

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 2 SEPTEMBER 2010

HEADINGTON NORTHEAST CPZ, OXFORD MINOR AMENDMENTS

Report by Head of Highways & Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments and objections received to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation to vary the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) for the Headington Northeast Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) to amend the parking arrangements in two streets in response to requests from local residents.

Background

2. There have been several requests received from residents for minor changes to parking arrangements in the Headington Northeast CPZ. In Northfield Road residents have complained that since the introduction of the CPZ they are frequently unable to egress their driveway when there are vehicles parked in the parking bay opposite. In Burrows Close a resident has suggested that additional parking for visitors could be created by extending a 2-hour shared use bay in the turning area at the end of the Close. In advance of any zone-wide review, responding to such requests is considered an appropriate way to ensure that the changing parking needs/opportunities of an area continue to be met.

Formal Consultation

3. Formal consultation on the proposed changes took place in July 2010. Letters and plans were sent to all properties in the vicinity of the proposed changes, notices explaining the proposals placed on site and in the Oxford Times and information sent to local Councillors and emergency services. A copy of the public notice and the other legal documents, which were placed on deposit at Headington Library and at County Hall, are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

Consultation Responses

4. A total of 5 letters and e-mails were received in response to the advertised proposals. A précis of these together with the observations of the Head of Transport is attached at Annex 1. Copies of all these communications are available in the Members' Resource Centre.

5. Thames Valley Police and several residents have raised concerns about the proposed additional parking in Burrows Close and in response to these comments it is proposed that this change does not proceed. One resident is supportive of the proposed double yellow lines in Northfield Road and would like their own driveway to be similarly protected. Another resident does not think that the change should proceed as it will not solve any problems but will cause difficulties for other residents. However, it is considered that the loss of parking space is minor and the proposal should proceed.

Conclusions

6. In response to concerns expressed regarding the proposed change in Burrows Close, it is felt that this change should not now proceed. The objectors' concerns regarding the proposed change in Northfield Road are noted, but it is considered that the proposed change is minor and will not make parking significantly more difficult and should therefore proceed.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

7. The proposals described in this report relate to the LTP2 objective of improving the Street Environment (better management of parking).

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

8. Funding for the costs of implementing the proposals described in this report, estimated to be around £1000 (including advertising) will be met from existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

9. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to:**
 - (a) **approve the proposed change to parking in Northfield Road in the Headington Northeast CPZ as advertised in the Oxfordshire County Council (Headington Northeast) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) (Variation No.9*) Order 20** subject to not proceeding with the proposed change for Burrows Close as set out in this report;**
 - (b) **authorise the Head of Highways & Transport to agree any further non-substantial variations he considers appropriate subject to him consulting the Cabinet Member for Transport on any material variation and undertaking any further consultation which he may consider appropriate.**

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Background papers: Copies of all the legal documents plus letters and emails received in response are available in the Members' Resource room.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING – HEADINGTON NORTHEAST CPZ, OXFORD
Summary of Public Comments

No.	Commentor's Address	Summary of Objection or Comment	Observations of the Director of Environment & Economy
1.	Thames Valley Police	No objections to proposal for Northfield Road Object to the proposed change in Burrows Close as it reduces the forward visibility of drivers using the turning area which is felt would raise the potential for collisions	Noted Following further consideration it is agreed that this additional parking space could cause problems and should not proceed
2.	Resident, Burrows Close	Agrees that there is a need for more 2-hour parking in the Close and suggests that this is done by converting some of the existing Residents Only Parking rather than this new bay which will create a blind spot for drivers using the turning area	Following further consideration it is agreed that this additional parking space could cause problems and should not proceed. The options to provide space for visitors elsewhere in the Close will be considered at the next available opportunity
3.	Two residents, Burrows Close	Concerned that the proposed bay would adversely affect their ability to manoeuvre their large vehicle on/off their driveway, and would make visibility much worse for drivers using the turning area. Suggests that a visitor bay could be created from some of the existing Residents Only Parking on the straight part of the Close	Following further consideration it is agreed that this additional parking space could cause problems and should not proceed. The options to provide space for visitors elsewhere in the Close will be considered at the next available opportunity
4.	Resident of Northfield Road	Supports the proposed alteration to parking. Would like a similar arrangement (double yellow lines opposite the driveway) put in for him and his neighbour as they have similar difficulties	Noted The options to provide similar assistance elsewhere in the Road will be considered at the next available opportunity
5.	Resident of Northfield Road	The proposed change should not proceed as it will not solve the requestor's problem and will increase the problems experienced by others as existing double yellow lines are routinely ignored as will new ones. The reduced parking bay length will force existing parked vehicles to squeeze into less space and lead to other driveways being impeded by badly parked cars	The loss of 4 metres of parking is considered to be minor given the overall amount of on and off street parking in the area. However, options to provide additional space elsewhere in the Road will be considered at the next available opportunity