

Divisions affected: *Wolvercote and Summertown*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 14 OCTOBER 2021

OXFORD – BOURNE CLOSE - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the no waiting at any time restrictions in Bourne Close, Oxford as advertised.

Executive summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposed no waiting at any time restrictions as a result of concerns over the obstruction of a turning area in a residential cul-de sac, in particular for access by ambulances/other transport for infirm residents.

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. The proposals will facilitate the provision of transport to residents with severe mobility impairment.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and support the use of sustainable and active travel modes.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 12 August and 10 September 2021. A public 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 Councillor. Additionally, letters were sent to approximately 28 properties in the



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Key

Proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restriction

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Local resident (Bourne Close)	Concerns - It would be good to maintain a wide-enough turning area that can be used by delivery vans. There is an increasing number of cars in Bourne Close and the current situation is just about manageable. My suggestions would be to widen the turning area to allow a car to be parked there, while allowing vans to turn. This will reduce the grass a bit but will not impact on the overall feel of the Close; to reduce the length of the double yellow lines coming in to the Close at the southern end; to reduce the length of the disabled bay in the middle of the Close, the current users do not need this much space and it is unclear why they need it as they seem to be well and mobile and also provide indicative parking bays so that space is used optimally, as people have a habit of leaving large gaps.
(3) Local resident (Bourne Close)	Concerns - There is barely enough space for residents to park in Bourne Close as it is, this proposal will only make the available spaces worse. Given the restrictions in the adjacent roads we would not be able to park anywhere near our homes if all the spaces were taken up in the close. I would suggest that new spaces could be created by forming them in the grassed area, thereby allowing the residents the opportunity to park in the Close, whilst freeing up the turning area.
(4) Local resident (Bourne Close)	<p>Objection – My wife and I strongly object to this change. The issue is that there is not enough parking space for residents, taking the turning area away would mean that sometimes people living in Bourne Close would not be able to park nearby their homes. We cannot park legally in the surrounding area because Bourne Close residents are not part of the parking scheme.</p> <p>Another issue is that we get folk who don't live in the area coming and parking in our street because there are no restrictions.</p> <p>Furthermore, some residents are older and less physically able. Not being able to park close to their homes would be a burden. The one disabled parking space we have is already always occupied by a resident.</p> <p>The current state-of-affairs works. Just. The proposed change would cause a lot of problems: more than the problem we sometimes have in turning our cars around.</p>

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<p>(5) Local resident (Bourne Close)</p>	<p>Concerns - While painting double yellow lines on the turning space allows emergency vehicles to turn and protects the private estate at the end of the Close from turning vehicles, it does not solve the parking problems in the Close. It exacerbates them.</p> <p>As I pointed out before, there are fifteen parking spaces at a pinch and twenty-two dwellings on the Close, not counting the additional six dwellings on the private estate who may have visitors who wish to park on the Close.</p> <p>Two of the ten council bungalows are only occupied in theory as the residents appear to live elsewhere. If they return to live on the Close, they both own cars and our parking problems will be even worse.</p> <p>As I suggested before we need extra parking space and I wonder if a small part of the pleasant grassy area on one side of the road could be cleared and paved either at the top or bottom of the road.</p> <p>I do hope the Council can help us out here.</p>
<p>(6) Local resident (Bourne Close)</p>	<p>Concerns - As long as Resident don't need to have parking permit. Restrictions should be for near the curve for turning and nowhere else.</p>