

A history of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) proposals for the Divinity Road and Magdalen Road ¹ areas

Feasibility - August 2007 to January 2008

A feasibility study of potential additional CPZs within Oxford was undertaken between August 2007 and January 2008. The Divinity Road and Magdalen Road areas were two of six areas identified. The study included site surveys and parking surveys to determine the level of residential and commuter parking, as well as informal consultation with stakeholders and local councillors. Based on the findings of the feasibility study, the then Cabinet Member for Transport decided to proceed with the promotion of the Divinity Road and Magdalen Road area CPZs.

A full report on the study is at background Document A.

Initial Informal Consultation - June and July 2008

Initial informal consultation on plans for CPZs in the Divinity and Magdalen Road areas was carried out between 13 June and 11 July 2008. Most respondents were overall in favour of a CPZ, and, whilst some were reluctantly in favour, they acknowledged the need for a CPZ in their area but resented paying for it and/or were concerned about the 'knock on' effect it might have in surrounding streets. It was also recognized that there was a need to restrict the number of permits due to the high demand relative to available space. Having reviewed the public response to the consultation alongside the county council's five LTP2 priorities, the Cabinet Member for Transport decided to proceed with a preliminary design for the CPZs. Reports on the informal consultation are available here at Background Document B.

Further Informal Consultation – November and December 2008

Based on the results of the initial consultation preliminary design proposals were the subject of informal consultation between 7 November and 8 December 2008.

A consultation pack, showing the parking layout and designation of parking bays in each street, including plans and a questionnaire, was delivered to every property within the proposed zone.

Following a review of the public response the then Cabinet Member for Transport decided to proceed with a detailed design.

Full reports on the informal consultation are available at Background Document C.

¹ Now being advertised as two zones – Magdalen Road (North) and Magdalen Road (South)

Formal Consultation – June and July 2009

Taking into account the comments from the informal consultation, revised plans were drawn up for formal consultation, which took place between 11 June and 9 July 2009. A draft Traffic Regulation Order for each zone was advertised and consultation packs delivered to every property within the proposed zone. Full details of both consultations were reported to the former Transport Decisions Committee on 1 October 2009.

At the committee, it was decided to approve the plans for a CPZ in the Divinity Road area but only implement them when plans for a CPZ in the Magdalen Road area were approved. The committee approved the principle of a CPZ in the Magdalen Road Area subject to the exclusion of the Iffley Fields area from the zone and authorised officers to advertise a new Traffic Regulation Order for the zone on that basis.

Further Formal Consultation for the Magdalen Road Area proposals - November 2009 to January 2010

Following the Transport Decisions Committee on 1 October 2009, a further formal consultation was carried out between 20 November 2009 and 4 January 2010 on the basis of the previous plans for the Magdalen Road area but with the Iffley Fields area removed.

Full details of this consultation were also reported to the Cabinet Member for Transport Decisions Committee on 25 March 2010.

The Cabinet Member for Transport decided not to approve the plans but instead instructed officers to re-advertise the plans but with the same zone area split into two distinct areas – one to cover all the roads north west of but not including Magdalen Road, the other to cover all the roads south east of and including Magdalen Road.