

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL– 14 FEBRUARY 2013

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS CUMBERLAND ROAD AND SAUNDERS ROAD, OXFORD

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections received to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new parking restrictions in two separate roads off Cowley Road in East Oxford.

Background

2. The proposals in this report are a response to local concerns raised through the Area Stewardship Fund process. The two proposals are independent from each other but as they both require an amendment to the same Traffic Regulation Order they have been combined for consultation purposes.
3. The proposed restrictions in Cumberland Road are shown on the plan attached at Annex 1. They have arisen following discussions with local police officers and others about the inconvenience and congestion caused by parking obstructing accesses in the small close off Cumberland Road. The proposed restrictions in Saunders Road are shown on the plan attached at Annex 2. A plan detailing the locations is shown at Annex 3. They have arisen following discussions with local police officers about the danger and congestion caused by parking near to the Cowley Road (beyond the existing double yellow lines) which means that at times, cars entering Saunders Road are unable to proceed and have to reverse back onto Cowley Road. County Councillor Malik has agreed to use some of his Area Stewardship Fund to deal with these issues.

Formal Consultation

4. Formal consultation on the proposed restrictions took place between 29 November and 28 December 2012. Public notices setting out the proposed restrictions were posted at the sites and in the Oxford Times. Letters were sent to frontagers and supporting documentation and plans deposited for public inspection at County Hall and Cowley Library.
5. One response was received in respect of the Cumberland Road proposals and two concerning Saunders Road. A summary of these responses, along with an officer comment, is attached at Annex 4 with copies of the consultation responses available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

Conclusion

6. Both proposals have been put forward in response to local concerns by police officers and have the support of the local Councillor. It is accepted that their introduction may result in some displacement of parking but it is considered that this will be to less disruptive locations and the proposals should be introduced as advertised.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

7. The cost of the advertising, consultation and any subsequent works described in this report will be met from County Councillor Malik's Area Stewardship Fund allocation.

RECOMMENDATION

18. **The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the parking restrictions in Cumberland Road and Saunders Road as advertised in the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Streets East Oxford) (Traffic Regulation) (Variation No.11) Order 20****

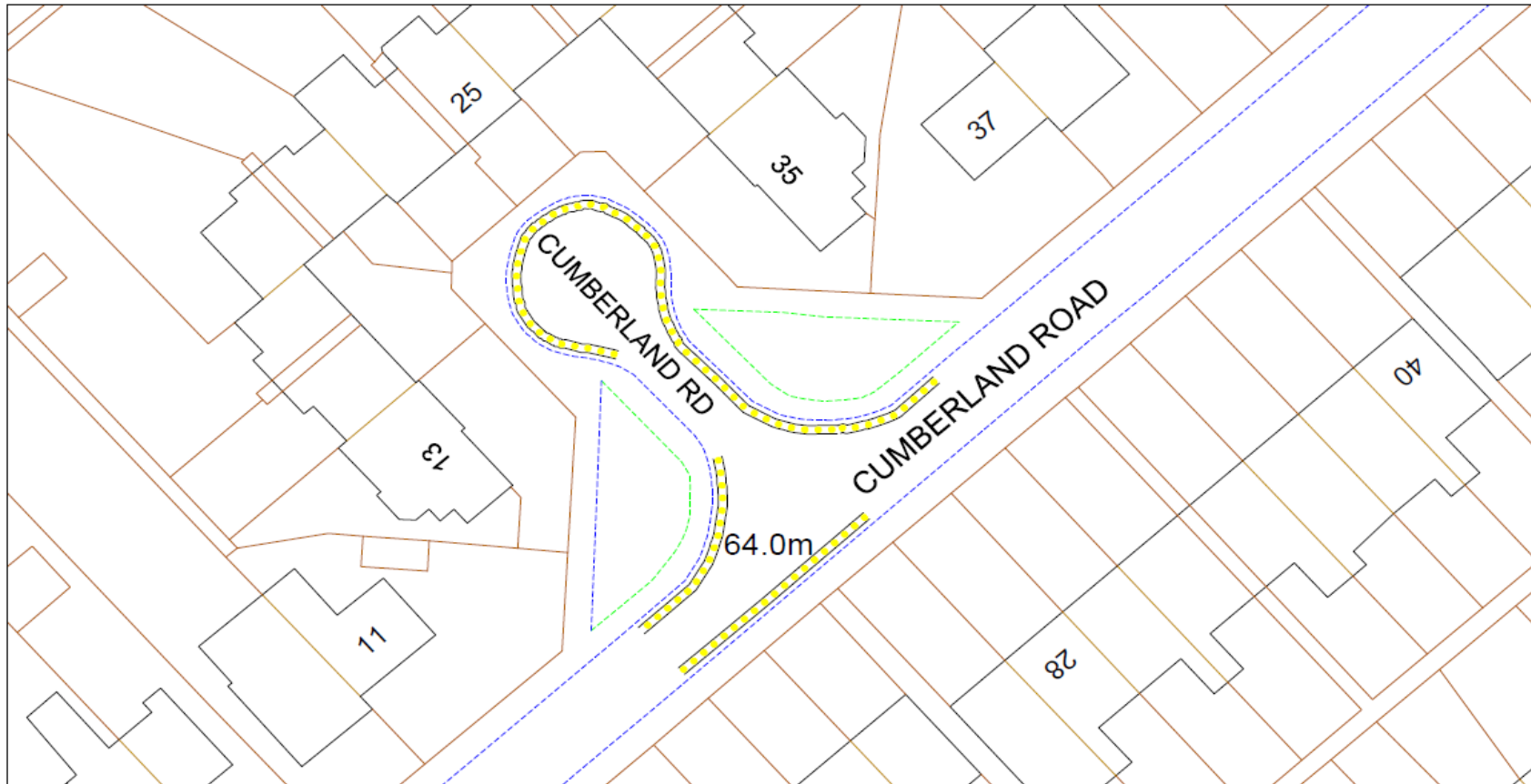
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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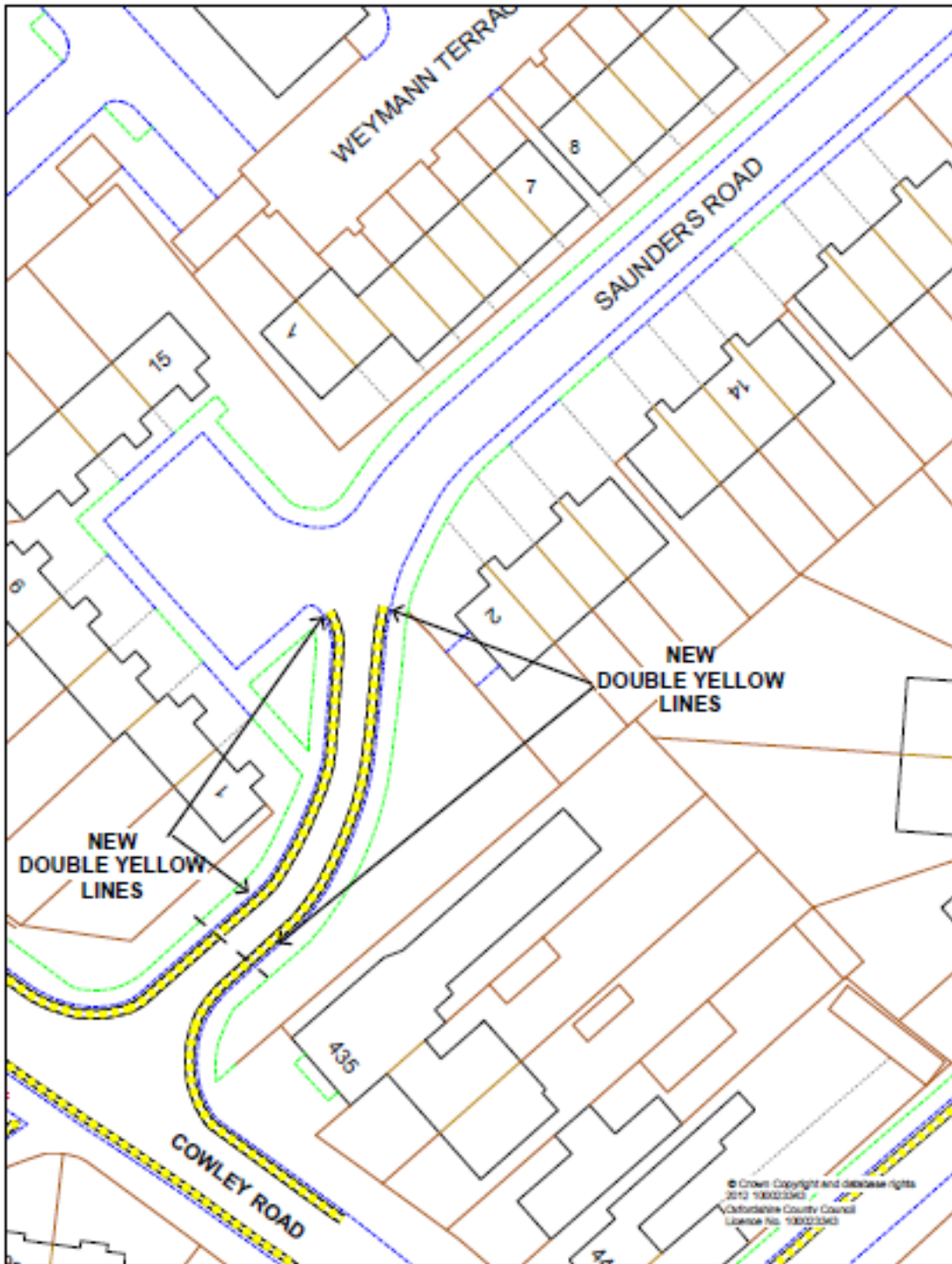
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	Objections / Comments	Officer Response
CUMBERLAND ROAD		
Resident of Cumberland Road	<p>Directly affected by the proposal. Considers that these restrictions will only force people to look somewhere else to park. This will not help the congestion at this point but just move it along the road a little.</p> <p>Thinks the only solution is to allow parking on the green areas at the entrance to the close. If this was done there could be numbered parking so there is no argument as to who can park there. Allowing this to be done would help people to park near their house not further up the road</p> <p>There are two disabled drivers in the close.</p>	<p>The idea is to keep driveways clear within the close thus enabling residents to have confidence to use these to park without concerns about accesses being blocked.</p> <p>The 'green area' referred to is intended to be kept clear as a vision splay. In addition, as it public highway numbered parking bays could not be provided</p> <p>A section of kerb-space has been left without double yellow lines so that a Disabled bay could be introduced in future should this be required.</p>
SAUNDERS ROAD		
Resident of Saunders Road	<p>Concerned that if the new restrictions are implemented then people (including commuters and residents from elsewhere in the area) will use the parking area outside No's 1-15, thus leaving residents with nowhere to park.</p> <p>What considerations have been given to residents parking? What measures are available to ensure that the area does not become a car park for non-residents?</p>	<p>Such displacement may occur, but by parking off the main part of Saunders Road the danger and congestion issues will be resolved.</p> <p>This area is not currently being considered for residents parking.</p>

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<p>Employee of local business</p>	<p>Parking for local business in this area is minimal particularly as the nearby section of Cowley is more often than not half full of cars for sale, occupying much needed local parking for commuters. Also, the Cowley Marsh car park is always full of council workers' cars</p> <p>Suggests that the eastern footway on Cowley Road could be converted to segregated cycleway/footway to deter parking on that side of the road</p>	<p>It is understood that Oxford City Council are investigating options to regulate the issue of kerbside car sales.</p> <p>This matter is beyond the scope of this consultation.</p>
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