

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 10 OCTOBER 2013**PROPOSED REMOVAL OF PARKING BAY
LIME WALK, HEADINGTON, OXFORD****Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)****Introduction**

1. This report considers objections to a formal consultation on a proposal to introduce a new parking restriction to remove a parking bay on Lime Walk in the Headington Central CPZ, required as a result of an adjacent development site.

Background

2. The proposal in this report arose as a result of the granting of planning permission in June 2012 for a development at 129 Lime Walk described as: *“extension to existing property plus extension and alteration to form 2 x 3-bed and 1 x 2-bed chalet bungalows; provision of 1 car parking space per property, together with cycle and bin stores”*. In granting planning consent, it was noted that the introduction of additional parking places off the highway and the provision of the associated dropped kerbs, would reduce the length of the existing on-street ‘Permit Holders Only’ parking bay from 12 metres to 6 metres. The cost of this alteration is to be met by the developer.
3. In June 2013 the developer approached the County Council seeking to have the change to the on-street bay implemented. On visiting the site it was clear to council officers that the private parking bays and associated dropped kerbs had been designed and constructed in such a way that it was no longer feasible to have any parking bay on this part of Lime Walk. As a result, the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) would need to be amended to remove the 12 meter bay in its entirety. Annex 1 sets out the proposal.

Formal Consultation

4. 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 in July 2013. These documents, together with supporting documentation and plans were deposited for public inspection at County Hall. They are also available for inspection in the Members’ Resource Centre. Public notices were also displayed on site and in the Oxford Times.
5. Responses have been received from County Councillor Roz Smith, the Highfields Residents Association and an individual resident of Lime Walk. All these respondents object to the proposal to completely remove the parking

bay. Copies of these objections are available for inspection in the Members' Room but can be summarised as (a) that the proposal does not accord with the planning consent for the site and (b) the presence of the parking bay (when occupied) is a key element of the current and emerging traffic calming scheme in Lime Walk and, therefore, its removal will increase traffic speed and also have a negative impact on pedestrian safety at the Old Road junction.

6. Following receipt of these objections Oxford City Council have confirmed that the development and associated off-street parking places (and thus the dropped kerb) have been built in accordance with the permissions for the site and that the developer has complied with all the permissions for the site. It has become clear that since the substantive consent was issued in June 2012, the developer applied in April 2013 to vary a number of aspects of the development, which included the layout of the off-street parking. This application was consulted on by the City Council and received no objections.
7. The development of a comprehensive traffic calming scheme for Lime Walk has been the subject of discussions with the local community for some time. The junctions at Old Road and All Saints Road were treated in 2012 but there are currently no plans agreed for further features. It is acknowledged that removal of the single space outside 129 Lime Walk will reduce any traffic calming benefits that it may have given when a vehicle was actually present, given the general layout of parking bays elsewhere in this part of the street. However, the effect is likely to be minor. Further, should a traffic calming scheme be developed in the future alternative methods to narrow the road (such as a small build-out or planter) could be placed in the vicinity of No 129.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

8. The cost of advertising, consultation and subsequent works described in this report will be met from the contributions received from the developer of the adjacent site

RECOMMENDATION

18. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the advertised parking restriction for Lime Walk, Headington as set out in this report.**

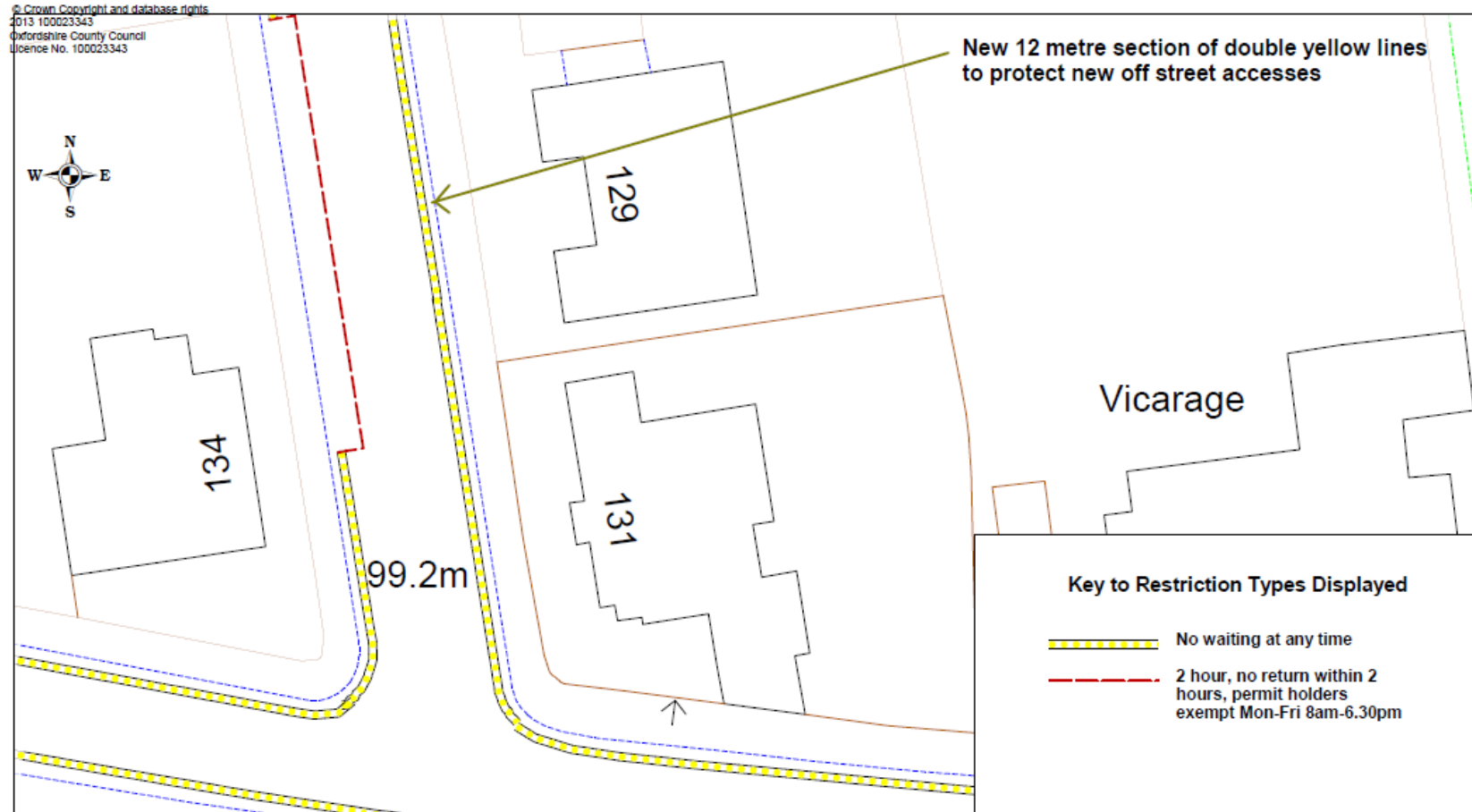
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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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