

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 17 NOVEMBER 2011**

### **PROPOSED NO WAITING AT ANY TIME RESTRICTIONS – DONNINGTON BRIDGE ROAD, OXFORD**

**Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Highways & Transport)**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report considers the proposed provision of “no waiting at any time” restrictions on the junctions of Arnold Road, Freelands Road and Swinburne Road with Donnington Bridge Road in Oxford. This follows publication of the draft Oxfordshire County Council (Donnington Area, Oxford) (Traffic Management) (Variation No.5) Order 20\*\*.

#### **Background**

2. In February 2011, planning permission was granted by Oxford City Council for an application to extend an existing property on the junction of Donnington Bridge Road and Freelands Road to provide flats. There was evidence that vehicles were already parking too close to the junctions previously mentioned, as the side roads are only wide enough for two vehicles. It was felt that once the new development was occupied the situation would worsen. In the interests of road safety, a condition was attached to the permission requiring the developer to fund permanent “no waiting at any time” restrictions. This report considers the outcome of a formal consultation held on the proposals.

#### **Formal Consultation**

3. The Directorate sent a copy of the draft amendment order, statement of reasons and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, to formal consultees on 18 August, 2011. These documents, together with supporting documentation as required, and a plan of the proposed restrictions were deposited for public inspection at County Hall and Cowley Library. They are also available for inspection in the Members’ Resource Centre. The plan is shown at Annex 1.
4. At the same time, the Directorate wrote to local residents in the vicinity of the proposed restrictions asking for their comments. In addition public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times. A total of 10 comments were received, all from local residents, and these are summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the original correspondence are available for inspection in the Members’ Resource Centre.
5. Generally respondents welcomed the proposals but some were concerned that there would be displacement. In response it is considered that the

proposals represent a balance between the road safety benefits of keeping the junctions clear of parked vehicles and the desire of residents to park near to their homes. As a result of comments from residents near the junction of Donnington Bridge Road and Swinburne Road, an extra length of “no waiting at any time” restrictions is proposed to protect the entrance to an off-street car park on the east side of Swinburne Road.

### **How the Project supports LTP2 Objectives**

15. The implementation of “no waiting at any time” restrictions will better manage parking locally and promote road safety.

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

16. The costs of the works described in this report have been funded by developer contributions.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

18. **The Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to authorise variations to the Oxfordshire County Council (City of Oxford) (Donnington Area, Oxford) (Traffic Management) Consolidation Order 1997 to:**
  - (a) **approve the proposal to provide “no waiting at any time” restrictions on the junctions of Arnold Road, Freelands Road, and Swinburne Road, with Donnington Bridge Road as advertised;**
  - (b) **approve the proposal to provide additional “no waiting at any time” restriction in Swinburne Road to protect access to an off-street parking area, as described in this report.**

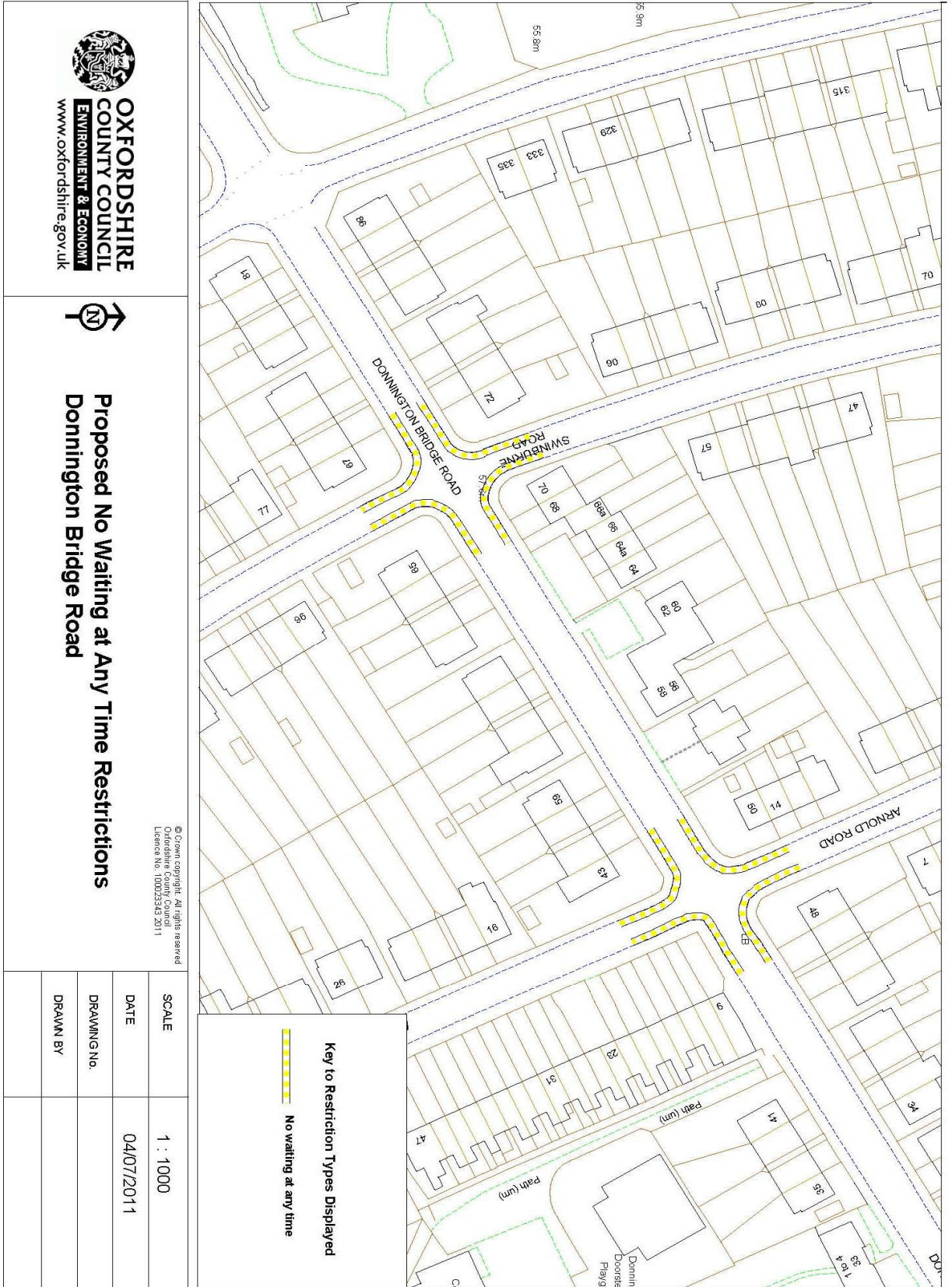
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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 Donnington Bridge Road**

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### Comments on the Proposed New Parking Arrangements

	<b>Commentor</b>	<b>Comments</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
1	Resident, Swinburne Road	Approves but concerned that it will increase parking congestion further away from the junctions. Have single yellow lines been considered on Donnington Bridge Road?	Developer funding only covers cost of proposed scheme which is to address road safety concerns. No plans to provide single yellow lines in Donnington Bridge Road.	Proceed.
2	Resident, Arnold Road	Approves.	Noted.	As above.
3	Resident, Donnington Bridge Road	Objects to the proposal to provide restrictions on the south-west kerb line of Swinburne Road and the south-east kerb line of Donnington Bridge Road, as it would increase parking further down Donnington Bridge Road.	If this restriction was left out it would attract parking that was displaced by the other restrictions. Funding is only available for the advertised proposals, and restrictions on the rest of Donnington Bridge would need to be treated separately, should a problem be identified.	As above.
4	Resident, Arnold Road	Approves as it will improve the line of vision for vehicles proceeding out of Arnold Road onto Donnington Bridge Road.	Noted.	As above.
5	Resident, Arnold Road	Objects to proposal as it would increase parking problems further up Arnold Road. Uses a Disabled Persons' Parking Place outside her home but frequently finds vehicles parked in bay without blue badges when she returns from work.	The proposal is to address a safety issue and has external funding. Further advice was given on contacting the Parking Enforcement Contractor to prevent misuse of the bay by the able-bodied.	As above.
6	Resident, Swinburne Road	Supports the proposal as vehicles parked near the junctions are	Noted.	As above.

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		dangerous to cyclists.		
7	Resident, Donnington Bridge Road	Welcomes the proposal as a safety measure that will prevent parked vehicles obstructing the junctions. Would like the proposed restrictions to be extended up Swinburne Road and across the access to protect her private parking area, provide access for the Emergency Services on the road in between, and prevent parking on the footway adjacent to the side of her home.	It is intended that the restrictions will continue up Swinburne Road as far as the fire hydrant to provide access for the Emergency Services. Will recommend to the Leader of the Council that restrictions be extended to cover the access to the private parking area but not the area in between because this would be unfair to local residents given the parking that the proposals would already displace.	Proceed but with additional length of “no waiting at any time” restrictions to protect the access to an off-street parking area on Swinburne Road.
8	Resident, Donnington Bridge Road	As above.	As above.	As above.
9	Resident, Arnold Road	Objects as “rules” already apply to parking near junctions and assumes that these proposals requested by the developer exceed the “limit” normally allowed.	The proposals provide greater clarity and allow OCC’s parking contractor to enforce the restrictions. The proposals were not requested by the developer but arise from a planning condition.	Proceed.
10	Resident, Freelands Road	Supports but thinks the signs showing access to particular house numbers in Freelands Road are misleading ( <i>Freelands Road is gated- author</i> ).	Noted. Comment about signs passed on to City Council to respond.	As above.