

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 24 NOVEMBER 2016
**PROPOSED CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE, WILLIAM LUCY WAY,
OXFORD**

Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received in the course of the statutory consultation on a proposal to introduce a Controlled Parking Zone in William Lucy Way, Oxford.

Background

2. Concerns over the obstruction of traffic and road safety as a result of uncontrolled on-street waiting on William Lucy Way have been raised by residents and the local members over a number of years. Informal consultations in 2015 and earlier in 2016 revealed a range of views on the most appropriate measures, and having considered these, officers identified the provision of no waiting at any time restrictions and designated on-street bays for the use of visitors to premises within the road and short-stay (2 hour) parking between 9am and 5pm Monday to Saturday as best reflecting the balance of views expressed. The use of the on-street bays would not be restricted outside these times. The proposals are shown in **Annex 1**.
3. Under the proposals, only residents of William Lucy Way would be eligible to apply for visitors parking permits, which would be subject to the same provisions for visitors permits as apply in all the other Controlled Parking Zones in Oxford (25 such permits would be available free of charge per year to each eligible resident, and a further 25 permits per year can be purchased by eligible residents for a fee, currently £20).

Consultation

4. The formal consultation on the above proposals was carried out between 22 September and 21 October 2016. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times, and notices placed on site in the immediate vicinity. An email was sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service and the two local County Councillors, and letters sent to all addresses within the road.
5. Fourteen responses were received, comprising four raising no objections or suggestions for amendments (subject to the operation of the scheme being monitored), with the remainder being supportive in principle, but with queries raised on the days the restriction should apply, the length of the some of the proposed parking bays, and the provision for residents who had no allocated

parking space. Additionally requests were made for measures to control speeds and for the type of markings to respect the nature of the area. The responses are summarised in **Annex 2**. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members Resource Centre.

Review of responses

6. Although no formal objections were received, some of the requests suggest significant changes to the current proposals, and it is considered therefore appropriate for the proposals to be brought to the Cabinet Member for a decision on whether to proceed as advertised.
7. The request for the restrictions to apply on all days of the week (rather than just Monday to Saturday as currently proposed) is noted; the understanding behind the advertised proposals was that a high proportion of the day time parking that has been leading to difficulties in the road is by non-residents (including people working in the general area or commuting into the City Centre) and that therefore there was less need to apply the restriction on Sundays. While no formal survey of parking has been carried out to confirm this, Monday to Saturday restrictions for parking places are applied in many parts of the city and it would seem appropriate to apply these here.
8. Concerns were expressed over the length of some of the proposed parking bays and in particular the bay at the north end of the road, where several respondents requested that it be reduced in length to ensure that parking did not take place close to the junction with Walton Well Road and present a danger to turning traffic (and in particular cyclists). The bay as currently proposed starts 18 metres south of the junction, which is consistent with – and indeed somewhat further away than – many other bays provided in the City which operate with good levels of safety.
9. The request for residents without a designated private parking space to be issued with a permit for parking in the bays without time restriction (rather than just being eligible to apply for visitor permits) is noted. However the planning consent for the development was on the basis of the provision of a fixed number of private parking spaces on the road, and the provision of such permits would not be consistent with this.
10. The requests for measures to help address concerns over speeding are noted, but are not considered directly relevant to the proposals. William Lucy Way will be added to the schedule for the Oxford 20mph speed limit order when it is next revised (as the road was adopted following the making of the current order) which will permit 20mph limit to apply and associated signs to be installed. There is no funding for traffic calming measures to be installed here, and thankfully there has been no record of injury accidents in the road.

The requests for the yellow lines to be of a narrower width than normal are noted and agreed.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

11. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and pedestrians.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

12. Funding for the introduction of parking restrictions has been provided through S106 agreements for this development.

RECOMMENDATION

13. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the proposals as advertised and described in the report.**

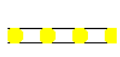
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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
 Consultation responses

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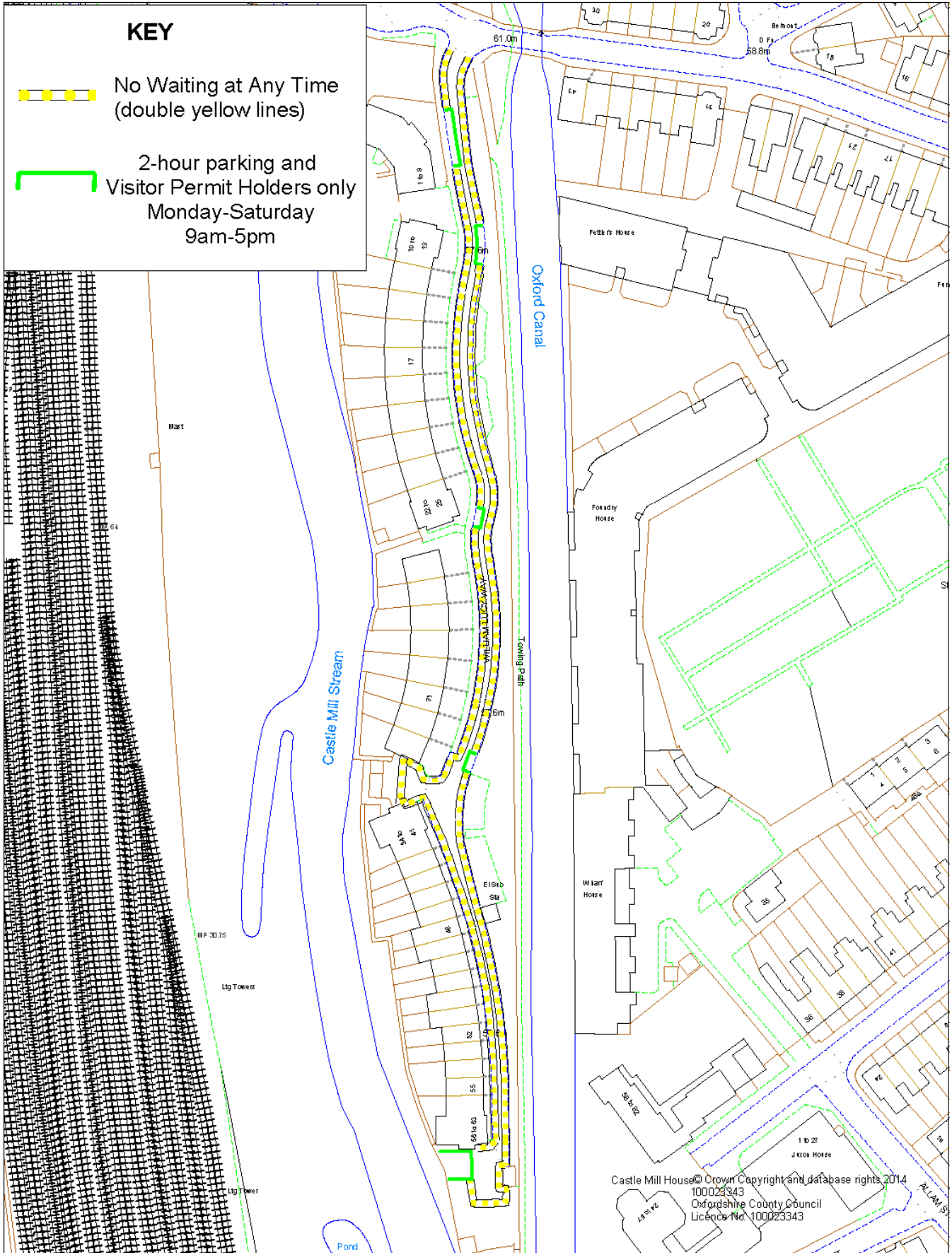
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No Waiting at Any Time
(double yellow lines)



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Monday-Saturday
9am-5pm



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**PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS
WILLIAM LUCY WAY**

SCALE	1 : 1250
DATE	Nov 2016
DRAWING No.	
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ANNEX 2

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Thames Valley Police	No objection
Cllr Howson	Supports, considers that the comments from the resident as summarised immediately below are sensible and merit consideration
Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports, but suggests that the restrictions should apply on all days (i.e including Sunday) and that the proposed northernmost bay should be shorter, to avoid vehicles parking too close to the junction with Walton Well Road and presenting a danger to cyclists. The bays should not be available to contractors vehicles not working on addresses within the road. Noted that the planning permission for the development was granted on the basis of there being limited parking provision that this should still be adhered to now. Also expressed reservations over some property owners having 'purchased' additional parking spaces and would like the council to intervene. Also suggested the provision of 20mph speed limit signs and the provision of road humps to reduce speed.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports, but suggests that all the parking bays should be for permit holders only, and with no exemption for vehicles used by contractors. Also suggests that the bay at the north end of the road should be reduced to allow better visibility and that the Fire and Rescue service are consulted to ensure unobstructed access. Also suggests the provision of 20mph signs and / or road humps.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports proposals, but has reservations about positioning of parking bays & would like a review after implementation to address any issues.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports proposals, but requests that thin yellow Double Yellow Lines as used in a conservation area, and that the restrictions should be reviewed within two years of implementation.

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Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports proposals.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Requests a permit for residents with a car but no allocated parking space to permit parking within a bay at any time
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Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports proposals; would prefer the double yellow lines to be marked using the minimum permitted line width. Has reservations about the parking bay opposite number 12 and suggests a subsequent review after implementation, and asked for clarification about parking on double yellow lines by holders of disabled parking permits.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Unconditionally supports the proposals, but suggests a review after 12-18 months.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Totally in favour of the proposals provided it is confirmed that the 2 parking bays they purchased with their property are not compromised in any way.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Complete support for proposals and requests implementation as soon as possible.
Resident of William Lucy Way	Supports proposals, but requests that they apply on all days. Contractor parking should only be allowed if working on properties in the road (noting that the contractors working for a property management company with offices in the road often park here when working in adjacent streets).