

**DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL– 21 MARCH 2013****PROPOSED RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME – ELMS ROAD,  
BOTLEY****Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)****Introduction**

1. This report considers objections to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce a new residents parking scheme for Elms Road in Botley.

**Background**

2. The proposals in this report respond to local concerns about the danger and congestion caused by parking by commuters and others in a street in Botley. Elms Road is a residential cul-de-sac off West Way. As well as a doctor's surgery at the end of the road, part way along is Botley Primary School and in recent years, a new development of apartments has been built. In addition due to its location, Elms Road is considered to be attractive to commuters travelling to Oxford, seeking an alternative to the nearby Seacourt Park & Ride site.
3. Following discussions between officers and Councillor Janet Godden regarding options for dealing with the matter and informal consultation carried out by Councillor Godden (including a residents meeting held in the school, whose Head is supportive of taking action on parking) a proposal for a residents parking scheme was developed to operate from 8am to 8pm Mondays-Fridays only (see plan at Annex 1).
4. Residents parking would not normally be considered for roads within the administrative boundary of Vale of White Horse District Council, as the district council has yet to take up powers to carry out civil parking enforcement (CPE). However, parts of Botley are within the Special Parking Area drawn up when CPE powers were obtained for the Oxford City area and, therefore, parking enforcement is undertaken by contractors working for the County Council.

**Formal Consultation**

5. Oxfordshire County Council sent a copy of the draft amendment orders, statement of reasons and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed changes to formal consultees on 10 January 2013. These documents, together with supporting documentation and plans were deposited for public inspection at County Hall and at Botley Library. They are also available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
6. At the same time, the Council wrote to residents of Elms Road, Nursery Close and adjacent parts of West Way, explaining the proposals and asking for their comments. Public notices were also displayed on site and in the Oxford Times.

7. A total of 6 responses were received regarding the proposals. These are summarised at Annex 2. Of these, two were from households in Elms Road who were fully in favour of the proposed scheme. Two were from other households in Elms Road but who raised a number of concerns. One was from a resident of Nursery Drive wanting to be able to park occasionally on Elms Road and one from a resident of West Way, who relied on parking in Elms Road and wished to continue to do so.

## Conclusion

8. Based on the consultation responses and the earlier soundings undertaken by Councillor Godden, the proposed restrictions are generally welcomed by the residents of Elms Road and will deal with their primary concerns about daytime parking by non-residents.
9. The issues raised by a respondent about the possible effects of the redevelopment of the West Way shopping area are noted, but as this is not yet an approved development, these cannot be considered at this stage.
10. On the matter of extending permit availability to properties other than those with Elms Road addresses, it would not be appropriate to include Nursery Close as these flats have private parking. However, the respondent from West Way lives in one of two flats adjacent to Elms Road with no off-road parking and it would seem reasonable, therefore, to amend the proposed scheme to allow such residents to apply for a maximum of one permit per flat.

## Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

11. The cost of the advertising, consultation and any subsequent works described in this report will be met from County Councillor Godden's area stewardship fund allocation and Section 106 funds.

## RECOMMENDATION

18. **The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve a residents parking scheme for Elms Road Botley as advertised with the addition of extending permit eligibility to 64/64A West Way (as described in this report).**

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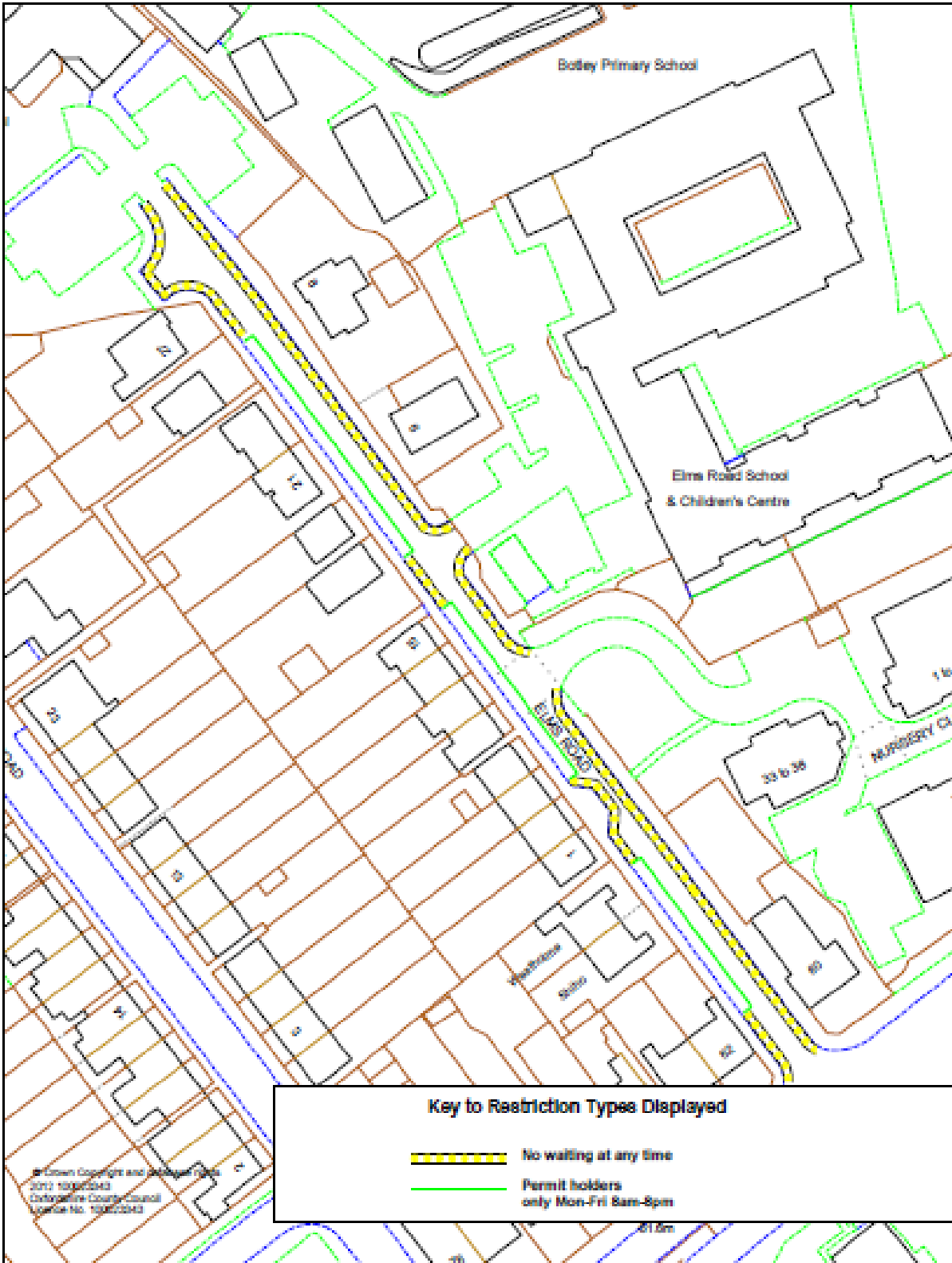
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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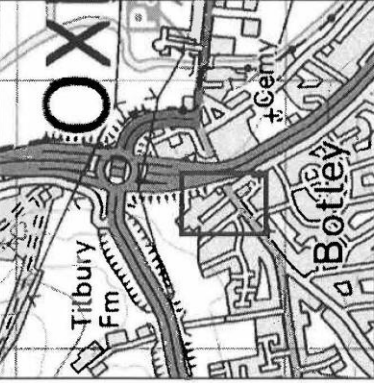


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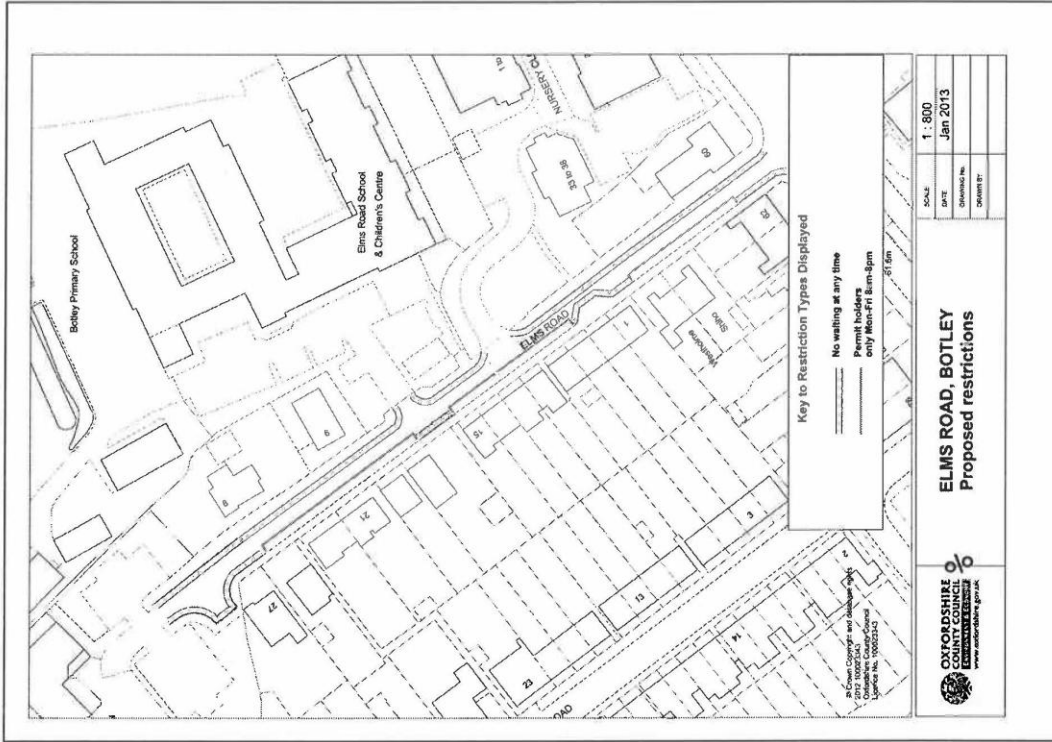
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## RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	OFFICER RESPONSE
Two residents of Elms Road	Parking problems on Elms Road have intensified in recent years. We very strongly support the proposals	Noted
Two residents of Elms road	Commuters continue to park in the road which causes parking problems. We are totally in favour of the scheme	Noted
Resident of Nursery Close	Occasionally parks in Elms Road (mainly in the evenings) so am concerned that the restriction applies until 8pm and would rather it finished at 6pm and/or residents of Nursery Drive able to have permits	The scheme is intended to ensure Elms Road residents have priority for parking. The restrictions will not apply at weekends and alternative parking is available in the West Way shopping car park
Resident of West Way	Need to park in Elms Road as have the only property in this part of West Way without off-street parking. Alternatively, could the times of the restrictions be reduced? Never experienced any problems parking in Elms Road	Agreed that this property is unique in the locality in having no alternative parking available and therefore it is proposed to include it in the list of addresses eligible for permits.
Resident of Elms Road	<p>Agrees with the principle of residents parking but considers that it should apply at all times and every day as there is parking pressure at weekends due to the development of flats nearby, the introduction of charges at Park &amp; Ride, and the growing use of the school and medical sites.</p> <p>Concerned that the forthcoming development of the West Way shopping area will cause problems for Elms Road residents both during construction and when complete as it is likely to reduce the parking opportunities for residents</p> <p>Wants the proposed double yellow lines at the turning point on Elms Road to be reduced to allow more parking – turning can take place in the medical centre site</p>	<p>Noted. The decision to propose a weekdays-only restriction was as a result of informal consultation carried out by Councillor Godden and was felt to meet the concerns of the majority of residents.</p> <p>As this is not yet an approved development its possible effect cannot be considered at this stage. However, the presence of a residents parking scheme will ensure that parking of contractors vehicles in Elms Road is controlled.</p> <p>The medical centre car park is private land and therefore cannot be assumed to be available for use as a turning area.</p>
Resident of Elms Road	<p>Concerned that the imposition of no waiting on much of the upper end of Elms Road will prevent parents from parking to pick up children from school.</p> <p>Not convinced that the proposed scheme will have much effect on the overall parking levels in the street.</p>	In discussion about the proposed scheme the school head teacher has made it clear that she does not wish to have any parking facility for parents on Elms Road and actively encourages the use of other parking areas for school drop-off and collection.