

Divisions affected: Wallingford

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 25 FEBRUARY 2021**

### **WALLINGFORD – ST GEORGES ROAD – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

Report by Interim Corporate Director Communities

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the waiting restrictions at St Georges Road, Wallingford as advertised.

#### **Executive summary**

2. A new car park for staff of Wallingford School on the west side of St Georges Road has been required as part of enabling works for a new £6m teaching block on the school site which will start as soon as the new car park can be used. No waiting at any time restrictions adjacent to the access of the car park onto St Georges Road have been identified (Annex 1) as being required on road safety grounds to ensure that visibility for vehicles using the access is adequate.

#### **Financial Implications**

3. Funding for the proposals has been provided by Oxfordshire County Council.

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

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

#### **Sustainability Implications**

5. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

#### **Consultation**

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 13 January and 12 February 2021. A notice was published in the Oxfordshire Herald newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, South Oxfordshire District Council, Wallingford Town Council and the local County Councillor. Public notices were placed on site with letters also sent directly to approximately 25 properties in the immediate vicinity.
7. Six responses were received to the consultation. 3 objections (50%), one raising concerns, one in support and one non-objection.

8. The responses are recorded at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

**Response to objections and other comments**

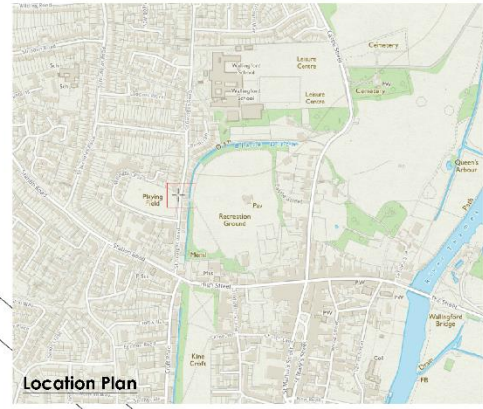
9. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals but noted that, if approved, would not feature as a high enforcement priority.
10. Wallingford Town Council, Crowmarsh Youth Football Club and one local resident objected and one local resident expressed concern on the grounds of loss of parking for residents and users of adjacent recreational facilities and the displacement of parking from the existing small layby (which accommodates 4 vehicles) adjacent to the car park access to less suitable locations in the area.
11. One expression of support was received from a member of the public.
12. While noting the above objections and concerns, the proposals are required to provide safe access to and from the new car park (currently under construction) which forms a required part of approved development to provide essential educational facilities at Wallingford School.
13. One of the respondents requested that the car park is made available to members of the public outside school times; while noting this request this would be a matter for Wallingford School to consider as managers of the car park.

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Annexes                                 Annex 1: Plan of proposed waiting restrictions  
  Annex 2: Consultation responses

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**PROJECT**  
WALLINGFORD SCHOOL  
NEW CLASSROOM BLOCK  
ST GEORGE'S ROAD, OX10 8HH

**TITLE**  
PROPOSED CAR PARK  
ROAD MARKING LAYOUT

**TECHNICAL APPROVAL**

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p><b>No objection</b> – In principle I do not object but must make you aware that any such restrictions do not feature very high for any level of targeted enforcement activity by our officers.</p> <p>Any action by the Police in response to this kind of parking is governed by many factors. These include the seriousness of the offence, the road and traffic conditions at the time and the existence of other more pressing commitments for local police officers.</p> <p>In terms of operational priorities our officers are encouraged to give preference to offences which might directly affect public safety followed by those which have an impact on traffic flow on main traffic routes. However even those priorities must be viewed in the context of the many other more pressing and demanding commitments which our officers face.</p>
(2) Wallingford Town Council	<p><b>Object</b> – Wallingford Town Council reject the removal of the parking bay in St Georges Road. Members discussed the proposals and were very concerned that the parking bay was to be removed. This bay is used by users of the Bull Croft Park and the terms of the new car park on the old school playing field are such that it will only be available for use by the general public for the 4 days of BunkFest.</p>
(3) Local Club, (Crowmarsh)	<p><b>Object</b> – Crowmarsh Youth Football Club (CYFC) make extensive use of the Bullcroft facilities for the benefit of local footballing community for both boys and girls. We have 10 of our 25+ local teams playing regular matches against teams from all over Oxfordshire with further additional age groups using the facilities to train through the week. Whilst the layby being impacted by this plan is not a large parking area it does provide valuable relief for both pick up, drop down and temporary parking both during mid-week training and for additional space at weekends. Speaking on behalf of CYFC as a representative on the CYFC committee, we believe that as there will be no public access to the new car park placed on the St Georges playing field directly opposite the Bullcroft access path, there will be a negative impact to those who use the Bullcroft facilities. As such CYFC oppose the plan.</p>

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<p>(4) Local Resident, (Wallingford)</p>	<p><b>Object</b> – St Georges Road has already been subjected to speed bumps and reduced parking as a result of the Millington Road development. The creation of parking for school use only has not been properly considered by SODC or OCC in terms of community use.</p> <p>The introduction of further restrictions and reduction of parking spaces with further hamper parking for local residence. At weekends the existing parking by the bull croft is used for football and already generates traffic problems in St Georges Road. The Waitrose car park is also overflowing with football parking on Sundays. Please give consideration to a parking space that can be used 7 days a week by the school on Monday-Friday and general public at Weekends rather than causing further congestion and clogging up our already busy streets.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Wallingford)</p>	<p><b>Concerns</b> – I support the changes to the parking restrictions but have concerns about the impact of the relocation of parked cars on the local residents. Under normal conditions, getting in and out of driveways safely is hard at busy times (during football, for example). This is particularly the case on the curve where visibility is restricted by hedges, fences and already parked vehicles. My concern is that difficult access to properties will become more hazardous. Would it be possible to install curved mirrors (perhaps on telegraph poles) to increase visibility along the road?</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Wallingford)</p>	<p><b>Support</b> – Being a resident of Millington Road, it is becoming more apparent that parking is getting worse. The road is regularly full one side with cars. Which is one battle in itself but when an event such as football matches are taking place you then have to battle with St George’s road being inundated with cars. Vehicles park on the grass to the left of Millington Road near the lay-by. Causing no visibility out of the junction left. I have pulled out of my road countless times completely blind hoping nothing is coming. There is a disregard for the safety of vehicles having to come out of junctions. The restrictions would maintain safety, whilst causing an inconvenience to football goers, the safety of road users is paramount.</p> <p>It is a dangerous road in itself, since the speed bumps were re done they are next to useless, people driving down at excessive speeds and the speed bumps from the Crosskeys to the Bullcroft do not deter vehicles (unless it is a Ferrari) so to navigate this road when you have obstructed views isn’t ideal.</p>