

Divisions: St Clement's and Cowley Marsh

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 13 NOVEMBER 2014

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – VARIOUS LOCATIONS, OXFORD

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce parking restrictions in Reliance Way (off Cowley Road). Other restrictions consulted on at the same time either did not attract any objections or will be considered at another time..

Background

2. Parking restrictions at the entrance to Reliance Way (at its junction with Cowley Road) have been requested by County Cllr Azad in response to requests from some residents concerned about the danger and congestion caused by the parking which occurs there. The proposed restrictions to deal with this problem are shown in the plan at Annex 1.

Formal Consultation

3. In May/June 2014 formal consultation took place on the proposals, with copies of the draft Traffic Regulation Order, statement of reasons, and a copy of the public notice deposited for public inspection at County Hall, and at relevant local libraries. At the same time, the Council wrote to local residents and businesses affected by the proposed changes and public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times.
4. Four responses have been received which are summarised at Annex 2 along with officer comments. Copies of all the consultation responses are available for inspection in the Members Resource Centre.
5. Two residents object on the grounds that they do not believe that the parking causes any difficulties; they and the other respondents are also concerned that the proposals will simply move the parking into other parts of the estate. There is general comment there is insufficient parking in the area, leading to drivers leaving vehicles in inappropriate locations.
6. In response, whilst it is accepted that the proposals do not deal with the underlying issue of insufficient space for the number of vehicles that residents wish to park in the area, it is considered appropriate to introduce the restrictions in the section of Reliance Way which has the highest

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traffic levels and which otherwise would be subject to danger and congestion. Requests for further restrictions in other parts of the road may be looked at in the future if the opportunity arises, but recognising that this would put further pressure on the available spaces.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

7. The cost of the proposed work described in this report will be met from S106 funds for this area.

RECOMMENDATION

8. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed parking restrictions for Reliance Way, Oxford as advertised.**

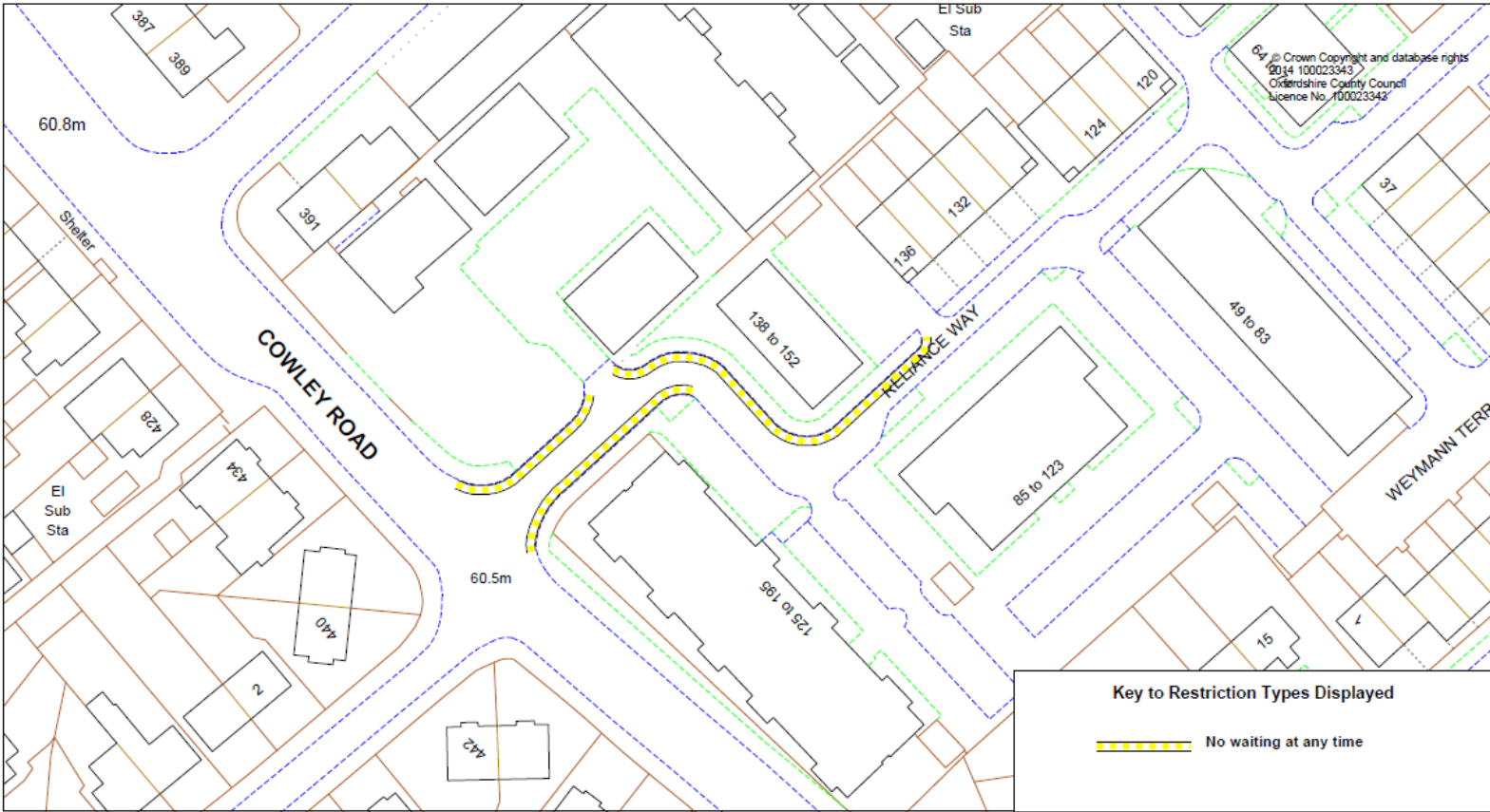
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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RELiance WAY, OXFORD
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS
 (existing restrictions omitted for clarity)

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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	OFFICER RESPONSE
Resident (Reliance Way)	I agree that at times people can park irresponsibly at the entrance of the road but I do not find this to be a constant problem. There is insufficient parking for visitors on Reliance Way and I would be concerned that imposing these restrictions would simply move the parking problem either further into Reliance Way or onto the neighbouring streets. I therefore do not support these proposed changes.	There is a risk that the restrictions will simply displace the parking problem to other parts of the estate, but these proposals protect the busiest section of the road and the associated corners thus enabling free flow of traffic
Resident (Reliance Way)	Pleased to see a consultation about protecting the entrance to Reliance Way as it has been getting quite dangerous since the private enforcement stopped. In addition to what you are proposing, would you consider also protecting the couple of other areas where, if parking occurs, it makes it hard to pass in the square and very dangerous on the corner by no 49.	Extending the restrictions into other areas would require further consultation for which funding is not currently available.
Resident (Reliance Way)	Objects to the increased parking restrictions on the following grounds:- 1. There is no visitor parking anywhere in Reliance Way, despite there being many properties, which is a problem for many residents when they have visitors. 2. Does not believe that parking on the entrance road to Reliance Way causes any "congestion and danger" at all. There is plenty of space for vehicles to drive by, and does this every day. 3. Restricting parking here will only put pressure on other roads nearby as drivers seek to find spaces elsewhere to park. Had Reliance Way been better designed with more parking areas, then this would not be an issue. As it is, believes we should allow vehicles to park in the areas highlighted in your diagram.	Much of the parking in the estate is non-highway and does include spaces marked out for visitors Other residents and the local Cllr have reported that the parking does cause problems Extending the restrictions into other areas would require further consultation for which funding is not currently available.
Resident (Reliance Way)	Very pleased that the issue of parking in this area is being addressed. This is a worsening problem, with even large coaches using Reliance Way as a parking spot, further compromising the safety of residents and vehicles. Concerned that while the proposed restrictions are very welcome, they do not go far enough, and may simply push the problem further into Reliance Way. Can the restrictions please include a Notice that cars must be parked in assigned bays only (with failure to do so resulting in a penalty)?	Extending the restrictions into other areas or to require vehicles to only park in marked bays would require further consultation for which funding is not currently available.