

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 17 MARCH 2016**

### **PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – BLACKBIRD LEYS, OXFORD**

**Report by Deputy Director of Environment & Economy (Commercial)**

#### **Introduction**

1. This report presents objections received in the course of a statutory consultation on proposals to introduce additional waiting restrictions and other changes at various locations in Blackbird Leys in Oxford.

#### **Background**

2. The redevelopment of the Leys Pool and Leisure Centre has required new parking restrictions to facilitate traffic movements in the area and mitigate the impact of additional traffic in the vicinity of the development. At the same time the opportunity has been taken to address a number of other longstanding requests for simple parking controls in the area.

#### **Proposals**

3. Following a detailed review of the on-street parking in this area the proposals shown in the plans at Annex 1 were identified. These comprise proposed 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions in the immediate vicinity of the Leisure Centre including parts of Pegasus Road, Field Avenue and Windale Road, together with the removal of an unused Disabled Parking space on Pegasus Road and the relocating of a road narrowing feature (to assist pedestrians) to better accord with the revised access to the Leisure Centre.
4. Elsewhere in the area, and to address a variety of local issues and concerns, 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions are proposed in parts of a number of different roads and a section of 'No Waiting 8am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday' is proposed in part of Harebell Road.

#### **Consultation**

5. The various proposals were advertised in the Oxford Times on Thursday 14 January 2016, with notices posted on street and letters delivered to occupiers of premises adjacent to the proposed restrictions. Thames Valley Police and other statutory consultees were also consulted, together with the local County Councillor, City Councillors and Blackbird Leys Parish Council.
6. Nineteen responses to the consultation were received of which seven were objections. Others were either in support of the proposals (including the

Police) or were making comments or suggestions for change.. The responses received and officer comments are shown at Annex 2. Copies of all the responses received are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.

## **Conclusions**

7. The objections to the proposed relocation of the road narrowing in Pegasus Road are noted but the change is intended to provide better pedestrian convenience to the Leisure Centre whose entrance arrangements have changed as part of the redevelopment. Several objectors have requested that the parking restrictions are extended beyond that which is proposed; the extent of the proposals in Pegasus Road was determined in consultation with Parish Council. However, the effect of any restrictions that are approved will be monitored to see if additional restrictions should be considered. Elsewhere it is clear that there is pressure on parking but the ongoing work by Oxford City Council to convert unused green areas to provide off-street parking will assist residents.
8. The proposal for Haldane Road has resulted in a range of alternative suggestions to manage parking issues that exist. It is clear that the short length of restriction that was proposed is not considered by respondents to be the most appropriate solution and it is therefore suggested that this does not proceed at this time. Officers will seek to work with residents to find more suitable proposals.

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

9. The proposals would help reduce the risk of accidents and improve road safety by facilitating the safe passage of vehicles.

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

10. The cost of the proposed works described in this report are funded from the redevelopment of the Leisure Centre

## **RECOMMENDATION**

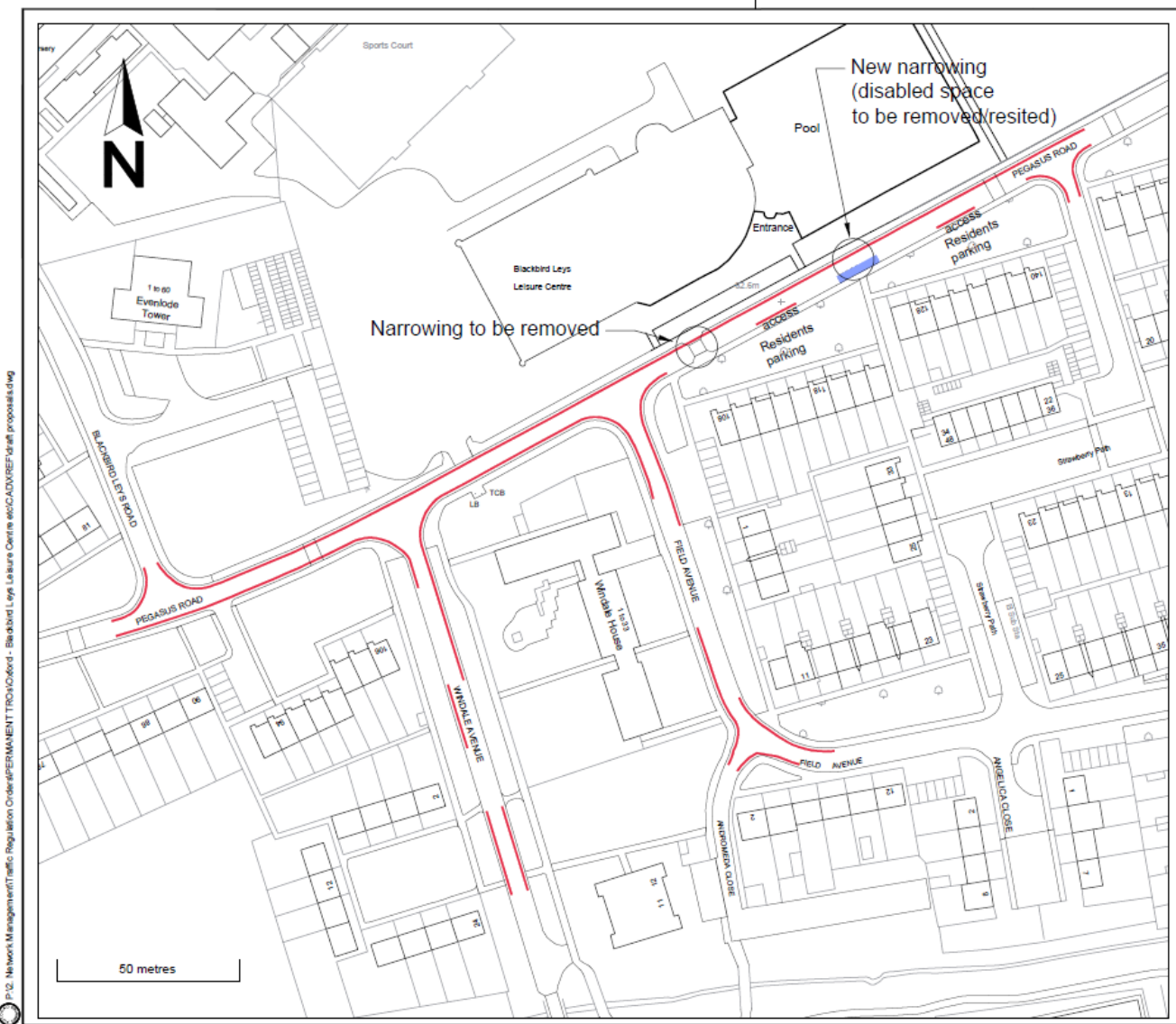
11. **The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve implementation of the advertised proposal, with the exception of those in Haldane Road.**

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Background papers: Consultation responses

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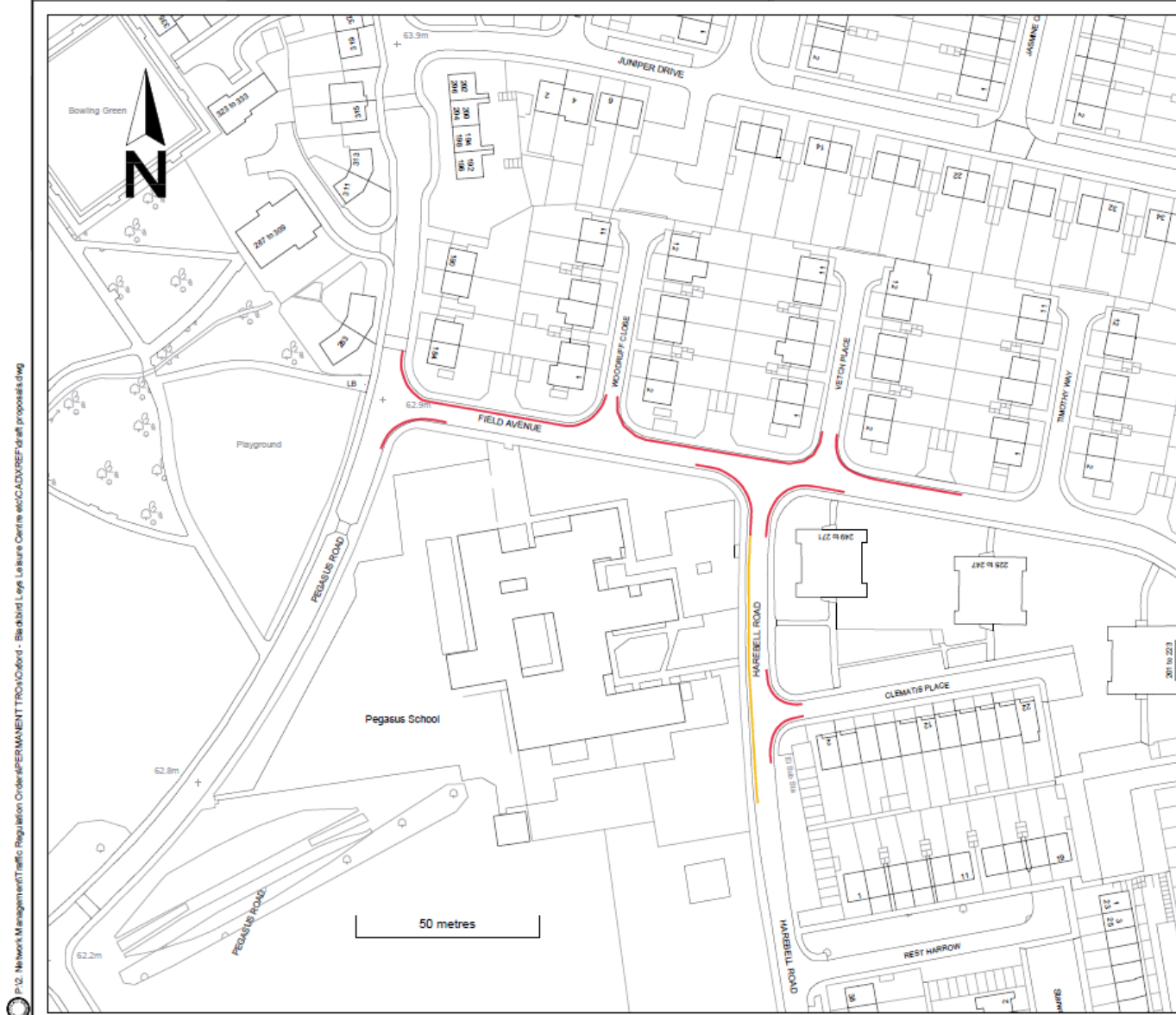
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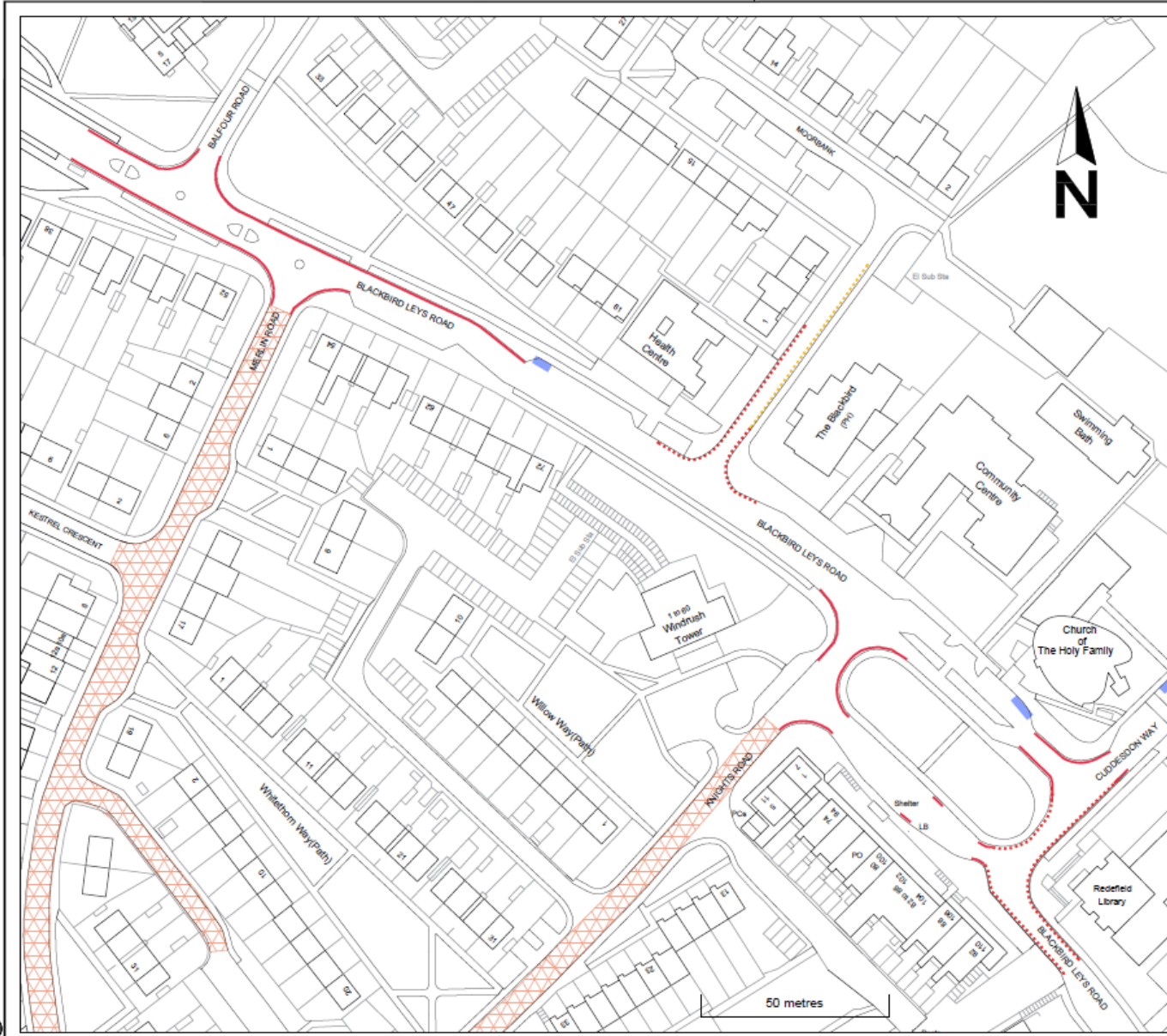
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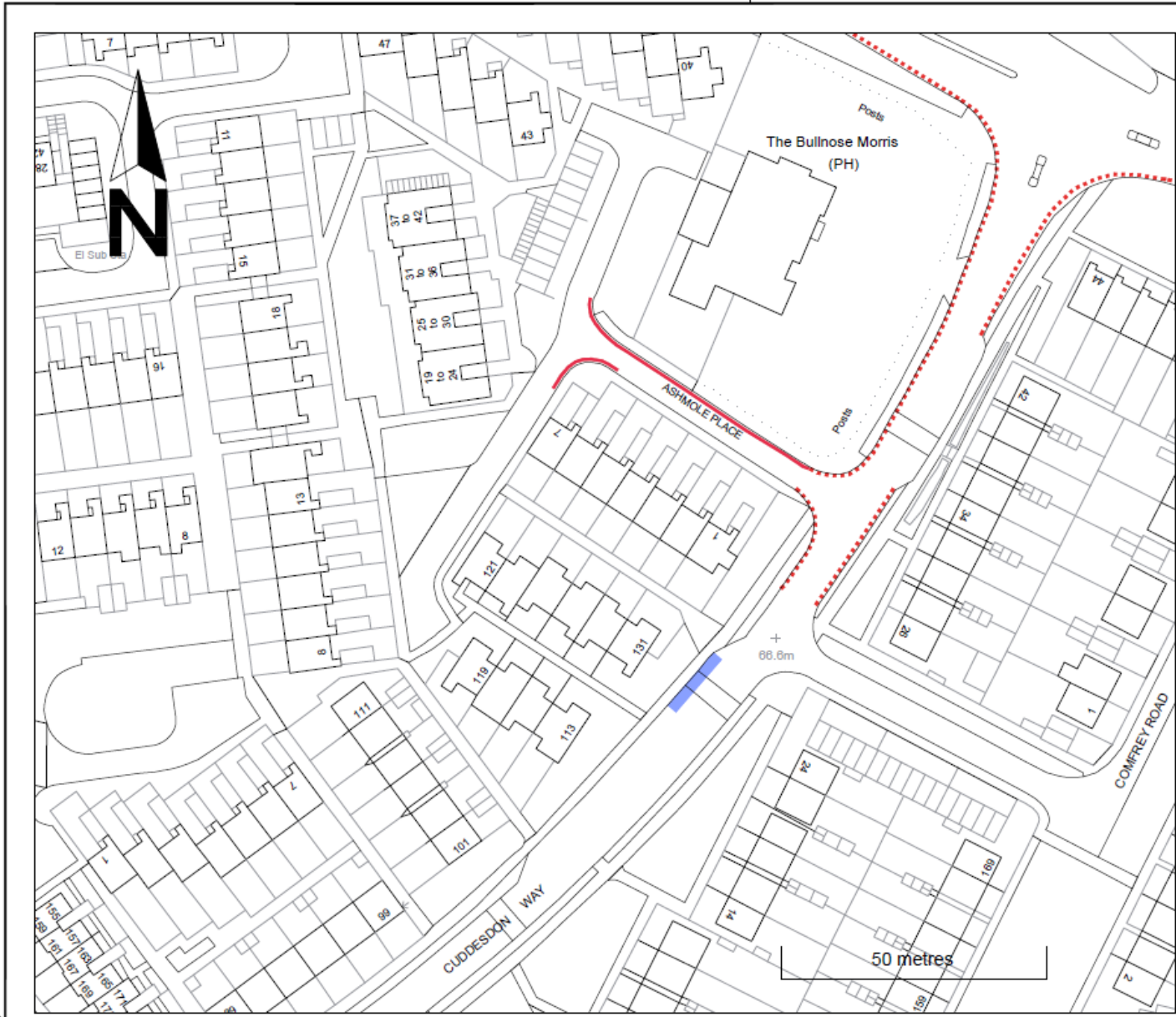
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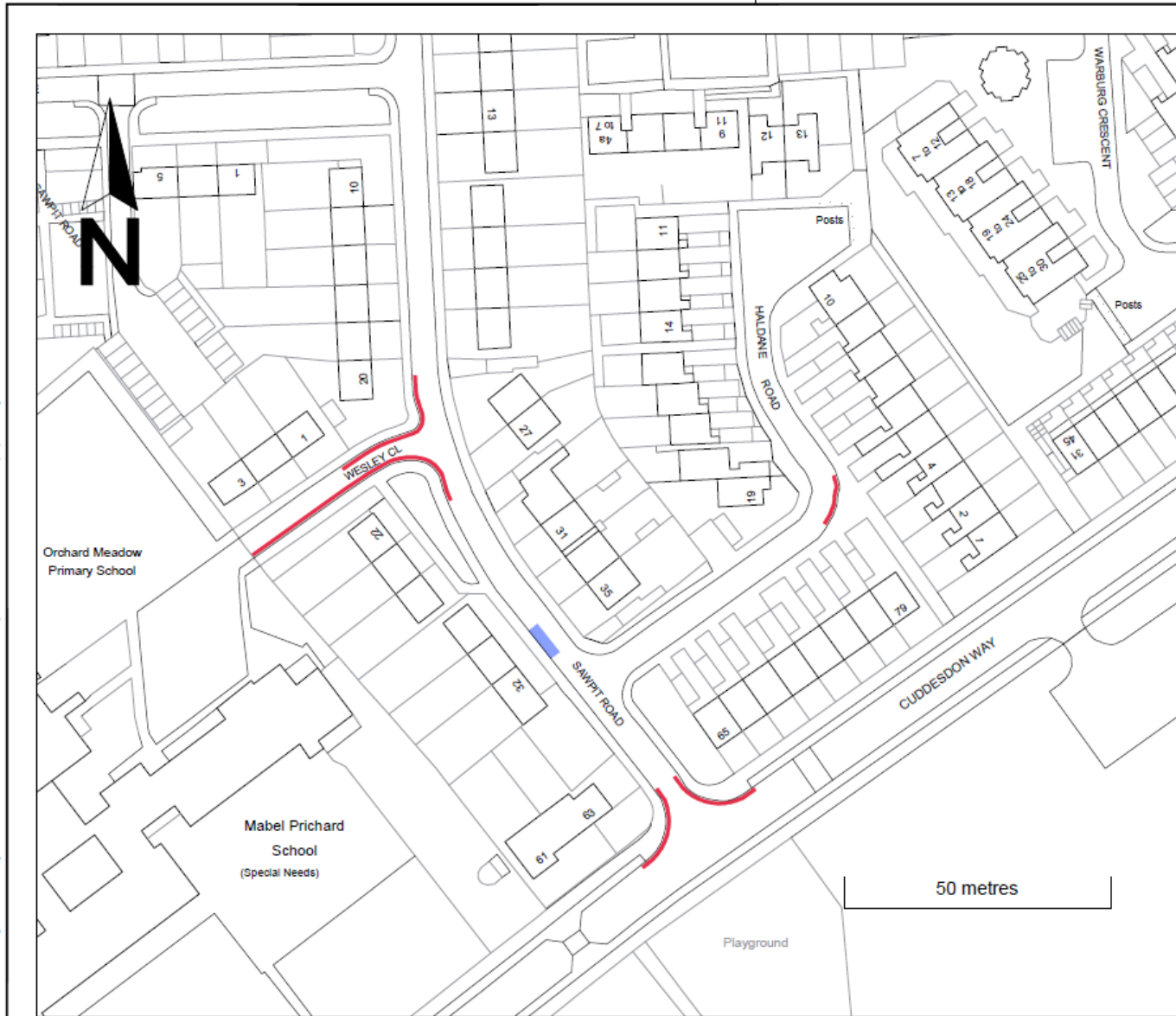
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	<b>From</b>	<b>Response</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
1	Thames Valley Police	No objection to these proposals.	Noted
2	Local Resident	I support the proposal with one reservation. There is little point in painting lines on the road if there is no intention of employing people to enforce the parking restrictions.	Noted
3	Resident of Pegasus Road	<p>The relocation of the road narrowing would serve no purpose but to cause issues for residents parking. The current narrowing serves well the pedestrians accessing the leisure centre from Field Avenue. I can only assume the relocation of the narrowing is designed to pedestrians accessing the leisure centre from the alley way which in fact is very rarely used for such a purpose.</p> <p>I also believe the residents parking proposals should be extended to the north east end of Pegasus Road to discourage vehicles simply driving a few hundred yards to an area of unrestricted parking</p>	<p>The changes to the narrowing on Pegasus Road forms part of the detailed plans related to the new pool. The proposed new location has been discussed with local Parish, City and County Councillors.</p> <p>The extents of the advertised proposals were formulated as a result of consultation and discussion with the local Parish Council which represents the residents.</p>
4	Resident of Pegasus Road	<p>If the road narrowing outside 108 Pegasus Road is to be removed why does it need to be reinstated 50 metres down the road? It would be more cost effective to remove it completely and not replace it; existing parked cars create a natural restriction. If you need to retain the narrowing then rather than move it 50 metres to the east why not move it 5 metres to the west. At this point is the natural pinch point for pedestrian traffic and would be used for flow across Pegasus Road and away from the complex. If you examine the footfall for the leisure centre/ swimming pool you will see that at least 90% of the users exit the centre and go west. To place the restriction away from the natural flow of pedestrians is not realistic for one of the uses it is being constructed for.</p>	<p>The changes to the narrowing on Pegasus Road forms part of the detailed plans related to the new pool. The proposed new location has been discussed with local Parish, City and County Councillors.</p>



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		<p>The removal of the disabled parking space is somewhat short sighted as this is an aging population and older residents who are still driving need these facilities to ensure they have access to their properties</p> <p>The introduction of a residents parking scheme on Pegasus Road would ensure all users of the Leisure Centre then park in the appropriate location and not on street parking forcing residents away from their homes.</p>	<p>Disabled spaces are generally only provided in relation to the needs of a particular local disabled resident. In this case the resident for whom the space was provided has moved so the provision is no longer justified or required. There are several off street disabled spaces provided for users of the pool. In response to a request from a nearby resident we are providing a new disabled space close to their property.</p>
5	Resident of Pegasus Road	<p>I notice that there is no lines from 142 to the shop as we also have trouble with people parking outside our houses so why only parts of Pegasus Road, I am disabled so this is going to make it harder to cross the road as I am in a wheel-chair, I am very annoyed that we have not been included in the line markings</p>	<p>The extents of the advertised proposals were formulated as a result of consultation and discussion with the Parish Council</p>
6	Resident of Field Avenue	<p>As a resident living opposite the leisure centre I very much welcome the proposal to install double yellow lines in the area. However, I feel that I should point out that there are double yellow lines on and near the bend at the shops on Blackbird Leys Road and to my knowledge cars that park on them, and they are many, are never ticketed.</p>	<p>Noted</p>

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7	Resident of Field Avenue	<p>I fully support the efforts you are making to ease any congestion. May I make a couple of suggestions to help improve the flow of traffic?</p> <p>Having lived in Field Ave for 30 years, the roads always become difficult for buses when cars park on the left side of Field Ave (Windale House side). May I suggest an in fill of that small section left open as buses use this route every 4 minutes.</p> <p>Also, the contra flow system leaving or entering Greater Leys is heavily used and would benefit from no vehicles parking on the left side of Windale Ave (near to the bridge). Buses and vehicles often struggle to get along Windale Ave when cars are parked close to the bridge or cars opposite waiting to access Greater Leys.</p>	<p>Noted.</p> <p>In consultation with local Parish Councillors it was agreed to try and leave as many areas as possible for on street parking by residents. Some residents have responded that we have removed too much on street parking.</p>
8	Resident of Field Avenue	<p>On inspection of the proposed changes it is apparent that this would have an adverse effect on the life of residents including my family. The car that is essential for my employment must be parked somewhere close to my home. However, the proposed scheme of parking restrictions removes all available areas around my house. Your proposal as it currently stands addresses the matter of congestion without any consideration of the impact on residential parking. Effectively this is simply shifting the problem to other domain but not eliminating it.</p> <p>As a suggestion creating a residential parking similar to that recently provided for the residents of Pegasus Road would be an acceptable solution to the highlighted problem of parking for the residents of the area.</p>	<p>Officers have endeavoured to balance the needs of residents and the aim of improving traffic flow in the road, particularly for buses.</p> <p>It is understood that Oxford City Council are considering the possibility of converting some of the green space in this area to provide parking for residents, as has happened elsewhere In the estate.</p>

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9	Resident of Windale Avenue	<p>We understand your reasons for doing this but wanted to let you know that it makes things difficult for us. We live on Windale Avenue and often park one of our 2 cars on Windale Road as there is not enough room in the parking spaces outside our house.</p> <p>If Windale Rd becomes off-limits we will have to park one car quite a long way away and will not have the peace of mind of being able to walk outside the door and see that the car is still there.</p>	Officers have spoken to this resident and explained the areas of parking that will continue to be available. The resident accepts that there would still be sufficient on street parking.
10	Resident of Windale Avenue	May I request you to please include a NO PARKING sign for the dedicated parking spaces for houses 2-24 in Windale Ave and clearly number each parking bay.	This parking area is not highway and is the responsibility of Oxford City Council.
11	Resident of Clematis Place	<p>As a concerned resident of Clematis place, I wish to inform you that there have been problems regarding parking for a very long time. While I agree with the proposed restrictions in terms of the children's safety, I wish you to consider the implications of this. As the Clematis Place is already a high traffic area, I am sure if double yellow lines are to introduced then it is <u>time for Residents Parking Only</u>. The street only contains 12 houses so it really should not be that difficult to park. As residents who struggle to find a space, not only during school hours, I think this is the only solution. On a Wednesday, the bin collection truck always struggles to get in and out of the street adding further issues.</p>	The proposed restrictions in Clematis Place only cover the immediate junction area where it unsafe to park. There are no proposals for additional Residents Parking at the present time.
12	Resident of Ashmole Place	I am in support of the changes on Ashmole Place.	Noted
13	Resident of Ashmole Place	<p>After looking at the plans can we not get permit parking in front of the flats? In front of the garages parking spaces and to the side of the flats as at weekends and evenings our parking spaces are being used up by people using the Bullnose pub and also people are using Ashmole to park for local factories day and night. I myself and other residents are struggling most days parking our vehicles.</p>	The proposed restrictions along one side of Ashmole Place at the rear of the Bull Nose Morris public house arose from complaints from residents that parking was taking place in the road by patrons of the public house which prevented them parking outside their houses

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14	Resident of Ashmole Place	This idea in principle will not work without the introduction of residents' parking permits. My main concern is people from the pub and industrial area parking in street already. Due to limited parking spaces available residents cannot park due to spaces being taken by these people. Reducing parking further will be unfair on residents. Add permit parking area to proposed plans and I am happy agree fully to proposed plans.	The proposed restrictions along one side of Ashmole Place at the rear of the Bull Nose Morris public house arose from complaints from residents that parking was taking place in the road by patrons of the public house which prevented them parking outside their houses
15	Resident of Haldane Road	There have been many issues with my neighbours parking on the bend and in front of my drive and I have had problems trying to get out of my drive. Will these restrictions impact my ability to drive/reverse out of my drive and onto the road? Also in the past parking on that inside corner has caused some concerns for delivery and bin lorries trying to get to the houses further down the road. I think the road requires both the double yellow lines in front of no 19 Haldane and the keep clear sign. There are no driveways on the inside of the bend so the restriction won't impact on either no 19 or myself.	In the light of the range of suggestions made regarding the location and extent of restrictions required the proposals for Haldane Road will be revisited.
16	Resident of Haldane Road	It would make sense to have the markings on western bend, from a point opposite 73 Cuddesdon Way, to a point outside Nos 18/19 Haldane road, where parking, on the Highway and footway takes place. This very often causes one to drive on the eastern offside of the road head-on, to a vehicle leaving Haldane road. By taking the markings to Nos 18/19 this would assist the person at No 18 when reversing. By not putting any markings on the western side, would be letting certain residents have more authority to park alongside No 19. The existing markings to No 4 Haldane Rd are working well.	In the light of the range of suggestions made regarding the location and extent of restrictions required the proposals for Haldane Road will be revisited.

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17	Resident of Cuddesdon Way (backing on to Haldane Road)	As an occupant of Cuddesdon Way, I am a bit concerned about the present parking on the Haldane Road behind my house. The parking on the Haldane Road opposite side of my garage where Haldane road joins Sawpit Road is already making it difficult for me to take my car in and out of my garage. I fear that when the new arrangements are in place, it is going to make the situation worse. The people coming to drop the children at School and the people coming to Cuddesdon Corner for various sessions are the people mostly parking the vehicles on Haldane Road.	In the light of the range of suggestions made regarding the location and extent of restrictions required the proposals for Haldane Road will be revisited.
18	Resident of Cuddesdon Way (backing on to Haldane Road)	I would like to voice my concern about the proposed double yellow lines that will be in Haldane Road. This is outside the rear entrance to my property on Cuddesdon Way. The parking in Haldane Road can be really difficult most nights, you will find that cars park all around the corner of number 19, which is the bend opposite where you are proposing to site the double yellow lines. In fact due to the driveway entrance of number 4, no one actually parks on that side of the bend anyway, which means potentially if you site them where proposed, you are actually wasting money. I would like to suggest you would be better placed to site them on the bend opposite; this will reduce any difficulty that either myself or number 4 have getting out of our driveways. It would also make the corner safer for pedestrians as well as all of the vehicles are parked half on the road and half in the path right the way round the corner.	In the light of the range of suggestions made regarding the location and extent of restrictions required the proposals for Haldane Road will be revisited.

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19	Resident of Wesley Close	<p>While we fully support the changes that are proposed, we are extremely concerned regarding access to our property near Orchard Meadow School. Parking in the close has become increasingly difficult for residents particularly when the school close the gates in the mornings and afternoons.</p> <p>We have a double drop kerb outside our property and continually have a battle with parents/teachers blocking our access and even parking on our driveway. With the new proposed double yellow lines opposite to our property, we are extremely concerned that the access to our property will be made even worse We would also like you to consider making parking in Wesley Close for residents only, as there are only three houses in the close.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The resident will be provided with an Access Protection marking to assist with keeping the access clear.</p> <p>There are no proposals for additional Residents Parking at the present time.</p>