

Divisions affected: *Jericho and Osney*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 20 JULY 2023

OXFORD: GEORGE STREET – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT LOADING BAYS

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 at the loading bays at George Street Oxford:

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received during the statutory consultation on a proposal to amend the waiting restrictions at the loading bays on George Street address problems of parking within the loading bays outside the times that these bays operate, due to the current arrangement of road markings frustrating the effective enforcement of the provisions of the current order which imposes no waiting at any time, with only loading being permitted in the designated bays operate between 6pm and 10am on all days. To address this, the no waiting at any time restriction will be replaced by a no waiting restriction between 10am and 6pm on all days and a single yellow line placed within the current loading bays together with amended signing.

Sustainability Implications

3. The proposals should facilitate public transport and cycling by removing obstructions caused by the current day time parking.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

4. Funding for consultation on the proposal and its implementation if approved will be met from the County Council's Accessibility and Road Safety programme.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

5. No disability or inclusion issues have been identified.

ANNEX 1

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Local business, (Oxford, George Street)	Object - this will not help the street in any way. It will also not help the abuse of the loading bays
(3) Local Resident, (Wheatley, Ochre Close)	Object - It will not change anything, need a proper conversation about George street
(4) Oxford Bus Company	Support - Will make progress better for buses and hopefully speed up journey times
(5) Local business, (Oxford, George Street)	Concerns - People already ignore the signs already here, what good is one more going to do?
(6) Local business, (Oxford, George Street)	Concerns - These changes will make no difference. Conversations need to take place regarding George Street and the traffic flow