

Divisions affected: Bicester West; Bicester North; Bicester Town

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT – 3 JUNE 2021

BICESTER – VARIOUS LOCATIONS – PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highways management is RECOMMENDED to:
 - a) approve the proposed amendments to existing waiting restrictions at Green Close, Longfields and Windmill Avenue;
 - b) approve additional waiting restrictions at Fane Close and Moor Pond Close.

Executive summary

2. This report presents a review of the waiting restrictions which were approved and implemented in 2020. Their approval was subject to a review after the restrictions had been in place for 6 months.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for the approved and implemented measures was provided by developer contributions.
4. Following the review, funding for the proposed amendments and additions to the restrictions will be provided by the road markings maintenance budget, funds allowing. It is anticipated that the amendments will cost approximately £1,000.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

5. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

6. The proposals would help further facilitate the safe movement of traffic in Bicester.

Review

7. The section below provides for each road (where a response was received) a summary of responses to the measures and officer comments, with recommendations in bold.

Barry Avenue 2020 Measures: *DYL both sides, incl. part of Graham Road, DYL at junctions with Titchener Close, Raymond Road, Maud Close, Margaret Close, Fane Close and Ewart Close*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
- Cars can now go faster on the blind bend because the restrictions have removed parked cars from the road.	The lines are all on the inside of the bend, where no-one should be parking.
- Rowan Road restrictions are a waste of time and money because no one parks there anyway.	The lines are all on the inside of the bend, where no-one should be parking.

Blake Road 2020 Measures: *additional DYL*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
One of the only places that doesn't have DYL is outside no.22 Blake Road and this causes a continuation of parking issues here.	Insufficient findings to comment, therefore it is recommended that the implemented measures remain unchanged.

Fallowfields 2020 Measures: *DYL at junction with Longfields, SYL on both sides – no waiting for 1hr (different time on each side)*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
- The new restrictions are generally welcomed but problematic parking continues in the parts of Fallowfields where there are no restrictions.	This has not been observed during regular visits to site; specific examples/photos would be useful.

Fane Close 2020 Measures: *DYL on junction entrance with Barry Avenue; both sides*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
Extension to double yellow lines requested by Cllr Sibley	On the south-east side a proposed extension of 27.7 metres On the north-west side a proposed extension of 30.2 metres

Green Close 2020 Measures: *SYL on both sides – no waiting for 1hr (different time on each side)*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
- Resident concerned that the new restrictions mean that him and his wife have nowhere to park. They have no off-road parking and there is no unrestricted parking	Green Close, south side – proposed removal of approximately 25 metres of single yellow line, allowing parking for up to 5 cars (this is supported by at least two

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<p>in the vicinity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCC covered one of the signs and agreed not to enforce the new restrictions in one part of Green Close after one resident complained that the restrictions conflicted with the signage that went up prior to implementation. - Cllr Waine wanted restrictions removed from the layby on Longfields/Fallowfields Court but there is no signage to cover in this area. - Cllr Waine was concerned about parking in the mouth of the junction of Green Close and Longfields 	<p>affected residents who were previously significant complainants.) Restrictions to remain in the rest of the road.</p>
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Linden Road *2020 Measures: Not part of 2020 restrictions*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There had been concerns that new restrictions in neighbouring roads would exacerbate the existing parking issues on Linden Road. 	<p>No issues observed.</p>

Longfields *2020 Measures: SYL on both sides – no waiting for 1hr (different time on each side), DYL both sides near junction with Fallowfields*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One resident very pleased and grateful for the new restrictions. - Cllr Waine wanted restrictions removed from the layby on Longfields/Fallowfields Court but there is no signage to cover in this area. - One resident concerned about lack of resident parking for those who live on Fallowfields Court and usually park in the layby. 	<p>Longfields – single yellow line to be removed from the layby at Fallowfields Court.</p> <p>Compliance in Longfields and other roads looks good apart from one lady who regularly parks on the north side, close to the junction with Moor Pond Close, between noon and 1pm, in contravention of the TRO. (Spotted a blue badge on the dash.)</p>

Maple Road *2020 Measures: SYL on both sides – no waiting for 1hr (different time on each side)*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There had been concern that these proposed restrictions were not strict enough as they wouldn't prevent school drop-off parking. 	<p>Insufficient findings to comment, therefore it is recommended that the implemented measures remain unchanged.</p>

Moor Pond Close *2020 Measures: Not part of 2020 restrictions*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
<p>- Two residents were displeased with the lack of restrictions on Moor Pond Close, especially on the mouth of the junction with Longfields as it is dangerous when vehicles are parked there.</p> <p>- Main issue was that restrictions were proposed in several nearby roads incl. Longfields, but something was also needed on Moor Pond Close.</p>	<p>Moor Pond Close – propose to add double yellow lines both on the approach to the junction with Longfields and further into the road where there are concerns about protecting the access to the primary school rear entrance.</p>

Windmill Avenue *2020 Measures: SYL on both sides – no waiting for 1hr (different time on each side)*

Responses:	Officer comments and recommendations:
<p>- One resident was very concerned that the SYL and associated 1 hour restriction was not deterring staff of Eden Garage from parking on Windmill Avenue.</p> <p>- One resident was very thankful for the new restrictions as this improved their safety when navigating the junction of Windmill Avenue and Buckingham Road.</p>	<p>Propose to alter Windmill Avenue where former County Councillor Stratford was originally expecting some double yellow lines at the junction with Buckingham Road – 15 to 20 metres both sides would normally be appropriate though we could consider extending to the first property on each side to prevent the type of parking seen here (up to 51 metres on the south side and 59 metres on the north side.) Picture sent by a resident.</p> 

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