

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 2 SEPTEMBER 2010

WALTON MANOR CPZ, OXFORD MINOR AMENDMENTS

Report by Head of Highways & Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments and objections received to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation to vary the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Walton Manor Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to amend parking arrangements in several streets in response to requests from local residents; formalise new parking arrangements following the remodelling of North Parade Avenue and to remove some ambiguities in the definition of the area covered by the CPZ and the list of properties eligible for permits.

Background

2. There have been a number of requests received from residents for minor changes to parking arrangements in the Walton Manor CPZ, generally to reduce the amount of double yellow lines and thus provide additional parking opportunities for residents and their visitors. In advance of any zone-wide review responding to such requests is considered an appropriate way to ensure that the changing parking needs/opportunities of an area continue to be met.
3. The recently-completed remodelling of North Parade Avenue by Oxford City Council was designed to create additional parking opportunities to benefit local businesses and the consequent changes to the TRO was included in this consultation.
4. Finally, the draft Order also sought to clarify the definitions of the Stated Area (the area/streets covered by the CPZ) and list of properties eligible for permits.

Formal Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposed changes took place in April/May 2010. Letters and plans were sent to all properties in the streets in the vicinity of the proposed principal changes, notices explaining the proposals placed on site and in the Oxford Times and information sent to local Councillors and the emergency services. A copy of the public notice and the other legal documents, which were placed on deposit at the Central Library and at County Hall, are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre. A summary of the proposed changes is attached at Annex 1.

Consultation Responses

6. In total, 5 letters or e-mails were received in response to the advertised proposals. A précis of these together with the observations of the Head of Transport is attached at Annex 2. Copies of all these communications are available in the Members' Resource Centre.
7. One resident is strongly supportive of the proposed additional parking space in Plantation Road. Three resident object to the proposed additional lengths of resident parking in Southmoor Road, one on the grounds that it would prevent access to their off-street parking area for motorcycles. One resident objects to the proposed reduction in length of a parking bay in St Margaret's Road, principally on the grounds that it is considered to be unnecessary.

Conclusions

8. The majority of the proposed changes received were either 'no comment' or supportive. In the light of the objections received it is suggested that the advertised removal of double yellow lines outside 106 Southmoor Road be slightly amended, but that all other proposals proceed as advertised and objectors informed accordingly.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

9. The proposals described in this report relate to the LTP2 objective of improving the Street Environment (better management of parking).

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

10. Funding for the costs of implementing the proposals described in this report, estimated to be around £1000 (including advertising) will be met from existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - (a) **approve the proposed changes to the Walton Manor CPZ as advertised in the Oxfordshire County Council (Walton Manor, Oxford) (Parking Places and Traffic Management) (Consolidation) (Variation No.11*) Order 20** as amended to retain a 3m length of double yellow lines in Southmoor Road as set out in Annex 2 to this report;**
 - (b) **authorise the Head of Highways & Transport to agree any further non-substantial variations he considers appropriate subject to him consulting the Cabinet Member for Transport on any material variation and undertaking any further consultation which he may consider appropriate.**

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Background papers: Copies of all the legal documents plus letters and emails received in response are available in the Members' Resource room.

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WALTON MANOR CPZ

DESCRIPTION OF EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

NORTH PARADE AVENUE

Existing restrictions on south side (no waiting 8am – 6.30pm Monday to Saturday) to become three 30-minute parking places 8am – 6.30pm daily in bays (with No Waiting At Any Time in the remainder) to reflect new road layout

FARNDON ROAD

Additional Permit Holders Only bay on south side near junction with Kingston Road

ST MARGARETS ROAD

Existing Permit Holders Only bay outside no's 19/20 shortened to improve access to off-street parking

PLANTATION ROAD

Existing Residents Permit Holders Only bay extended outside frontage of no. 18 in place of current double yellow lines

SOUTHMOOR ROAD

Existing Residents Permit Holders Only bay extended outside no's 106 and 118 in place of current double yellow lines

STATED AREA AND LIST OF ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES

The current definitions are updated to be more unambiguous. No change to eligibility for permits

PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING – WALTON MANOR CPZ, OXFORD
Summary of Public Comments

No.	Commentor's Address	Summary of Objection or Comment	Observations of the Director of Environment & Economy
1.	Resident, Plantation Road	Welcomes the proposed change in Plantation Road	Noted
2.	Resident, Southmoor Road	Objects to the removal of DYLS outside 106 Southmoor Road as it will prevent the use of an off-street enclosed space for motorcycle parking	Given that the off-street facility can be used as such then it is reasonable to retain DYLS to ensure access. It is therefore RECOMMENDED that a short length (3 metres) of DYL be retained
3.	Resident Southmoor Road	Objects to any increase in the amount of parking in Southmoor Road as the street is already difficult for delivery vehicles to use	There are no reported incidents of this and the use of both sides of the street (which is one-way) for parking is well established. The small increase in parking proposed will have no effect on traffic flows
4.	Resident Southmoor Road	Objects to the removal of DYLS on Southmoor Road near Longworth Road as it will make the turn into Longworth Road more dangerous	Given that Southmoor Road is a one-way street it is not accepted that this proposed change will make turning from the street any more difficult.
5.	Resident St Margaret's Road	Objects to the proposed removal of part of the parking bay outside 19/20 St Margaret's Rd as there are no real difficulties with access to off-street parking and retaining the on-street space for 2 vehicles is important for the wider community	It is recognised that the amount of manoeuvring space needed to get in/out of off-street parking varies between individual drivers and vehicles. In this case it is felt that, despite the loss of space for one car to park, the request for an increase in the length of DYLS across a driveway should be accepted