

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 12 APRIL 2018**

### **OXFORD: MILL ROAD AND GODSTOW ROAD AT WOLVERCOTE - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS**

#### **Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on Mill Road and Godstow Road at Wolvercote, Oxford.

#### **Background**

2. The above proposal has been put forward as part of a proposed residential development at Mill Road. A plan showing the proposal is provided at Annex 1.

#### **Consultation**

3. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 22 February and 23 March 2018. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council, local County Councillor as well as the local City Councillors. Street notices were also placed in the vicinity of the proposed waiting restrictions and letters sent to approximately 50 adjacent premises.
4. Four responses were received during the consultation. One objection, one expression of support and two responses expressing no objection but one of those two responses included a query on whether the plan used for the consultation reflected a subsequent amendment to the proposed new road layout. These responses are summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

#### **Response to objection and other comments**

5. Thames Valley Police response expressed no objection to the proposal.
6. The expression of support was from a resident of Mill Road. Their response also noted that most of the road was not highway and requested that an advisory sign be provided at the entry to the length that is private road to deter non-residents from parking here. This request will be passed on to the developer for their consideration while noting that such a sign could be

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provided by the owners of the private road without requiring approval of the County Council should this prove to be an issue following the construction of the development.

7. The objection was also from a resident of Mill Road who was concerned that the proposed prohibition of waiting on the north side of Mill Road would encourage parking on the south side adjacent to the houses here and so result in a nuisance to residents. While this concern is noted, the proposed extent of the prohibition extends only approximately 15 metres west of the new junction and, therefore, would leave a significant amount of kerb space available for parking on the north side of the road.
8. The Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum expressed no objection to the proposal but queried if the plan used for the consultation (as shown at Annex 1) reflected the latest approved layout of the new junction. I can confirm that the plan is correct in respect of the proposed waiting restrictions.

### **How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives**

9. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

### **Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)**

10. Funding for the proposed waiting restrictions has been provided from the developers of land off Mill Road.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

11. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposals to introduce waiting restrictions on Mill Road and Godstow Road at Wolvercote, Oxford as advertised.**

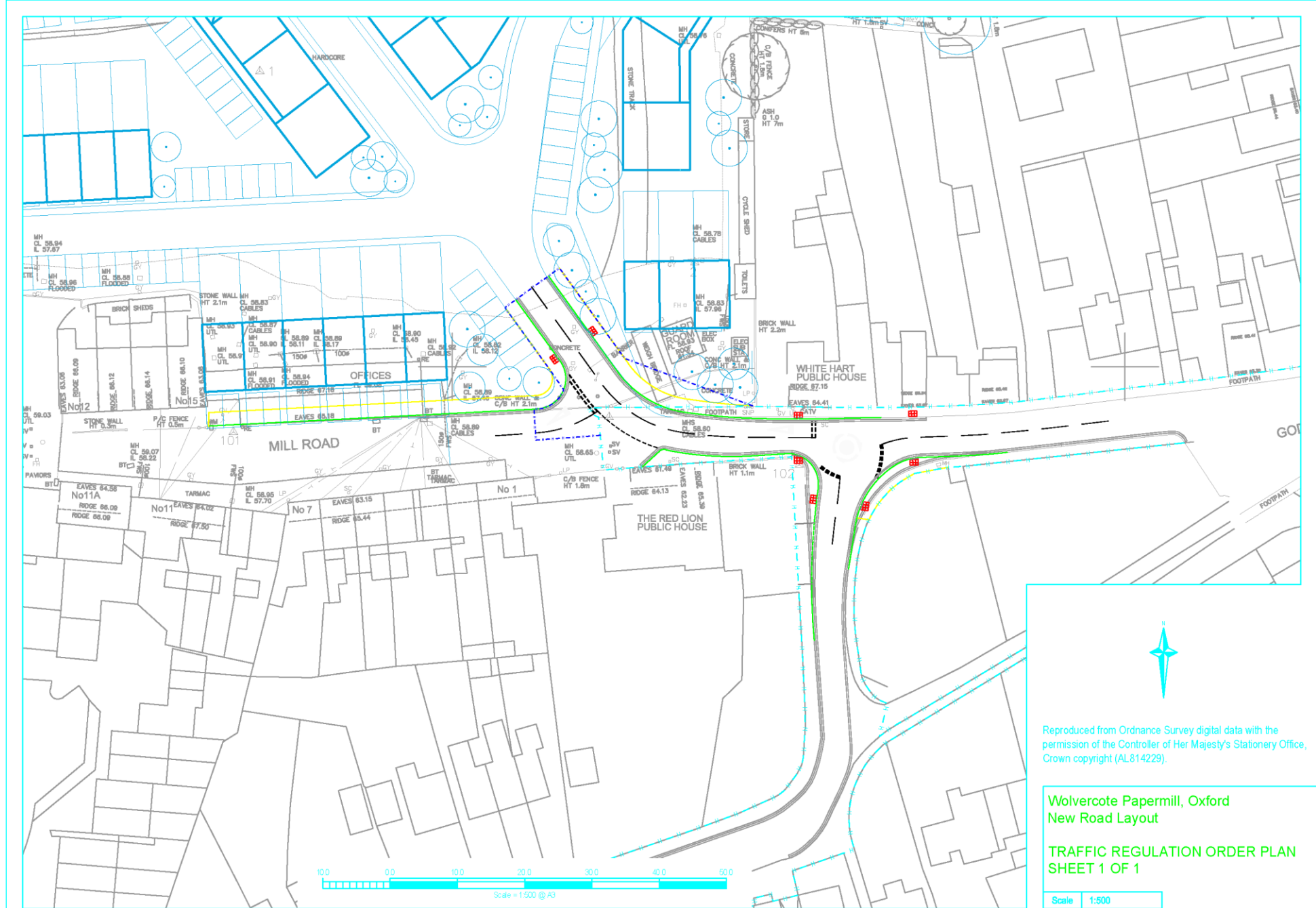
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Background papers:            Plan of proposed waiting restrictions  
   Consultation responses

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**Wolvercote Papermill, Oxford  
New Road Layout**

**TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER PLAN  
SHEET 1 OF 1**

Scale	1:500
Date	November 2017

RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<b>Neither</b> - this area falls within an area of Civil Parking Enforcement, therefore these restrictions place no burden upon Thames Valley Police.
() Local Resident, (Mill Road, Wolvercote)	<p><b>Object</b> - I do not have any objection in principle to the proposal to impose parking restrictions on these streets, but I have two concerns about the proposals as they affect Mill Road.</p> <p>(a) The proposal is to allow free parking on the south side of Mill Road but not the north. It ought to be the other way round ... there are houses (including mine) on the south side, with frontages on the road, and it is horrible to have cars right in front of the living room window. There are no houses on the south side, just a fence and derelict offices.</p> <p>(b) There should be sufficient 'residents only' spaces: even with unrestricted parking it is often hard for residents to find anywhere to park.</p>
() Local Resident, (Mill Road, Wolvercote)	<b>Support</b> - we are delighted with your proposals. We have one other suggestion/request. Mill Road from Jacobs Inn boundary is a private unapproved road. I can envisage a lot of parking disputes when outsiders try to park down Mill Road, especially after your double yellow lines further restrict parking. As I understand the law the only people who have a right to park are those whose houses have frontage on the private road. Would the Council be able to erect a prominent sign saying 'PRIVATE ROAD, RESIDENTS ONLY PARKING ' or words to that effect.
() Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum	<p><b>Neither</b> - we would like to point out to you that the road layout shown on your proposed drawing dated November 2017 does not accord with the modified layout which the developer of the adjacent land recently presented to our neighbourhood at a public exhibition. We suggest that the modified layout could affect your proposals and we suggest that you seek further details from the developer before proceeding with this proposal.</p> <p>The planning consent reference for the proposed development is: 13/01861/OUT and relates to Wolvercote Paper Mill Site.</p>

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