

Divisions: Iffley Fields & St Mary's

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 4 SEPTEMBER 2014

MINOR CHANGES TO MAGDALEN ROAD (NORTH) CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. On 27 February 2014 the Cabinet Member for Environment considered objections received as a result of a formal consultation on proposals to make minor amendments to the existing Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) in Divinity Road and Magdalen Road (North) areas. Whilst the matters concerning Divinity Road CPZ were resolved, in light of representations made at that meeting it was agreed to defer a decision on the proposals for Magdalen Road (North) CPZ to enable further consideration and site visits.

Background

2. The CPZ for the Magdalen Road (North) area was introduced in autumn 2012 following extensive consultation with local residents and businesses over a number of years. Since its introduction the leaders of the Medina Mosque in Stanley Road have asked for a relaxation of the controls in the evenings to assist visitors to the Mosque (currently all of the spaces in Stanley Road revert to a permit holder's only restriction in the evening). In addition, a petition with 269 signatures was also received from attendees of Medina Mosque, citing difficulties with evening parking in the CPZ near the mosque.
3. To address this matter it was proposed that a parking bay on Iffley Road near the junction with Stanley Road (with space for 4-5 cars) becomes uncontrolled after 6.30pm each day. This location is indicated on the plan at Annex 1. Consultation on the proposal took place in late 2013 and 12 responses were received all with overwhelming objection, not just from residents of Iffley Road and Stanley Road, but also from the Mosque leaders (a summary of these responses is at Annex 4 of the February report). The February 2014 report is attached at Annex 2.
4. The report to the February 2014 meeting proposed that, in view of the consultation responses received, the proposed change should not proceed and there should be no further action taken. However at the meeting a representative from the Mosque requested that some change be made to the

parking restrictions in the area, and it was agreed to defer a decision to enable further consideration and site visits to take place.

Further considerations

5. Since February, officers have visited the site to observe parking on a Friday and have discussed the matter with the local Member for the area Councillor David Williams. Councillor Williams states that he remains opposed to any lifting of regulations on Stanley Road itself but would support extra spaces being created on Iffley Road.
6. In the light of the above, the requests made at the February meeting by the Mosque leaders and the fact that officers have already (prior to the 2013 proposals) spent considerable time trying to find a solution to the difficulties faced by visitors to the Mosque in the evenings without impacting upon the parking needs of local residents, it is suggested that the proposals as originally advertised be implemented.

RECOMMENDATION

7. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed changes to parking restrictions for the Magdalen Road (North) CPZ as originally advertised in December 2013.**

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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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