

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT– 21 MAY 2015

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS – LAYBYS ON A40

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections and comments received following formal consultation on proposals to introduce new parking restrictions in two laybys on A40 between Oxford and M40.

Background

2. The proposals in this report involve the introduction of a 30 minute limit on the length of stay that vehicles can be parked in the two laybys on A40 east of Oxford. The location of the laybys is shown in the plan at Annex 1.
3. These proposals have been developed to ensure that there is space available for drivers who wish to stop for a short period, perhaps to use the facilities or to take a short break in their journey. At the same time, it is hoped that this restriction will assist the Police in dealing with the anti-social activities that have been reported as occurring in the laybys, partly as a result of drivers parking for long periods

Consultation

4. In April 2015 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 Wheatley Library. At the same time, the Council wrote to Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council, local residents and organisations representing the road haulage industry. In addition public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times.
5. An objection to the proposals has been received from Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council. The Parish Council are concerned that the 30 minute limit is too short for lorry drivers to have their required 45 minute rest stop and ask that the time limit is altered accordingly. They question whether the restrictions will be enforced, as without enforcement the proposal will be useless. Finally they are concerned as to where the lorries which currently use the laybys for overnight stops will move to.
6. In response to these points, HGV drivers needing to take a rest break or park overnight can use other facilities (including the Oxford Services at M40 J8A); further, whilst the regulations covering drivers hours do require

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a break of 45 minutes to be taken this does not have to be in a single block and so the 30 minutes allowed in these laybys could still form part of the rest period. On the matter of enforcement, the proposals have been developed in close liaison with Thames Valley Police who have undertaken to provide enforcement alongside actions to deter anti-social behaviour.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

7. The cost of the proposed work described in this report will be met from the highways revenue budget.

RECOMMENDATION

8. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed parking restrictions as described in this report.**

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Background papers: Consultation documentation

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- Layby location
- Park & Ride Location

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