

Division(s): Banbury Easington

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 24 NOVEMBER 2016

PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS HORTON VIEW AREA, BANBURY

Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received in the course of the statutory consultation on proposals to introduce additional and amended waiting restrictions in the Horton View area in Banbury.

Background

2. Following local requests for action to address parking concerns in the above area, and an informal consultation carried out last year, proposed amendments to the waiting and parking restrictions along Horton View, Easington Road, St Georges Crescent, Ruskin Road and Wykham Place (as shown in **Annexes 1 and 2**) have been identified by officers to improve road safety and reduce congestion.

Consultation

3. The formal consultation on the above proposals was carried out between 15 September and 14 October 2016. A public notice was placed in the Banbury Guardian and notices placed on site in the immediate vicinity. An email was sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Town and District Councils and the local County Councillor, and letters sent to all addresses within the road adjacent to the proposals. The responses are summarised in **Annex 3**. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members Resource Centre.
4. Responses were received from Thames Valley Police and 23 others, mainly local residents and businesses. The police did not object to the proposals but noted that resourcing issues could impact on enforcement. Of the other responses received 4 were in favour of the proposals and 18 against and 1 made a request for a small additional restriction.

Objections and concerns

5. The main comments were that the proposals were not needed at all or were too excessive with some suggesting that the proposed double yellow line (DYL) restriction should be replaced with an 8am to 6pm restriction applying Monday to Friday only.

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6. The Post Office objected to the extent of the proposed DYL restriction adjacent to the St Georges Crescent/Horton View junction and presented a petition signed by 880 customers concerned about the effect of the proposals on the viability of the Post Office. There was a similar objection from the Undertaker nearby but the Hairdresser next door to the Post Office was in favour of the proposals as access to their forecourt is often blocked by cars. The other two businesses in the area did not respond.
7. Three residents of Horton View objected to the proposed DYL across their accesses and two specifically requested that the proposed limited waiting area be taken across their driveways with access protection markings provided; the other resident asked for a single yellow line instead. Another resident expressed concern that the proposals would prevent carers for her daughter parking all day outside her house as they do at present
8. Robbin's Nest restaurant in Stanbridge House on Ruskin Road object to the proposals in Ruskin Road due to the impact on parking for their customers and other visitors to Stanbridge House.
9. The Churchwardens of St Hugh's Church in Ruskin Road objected on the grounds that the proposals would impact on activities at the Church such as Toddlers Group, Slimming World, the History Group and several other organisations. They also considered that the proposals would affect parking for funerals, weddings and christenings. They also objected to the proposed restrictions near the Horton View/St Georges Road junction because they would prevent elderly people parking close to the shops.

Response to objections

10. In view of the responses received officers have discussed possible amendments with Cllr Mallon the County Councillor representing this area, and these are shown in **Annexes 4 and 5**. In particular it is suggested that the proposed lengths of DYL in the vicinity of the shops be reduced to allow more parking to be retained, a key issue for the objectors. These revised proposals have been discussed with the businesses and they are generally in agreement.
11. Where residents on Horton View have asked for DYL not to be introduced across driveways this change has been included in the amendments, however the provision of single yellow lines is not possible as the required signing is not practicable as it would need to be sited in the middle of the dropped kerb. In addition, a minor reduction in the proposed restrictions should meet the needs of the carers referred to above.
12. With regard to Ruskin Road the amended proposals would not lead to the removal of all the parking in the vicinity of Stanbridge House, but would still keep the junctions and accesses clear. This together with the parking opportunities that will remain in St Hugh's Close should provide ample space for daytime events at the Church (who had previously indicated their main parking need is at weekends and evenings). The restrictions near Horton Court will continue to allow on-road parking in evenings and weekends which,

together with the off-road provision for the flats and the parking opportunities elsewhere in the vicinity, is considered acceptable.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

13. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and prioritise the needs of local residents and businesses

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

14. Funding for the appraisal of the proposals, consultation and preparation of all paperwork has been funded from general developer contributions.

RECOMMENDATION

15. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the implementation of the amended proposals described in this report and shown in Annexes 4 and 5**

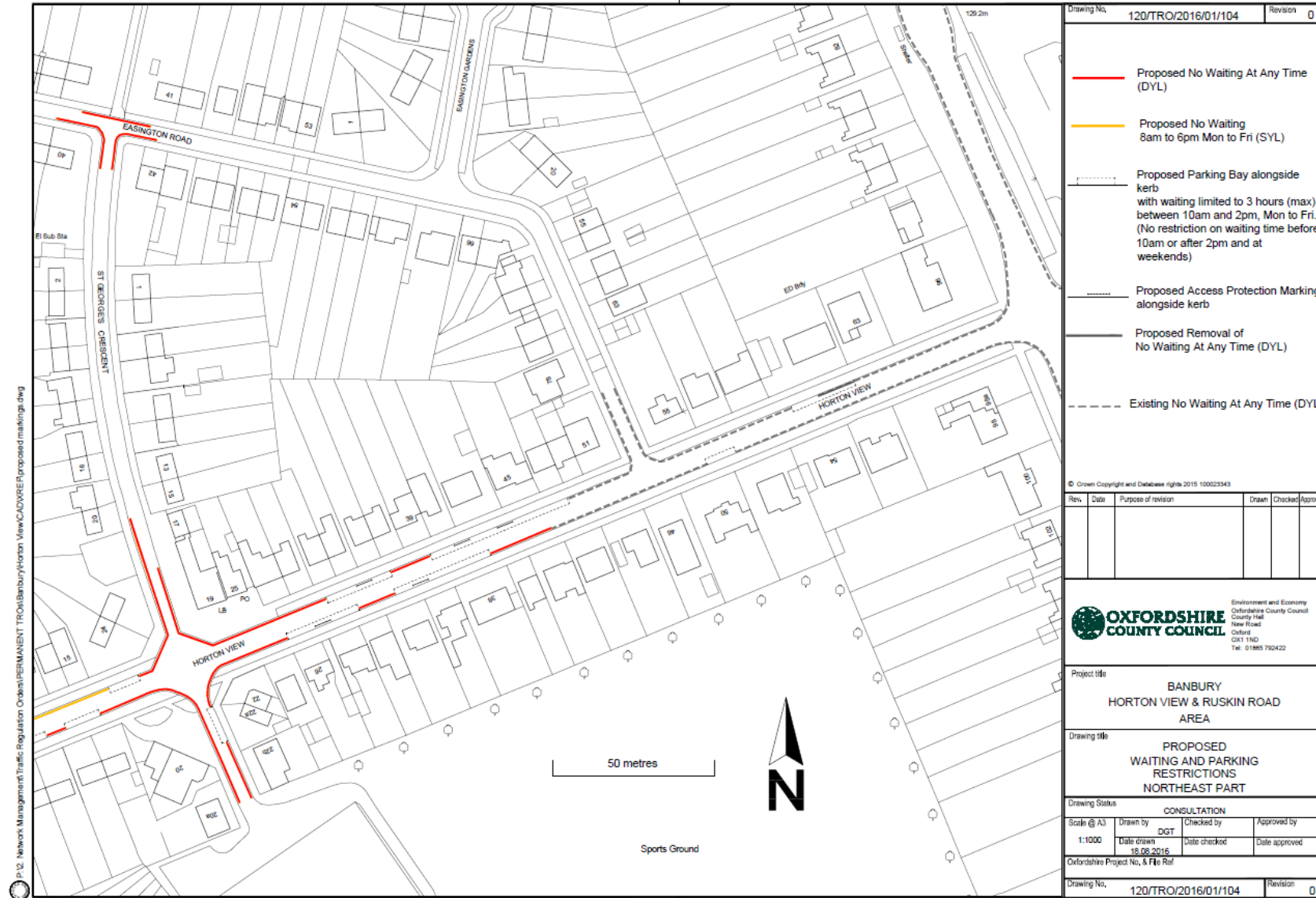
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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
 Consultation responses

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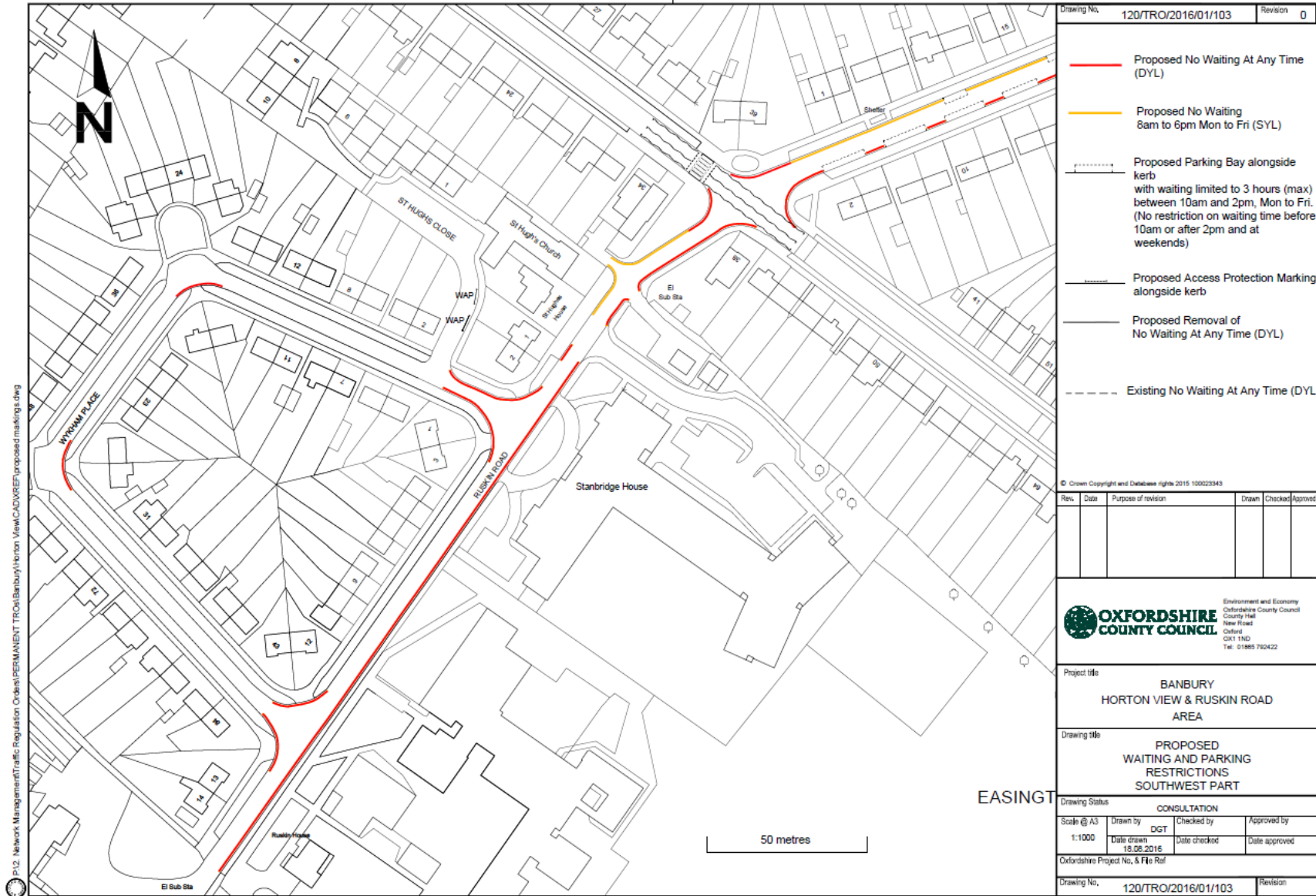
ANNEX 1 Plan sent with consultation (northeast part of scheme)



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ANNEX 3 Responses to consultation

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
Thames Valley Police	No objection
Resident of Horton View	I have today received your proposed parking restrictions outline for Horton View and am both dismayed and angered that you have completely ignored the issues raised in my previous objection below dated 22.6.2015 regarding the lack of provision for disabled parking and parking spaces for Carers on this road. I am completely against the notion of double yellow lines on this road and also restrictions to only 3hrs parking on this road as it means our respite Carers for my disabled daughter are completely unable to park outside our house in order to carry out their work.
Easington Post Office 25 Horton View	I wish to strongly object to the proposed parking restrictions in Horton View and Ruskin Road area Banbury. I am the Subpostmistress of Easington Post Office in Horton View and I also live on the premises. The proposed double yellow lines outside all of the businesses in Horton View is very heavy handed as this will have a huge negative impact on all the small business traders in the road. Petition been signed by 880 people who are customers of Easington post office and residents of the surrounding area against the proposals attached. If we have a loss of customers due to these proposed parking restrictions it would not be viable to continue trading. If this Post Office were to close, this would have a detrimental impact on the local area a I believe the introduction of the proposed parking restrictions will have a negative impact on all the local businesses and will only serve to push parked vehicles into other roads and cause congestion.
"Its all about me" 19 Horton View	Myself and my colleagues believe that your proposal for parking restrictions sounds like a good plan. Every day we see accidents waiting to happen, cars park along the dropped curbs and park opposite each other.
Edd Frost & Daughters Ltd, Funeral Directors 20 Horton View	Firstly I feel your proposals are too strong for the Horton View area. We know that largely the cars parked are staff working at the Horton General Hospital. To place restrictions as planned upon Horton View in all areas I feel will cause a knock on effect to the businesses placed within the area. The Post Office is already one of the busiest Post Offices in the area and rely on their customers parking in the vicinity of the premises to call in and carry out their business. We all agree that the corners of the roads on Horton View and surrounding areas must be lined to stop silly

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	<p>parking but as business owners that require client parking for longer than a short time limit I strongly oppose the proposals. We already have people that park their vehicles outside our premises when using the other retail units leaving our clients with nowhere to park. The real issue is parking facilities for hospital staff.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>Your proposal for restrictions in parking in this area around the shops, the junction with St Georges Crescent and particularly with the entrance to the Sportsground is to be applauded. This has become a particularly dangerous area. It is to be hoped that you will not allow your proposal to become diluted.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>We and (we believe) our neighbours are in favour of having a parking bay outside our houses as there is sometimes a requirement to use these ourselves in view of the shared nature of our driveway. In order to be less restrictive to residents parking requirements outside of the weekday 8am to 6pm timeframe it may be better solution to replace the double yellow lines with single yellows along this stretch of Horton View (except on the corners of the junctions where it is illegal to park anyway). Parking should also be allowed outside the Post Office as we do not wish their trade to be affected.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>We are not opposed to street parking outside our houses, but we do ask that you ensure that the proposed access protection marking alongside the access kerb is of sufficient length in the interests of road safety, From experience we feel that this is necessary to ensure that there is adequate visibility available for a driver moving into the road from the drive. When cars are parked too close to the property driveway a hazardous situation is created and depending on the size of car (some modern cars can be tall and bulky) and its parking position it is often necessary to move into the road without being able to see approaching traffic. There have been a number of near misses. The situation is often made worse by people driving over the speed limit. We would support parking being allowed outside the Post Office</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>We suffer great inconvenience (living near the Post Office and having constant parking by hospital staff and out patients visitors) from the inconsiderate few who disrespect existing drives and partially block them for anything from 3 minutes to 3 hours. Your bay proposal will alleviate some of this by limiting times and giving some road markings about where the vehicles should be placed on the road! However I feel that the DYL restrictions outside my property are unnecessary as the problems occur Monday to Friday and rarely at the weekend. Having no parking at ANY TIME will add to the inconvenience factor for us and do nothing to help with safety as at weekends the car count is greatly reduced. Speed and excessive parking are not issues on Saturday and Sunday. Is there a reasonable possibility of having an SYL restriction here and also where there is not another over-arching consideration?</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>Apart from the difficulties in exiting my driveway onto a busy road, when my view is blocked by parked</p>

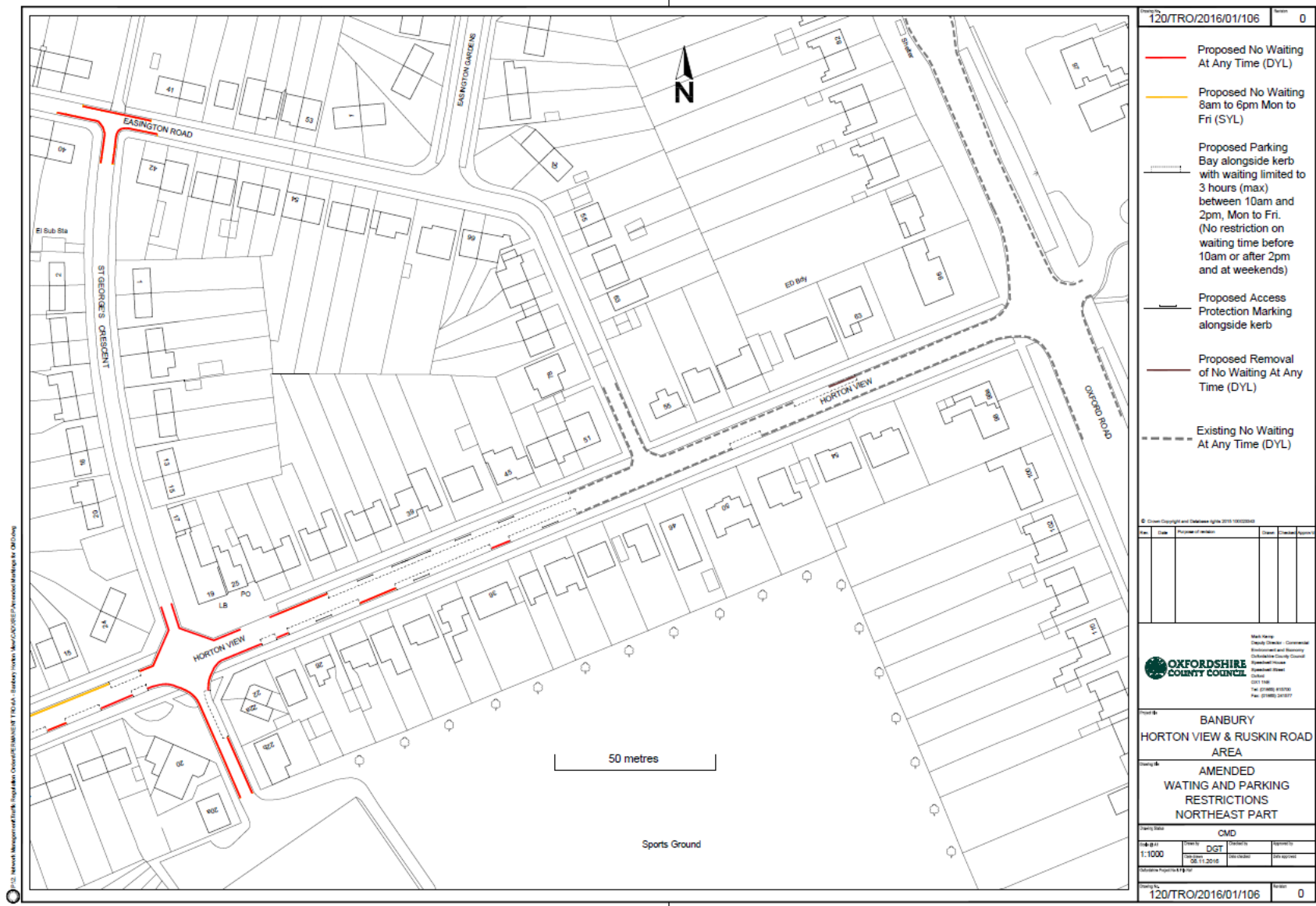
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	<p>vehicles, my main problem is ensuring that a tanker lorry delivering oil is able to park directly outside my home. I am totally dependent upon a reliable delivery of oil for my central heating and also for my Aga stove which I use for cooking and for heating water. As an elderly lady, living on my own, this has the potential to cause great anxiety, as I am sure you appreciate.</p> <p>Private access protection markings have been in place across my driveway since 2006. But this is not always sufficient to ensure that the tanker lorry is able to park in front of my drive. Therefore I am obliged to place traffic cones 1 or 2 metres either side of my driveway to ensure delivery on the day expected. Having studied the proposed parking restrictions I believe that the personal difficulties I have outlined can only be exacerbated by “displacement parking”. If the proposed restrictions are the only solution to the parking problems in Horton View then I would prefer to continue with the present situation, however unsatisfactory.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>Your proposal to implement a commuter ban restriction through limited waiting at core times is a sensible one to manage the perceived problem with Hospital generated parking.</p> <p>As you make clear in your letter the formal waiting restrictions will apply equally to residents as they do to anyone else. Therefore their imposition will effectively prohibit residents from having visitors or guests from parking on the road at or near their properties.</p> <p>I must make a formal objection to the double yellow lines in front of my property. I suggest that this section could be treated in common with other areas of the scheme by means of continuing the limited waiting bays across the accesses. This could then be supplemented by applying an advisory access protection marking across the entire length of the dropped kerb vehicle crossings outside our properties within the bay.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>The very extreme nature of your proposal will penalize residents by the restricted parking. Where do our visitors park at evenings & weekends? We feel a limited 8.00 am to 6.00 pm restriction would more than fulfil the issues that have been raised. We feel that we have done our part to alleviate the parking problem in our household by giving over our front garden to parking & now we are to be penalized with no other parking outside our property.</p>
Resident of Horton View	<p>I am broadly in favour of the parking restriction proposals</p>
Resident of Oxford Road	<p>I do not agree to parking restrictions to be put in place. We shouldn't have to park in our gardens and not visit elderly and vulnerable because there are yellow lines everywhere.</p>
Resident of Horton Court Ruskin Road	<p>I am writing to you to voice my concerns over the proposal of parking restrictions. By installing lines, you are preventing residents from parking outside of their property. Parking for residents of Horton Court on Ruskin Road is already limited, with one parking space per flat. Each flat contains more than one person.</p>
Resident of Horton Court	<p>I object to the proposed changes as I personally have no choice but to park on the road and so this would</p>

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Ruskin Road	only make me congest another area and have to walk home.
Church Wardens On behalf of the Parochial Church Council of St Hugh's Church,	While our Sunday services and other weekend activities will not be affected by the proposals, the majority of the Church's income is based on hiring the hall and lounge to various organisations in the community, i.e.: Mums and Babies groups, Slimmer's World, Martial Arts, History classes, Bridge Club, Women's Institute and Town Women's Guild among others. Without adequate parking, it will be hard to attract and even maintain some of our present groups. The proposed restrictions would cause considerable inconvenience when the church was in use for weddings, christenings and be particularly distressing when funerals are held at St Hugh's Church. It is vital that a hearse is able to park outside the church and not have to look around the locality for a parking space. Creating a no waiting ban on vehicles parking in the proposed vicinity of St Hugh's Church would have a devastating effect on a great many people and organisations.
Resident of Ruskin Road	Please note. Dropped kerb and Driveway access Garage at the back of 2 Ruskin Road, needs no waiting. Can you make this a redline on map and mark with road markers – it is constantly blocked.
Robbins Nest	I write to register my objection to the proposed parking restrictions that are proposed on Ruskin Road, specifically on the southeast side from Banbury Academy Entrance, north-eastwards for 194m and 208m northeast of the Banbury Academy entrance to the junction with Springfield Avenue. The parking restrictions proposed will mean that elderly visitors to Stanbridge House and Robbins Nest who are non-residents will have to find alternative parking and this could, in some cases, discriminate against elderly people with mobility problems. This could impact on their quality of life by possibly removing a social outlet for them and on my own restaurant's trading as income could possibly reduce.
Resident of St Georges Crescent	I feel that residents parking will suffer as the parking issue is just being moved from Horton View to the surrounding area which is already having major issues.
Resident of Easington Road	Whilst on the whole I am very pleased that there are to be some parking restrictions in these area's I feel that a little more than is proposed is needed.
Local Resident (no address)	I am writing to raise an objection to the proposed parking restrictions in the Horton View and Ruskin Road area, Banbury. While it does get busy around the area at school dropping off and picking up times, there is no problem at other times.
Local Resident (no address)	I wish to register my strong objection to these proposals as un-necessary and/or over restrictive.

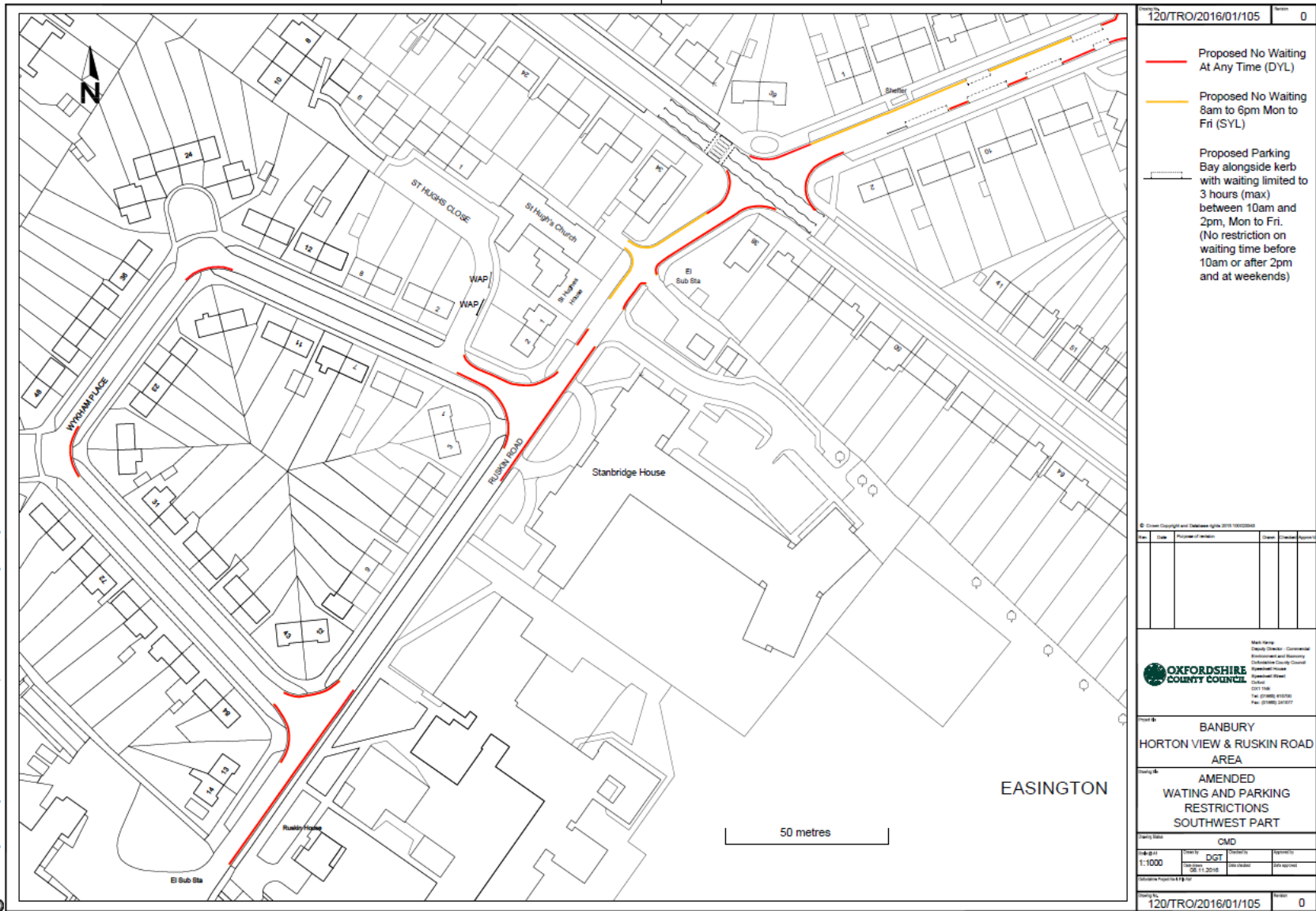
ANNEX 4 Plan of revised proposals for approval (northeast part of scheme)



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ANNEX 5 Plan of revised proposals for approval (southwest part of scheme)



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