most are people who are commuting to London, or elsewhere, and they are too mean to pay for parking. Cars can be there anything from 12 hours to 2 weeks, (all over Christmas and New year). We don't mind if the car is there for a couple of hours, but when it's all day, every day, it gets too much.</p> <p>So, we fully support the proposed action, and we sincerely hope that it will come to fruition, as it will make our daily routine much safer.</p>
<p>(20) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - <i>No opinion</i> Brasenose Road - Concerns Lydalls Close - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Road - <i>No opinion</i> Manor Crescent - <i>No opinion</i></p> <p>We are writing to comment on the above proposal in relation to Brasenose Road and the impact of the proposed double yellow lines on residents of Smiths Farm Lane.</p>

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	<p>We appreciate that the double yellow lines are necessary to stop the dangerous parking on the corners of Brasenose Road and Foxhall Road. However, we already have problems with vehicles parking right on both corners of Smiths Farm Lane and Brasenose Road, obstructing the view and making it difficult to exit safely, especially if the driver is unaccompanied and has no-one to act as lookout. We also have issues with drivers parking on, and damaging, the grassy areas outside Smiths Farm Lane, which we are obliged to maintain. The proposed double yellow lines will push parking further up Brasenose Road and exacerbate the problem for Smiths Farm Lane residents, especially with the increase in parking requirements from the new development of six dwellings in the courtyard of Smiths Farm. We would ask the Council to consider extending the double yellow lines to include the corners of Smiths Farm Lane and Brasenose Road.</p>
<p>(21) Local Resident, (Didcot)</p>	<p>Blake's Field - Concerns Brasenose Road - Concerns Lydalls Close - Concerns Manor Road - Concerns Manor Crescent - Concerns</p> <p>What is the point of more double yellow lines when the ones already here are totally ignored. I live near the junction where Vicaridge Road joins Wessex Road, parking is upto and on the junctions, on the footpaths, blocking driveways and at the opposite end, including overhanging into Broadway. Cars are parked there every day for hours and nothing is ever done.</p> <p>In my opinion, double yellows don't work as they are ignored by people parking there and those who are meant to enforce the rules. This is the same across the whole of Didcot (look at the Hayden road/Lydalls Rosd junction). I have reported these issues on fix my street but I am informed it's not for the council to enforce (so they close out the issue) but the police who don't have the resource to deal with illegal, obstructive and dangerous parking so it comes down to no parking enforcement in Didcot.</p> <p>Parking will get worse with more houses being built on the outskirts as people will not walk to the station or into town, the car parks are too small or time limited and people will not walk 10 - 40 minutes into town to get to the shops or train, they will drive and park up.</p>