

Divisions affected: *Marston and Northway*

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT – 16 DECEMBER 2021**

### **OXFORD: HAYES CLOSE, FERRY ROAD – PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND PARKING PLACES**

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the proposed amendments to waiting restrictions and parking places as advertised in:
  - a) Hayes Close & Nicholson Road
  - b) Ferry Road.

#### **Executive summary**

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation of 3 separate proposals including:
  - A proposal to remove a section of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) and proposed extension of a permit holders parking bay in Ferry Road.
  - A proposal to introduce a section of no waiting restriction (single yellow line) and removal of existing permit holders parking bay in Hayes Close.
  - A proposal to remove a section of no waiting at any time restrictions (double yellow lines) and proposed extension of permit holders or 2 hour parking bay in Nicholson Road

These proposals are shown at Annexes 1 and 2.

#### **Financial Implications**

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the Oxfordshire County Council revenue budget.

#### **Equality and Inclusion Implications**

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

## Sustainability Implications

- The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and alleviate parking stress in the area.

## Consultation

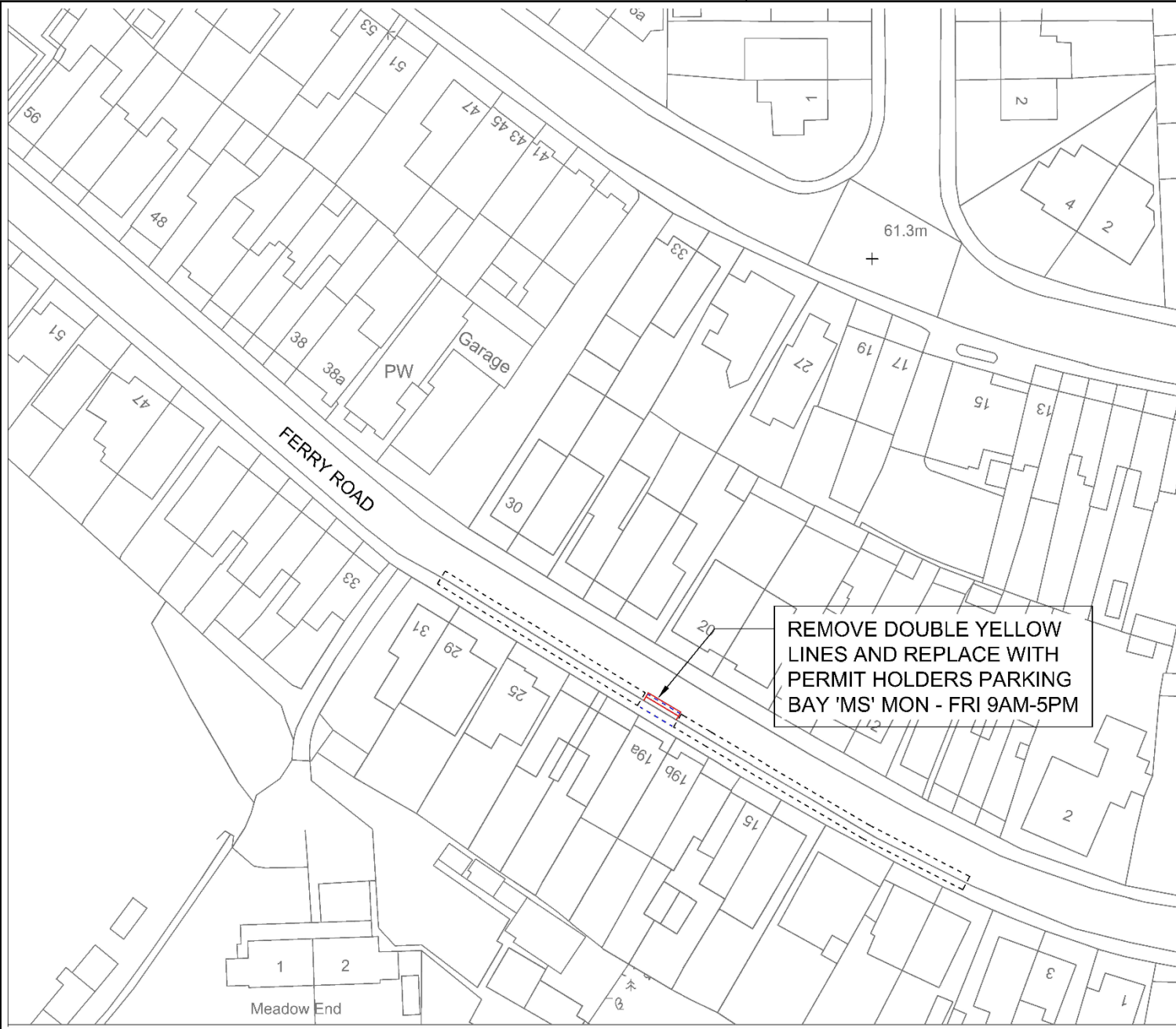
- Formal consultation was carried out between 14 October and 12 November 2021. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council and local County & City Councillors. Letters were sent to approximately 110 premises in the immediate vicinity with street notices also placed on site.
- Five responses were received during the formal consultation. These are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Object	Concerns	Support	No opinion / objection	Total
Hayes Close	1	1	1	2	5
Nicholson Road	2	1	1	1	5
Ferry Road	1	1	-	3	5

- The responses are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.
- Thames Valley Police did not object.
- Of the three representations received relating to the proposed amendments in Hayes Close/Nicholson Road and Ferry Road either objections or concerns were raised on the grounds of road safety implications by removing double yellow lines on a corner or that the amendments further restricted parking, which impacted on visitors and that unnecessary amendments were being made to the road network.
- The proposed amendment in Ferry Road has been brought forward in order to provide residents and visitors with additional permit parking by removing a section of double yellow lines that are no longer required. It should be noted that the existing double yellow lines used to serve an access to a property recently demolished and replaced with 2 properties. The removal of these double yellow lines does not impact on road or pedestrian safety.
- The proposed amendments in Hayes Close & Nicholson Road have been brought forward as part of a previous agreement with officers to remove a single permit holders parking bay and replace the restriction by extending the existing single yellow line. To take into account any loss of parking and to alleviate pressures on the residents, the proposed amendment in Nicholson Road was included which removes a 5 meter section of existing double yellow line in order to extend the permit holders/2 hour parking bay – it is felt that



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PROPOSED REMOVAL OF EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME

PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PERMIT HOLDERS 'MS' MON - FRI 9AM - 5PM PARKING BAY

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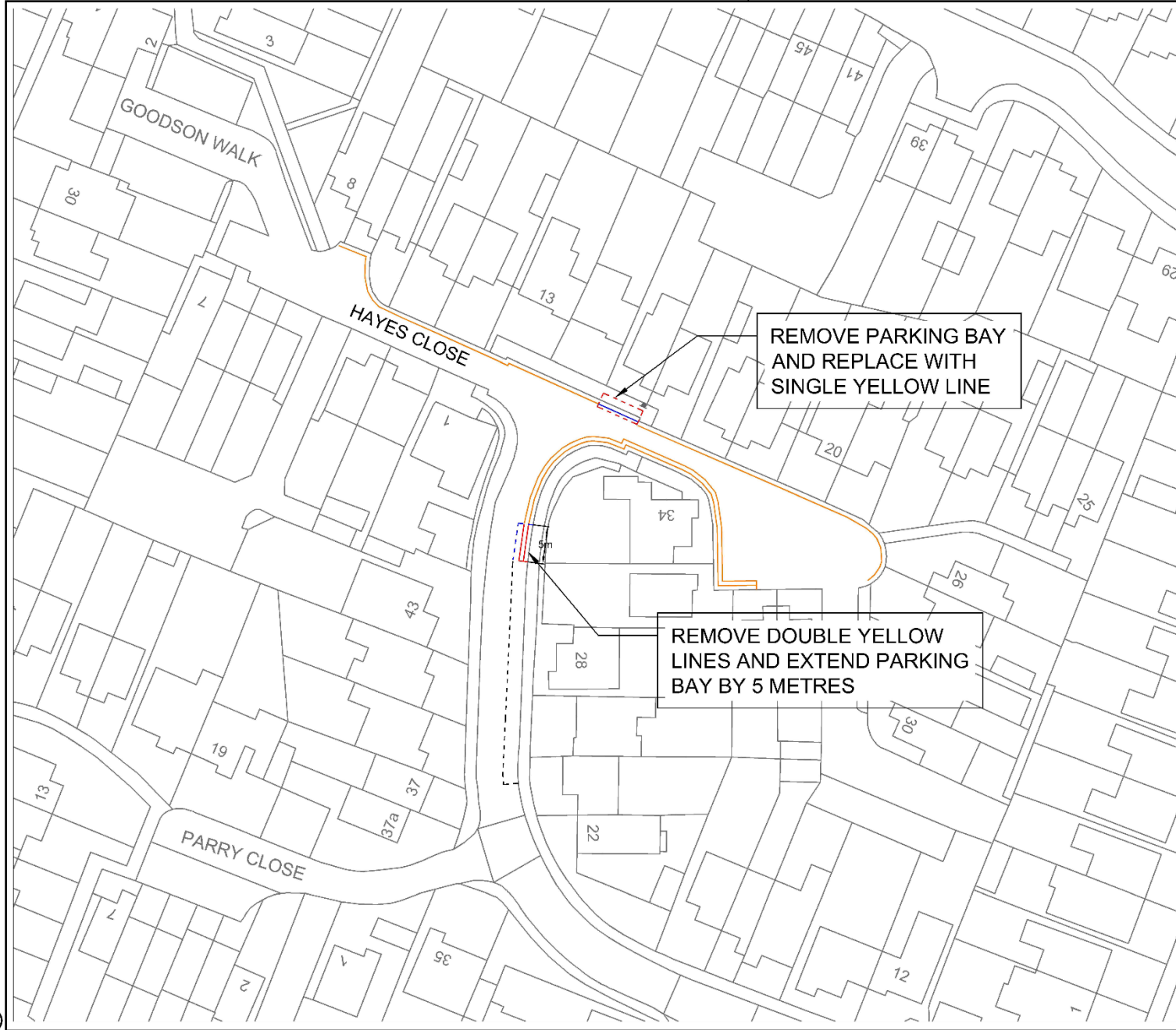
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**KEY**

- - - PROPOSED REMOVAL OF EXISTING PERMIT HOLDERS PARKING BAY
- PROPOSED NO WAITING MON - FRI 8AM - 6.30PM
- = PROPOSED REMOVAL OF EXISTING NO WAITING AT ANY TIME
- - - PROPOSED EXTENSION OF PERMIT HOLDERS OR 2 HOURS NO RETURN WITHIN 2 HOURS MON - FRI 8AM - 6.30PM PARKING BAY

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<b>No objection</b>
(2) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Hayes Close - <b>Object</b>                      Nicholson Road - <b>Object</b>                      Ferry Road - <b>Object</b></p> <p>Stop tinkering with the road network</p>
(3) Resident, (Kidlington)	<p>Hayes Close - <b>Concerns</b>                      Nicholson Road - <b>Concerns</b>                      Ferry Road - <b>Concerns</b></p> <p>It would appear that OCC would like to restrict free parking and make it very difficult to visit friends or colleagues and make a hefty profit at the same time.</p>
(4) Local Resident, (Oxford, Hayes Close)	<p>Nicholson Road - <b>Object</b></p> <p>I strongly object to the extension of the existing Permit Holders &amp; 2 hours for non-permit holders parking bay on the east side south of Hayes Close.</p> <p>Objection on grounds of Road Safety - I live in Hayes Close. The proposed additional parking space is very close to the junction/corner of Nicholson Road/Hayes Close. Visibility for oncoming traffic is already reduced on this corner because of the existing parking on Nicholson Road - this effectively creates a 'blind spot' for traffic from Hayes Close. If more parking space is added to this existing dangerous junction, visibility will be decreased further and danger to vehicles and other road users will be increased, including the risk to pedestrians when crossing the road near this</p>

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	<p>junction, to take the popular cut-through leading to Goodison Walk, Croft Road recreation ground, shops on Old Marston Road, University Cycle track and University Parks. I therefore strongly object to the proposal of extending the parking area at the bottom of Nicholson Road, Marston South, on grounds of road safety.</p> <p>The parking space outside Number 15 Hayes Close was not in the original Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) – it was added later by special request by the resident and was agreed on appeal. Therefore, it should not matter if this parking space is lost to the area.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Oxford, Hayes Close)</p>	<p><b>Hayes Close – Support</b></p> <p>I had confirmation on 8/3/19, in writing, that the parking bay outside my house (half on road, half on pavement) would be removed and promising that the work would be done shortly. Over two years and many letters later, and due to no fault of mine own, nothing has been done.</p> <p>Some people park in the parking bay outside my house without a permit shown in the allotted times of 9-5pm. Some unthinking neighbours, one with her own garage and drive, prefer to use my parking bay instead for family and friends. Using my parking bay has been a habit of others too, even with their own parking space. I queried with one other neighbour why she was parking outside and she then moved back to her own parking space. As there are no traffic wardens I have to ask people where their permit is.</p> <p>My front garden is still used as a garden, with a large Hypericum on one side, a Myrtle bush on the other and flowers in the middle. As a Senior Citizen I like to look out at my front garden and not have my view and light blocked by huge vans and 4x4 cars. This space, when blocked by a van/large car cuts me off from everything and my outlook is spoiled. Nick Haines, MP, agreed with me a couple of years ago when I took the issue to him.</p> <p>I have seen numerous parents with young children in pushchairs trying to get past the huge vans/4 x 4 cars parked in my parking bay (which is half on and half off the pavement) and they are forced to go onto the road to get past, thereby endangering them. The huge parcel delivery vans swing into the close from Nicholson Road and there has already been a vehicle collision, with the Police called. With my parking bay occupied by a large vehicle there is less space and less view for time-pressed delivery drivers going left or right into Hayes Close and were any children in pushchairs to be there in the road at that moment the result could be catastrophic. Wheelchair users face the same problem.</p> <p>I also thought it was the policy of Oxford council NOT to allow cars to park on pavements? In London pavement</p>



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parking is already banned and outside London the Department of Transport ran a consultation on the issue that closed at the end of 2020.

The proposal that the Highways Department has suggested, to remove the parking bay outside my house and add a new parking bay to those already in Nicholson Road, on the corner with Hayes Close, is an excellent idea. There will be a backdrop of a tall thick hedge with no inconvenience to anyone and a footpath along Hayes Close for pushchair and wheelchair users once more.