

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 25 MARCH 2010
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ABINGDON) (ONE-WAY
TRAFFIC AND PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(AMENDMENT NO.13) ORDER 200*

Report by Head of Transport.

Introduction

1. This report considers objections/comments received following the consultation and formal advertisement of the proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions along New Street, Abingdon. The extent of the restrictions are shown on the plan included at Annex 1.

Background

2. Oxfordshire County Council has received complaints from residents of New Street and The Vineyard that vehicles parked in sections of New Street cause an obstruction to residents entering their properties and hinder the passage of vehicles, especially those of the emergency and statutory services, and also present a risk of accident.

Consultation

3. Consultation with statutory bodies and affected frontagers was carried out between 9 September 2009 and 9 October 2009.
4. The proposals were advertised by Notice in the local press on 9 September 2009. Notices were posted on site and copies of the notice, draft order, statement of reasons and plan posted to all the statutory consultees and affected frontagers.
5. Five letters of support (one with suggestions that the amended proposals have addressed) and two letters of objection have been received. Two objections are from residents of New Street with off street parking facilities. The objections are almost identical in form and content and state that the objectors have lived in New Street for more than five years and are not aware of significant obstruction preventing emergency and utility vehicles accessing New Street; that they do not have reasonable alternative parking available and that some of the parking referred to is by residents of The Vineyard. They continue that the garages of their homes are too small to accept their vehicles resulting in their having to use the car ports at their home; that as they own more than one vehicle they are unable to park their second vehicle off street. They also pose the question as to where visitors would park. Both ask that the proposals should not proceed as the existing parking causes no problems and

implementation will significantly affect their way of life and the value of their properties.

6. Thames Valley Police have no objection to the proposals.

Conclusion

7. Double yellow lines to prohibit parking at any time are proposed in the interest of road safety and the free flow of traffic. The restriction will reduce the danger and facilitate the safe passage of road users.
8. The proposals include parts of New Street where parking will still be permitted in order that some vehicles may be accommodated within New Street. The proposals mainly result in removing parking which currently obstructs the free flow of traffic along New Street and various accesses to premises fronting the road. The proposals will also reduce the risk of accident caused by such parking.

Financial and Staff Implications

9. The cost of introducing these waiting restrictions will be met from the Southern Area Office budget.
10. The preparation of the Order has been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to authorise:**
 - (a) **the making of the Oxfordshire County Council (Abingdon)(One-way Traffic and Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting)(Amendment No 13) Order 200* as advertised; and**
 - (b) **the necessary works to implement the proposals.**

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Background papers: Consultation Documentation

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