

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 21 OCTOBER 2010

BICESTER RESIDENTS PARKING SCHEME MINOR AMENDMENTS

Report by Head of Highways & Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments and objections received to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation undertaken by Cherwell District Council to introduce a new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to amend the Residents Parking Scheme in Bicester.

Background

2. The Residents Parking Scheme in Bicester is operated by Cherwell District Council (CDC) under an Agency Agreement, with the County Council retaining responsibility for the making and amending of all Traffic Regulation Orders. The Scheme began in 2008 and covers around 140 properties in six roads close to the town centre.
3. In accordance with the decision taken at Transport Decisions Committee in 2007 approving the original Scheme, officers of the two authorities have been reviewing the scheme in response to feedback from residents. Initial proposals were prepared which were the subject of formal consultation in early 2010. It was clear from the responses to that consultation that further work was needed to produce a more acceptable solution. As a result a new proposal was advertised several months later and this report describes the outcome of that consultation.

Formal Consultation

4. Formal consultation on the revised Bicester Residents Parking Scheme (along with minor changes to associated waiting restrictions) was undertaken by Cherwell District Council in June/July 2010. Letters were sent to all properties in the streets affected, notices explaining the proposals placed on site and in the Oxford Times, information sent to Councillors and the emergency services and legal documents placed on deposit at County Hall and the Cherwell District Council offices in Bicester and Banbury. A copy of the Notice of Proposal which summarises the proposal is attached at Annex 1.

Consultation responses

5. A total of 14 responses were received by Cherwell District Council of which 2 were sent anonymously. The Cherwell District Council Portfolio Holder report attached at Annex 2 sets out (in Appendix 2) the issues raised by consultees.

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There was particular concern regarding the proposed removal of permit eligibility for numbers 13/15/17 Kings End and changes to parking restrictions outside these properties.

6. Following discussions internally and with County officers, Cherwell District Council carried out a supplementary local consultation to amend the proposals to retain the status quo as requested by the objectors. This resulted in one new objection (see Appendix 3 of Annex 2).
7. Copies of all the letters/emails received during both consultations are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
8. There remain four further matters on which objections have been received and not resolved.

- (a) Three residents have objected to the proposed increase in the cost of resident permits from £50 for the first permit (£25 for the second permit) to £84 plus £16 administration charge for each permit.

In response Cherwell District Council propose that the £84 will be discounted by up to 50% pending the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.

- (b) Two residents have objected that as properties with off-street parking retain the ability to obtain one (currently two) resident permit as this plus the ability to park on the road across their driveways effectively gives 3 spaces.

In response, this is unlikely to be a significant issue as the number of properties concerned is very small and the driveways generally quite narrow making parking across them between parking bays very difficult.

- (c) One resident has objected to the introduction of charges for visitor permits. The proposed charge is £12.50 per block of 25 permits, with a maximum of 100 permits per household; holders of Residents Permits will be entitled to two free blocks.

In response, Cherwell District Council has indicated that they consider that those households which benefit from the scheme should contribute to its costs.

- (d) One resident has objected to the continuing provision of permits for camper vans. The current facility is proposed to be curtailed so that only those residents with a current permit can continue to use it with the camper van they currently own. This concession will come to end if they move or dispose of their current camper van.

This is considered to be a reasonable approach to dealing with a very localised issue

Conclusions

9. The proposals contained in the formal consultation (as amended by the supplementary consultation) appear to meet the needs of the majority of local residents. On the matter of the introduction of and/or increase in charges for permits, under the Agency Agreement this is a matter for Cherwell District Council to justify but it does not seem unreasonable given the size of the Scheme.
10. With regard to the issues in Kings End, unfortunately neither the proposals put forward initially by Cherwell District Council nor those in the supplementary consultation received complete support. In the circumstances it is felt that retaining the current arrangements (as proposed in the supplementary consultation) is the best option.
11. The other outstanding concerns are ones which none of the proposals completely resolve but the new Scheme will provide an improvement to the current situation.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

12. The proposals described in this report relate to the LTP2 objective of improving the Street Environment (better management of parking).

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

13. Funding for the costs of implementing the proposals described in this report, including advertising, will be met by Cherwell District Council.

RECOMMENDATION

14. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed changes to the Bicester Residents Parking Scheme as advertised in the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads, Bicester) (Parking) Order 20** (and revised in the supplementary consultation) and the Oxfordshire County Council (Bicester) (Traffic Regulation) Amendment Order 20****

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Background papers: Consultation documentation.

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BICESTER) (PARKING) ORDER 20**

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (BICESTER)(TRAFFIC REGULATION)(AMENDMENT) ORDER 20**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oxfordshire County Council propose to make the above mentioned Orders under Sections 1,2, 4, 32, 35, 45, 46 and 49 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers.

Consultation in compliance with regulatory requirements for an order to replace the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads, Bicester) (Parking) Order 2007 ("Parking Order 2007") was initiated in January 2010 but that proposal has now been abandoned and is replaced by this proposal.

The effect of the proposed orders is to amend the provisions of the Parking Order 2007 by revoking that order and replacing it by a new one and making consequential revisions to the Oxfordshire County Council (Bicester)(Traffic Regulation) Order 1992 as varied. The new orders will provide as follows:-

1. To provide parking places for permit holders at all times along parts of Chapel Street, Church Lane, Kings End, North Street, Priory Road, Victoria Court and Victoria Road Bicester. Non permit holders will be precluded from waiting in these parking places. ***The existing permit parking on Kings End east of Coker Close will be extended and that west of Coker Close will be removed and replaced by No Waiting 8.00am to 6.00pm Mondays to Saturdays.***
2. To correct the description of existing lengths of No Waiting At Any Time restrictions along Kings End to correspond with current markings on site
3. Residents' permits will be available to the residents of the following properties

(1)	Victoria Road	1 – 9 odd numbers only 51 – 54 inclusive 1 – 13 inclusive – Bath Terrace 1 – 8 inclusive – Manchester Terrace 1 – 8 inclusive – Newport Terrace
(2)	Priory Road	1 – 59 odd number only 2, 4, 16 and 18
(3)	North Street	12, 14, 16, 18, 26, 28, 60A and 62A 33 – 67 odd numbers only (including 65A)
(4)	Church Lane	1A (The Barn) and 1 – 5 inclusive
(5)	Henley Gardens	1 – 8 inclusive except 6 (which does not exist)
(6)	Kings End	27 – 39 odd number only – <i>13-17 Kings End will no longer be eligible</i>

('the Properties') but any Property which has or in the future constructs an off-street parking place e.g. hard standing driveway or garage at the Property which can accommodate more than one vehicle will not /will cease to be eligible for any Residents' Permits. ***This is a new constraint.***

4. Residents' permits will be limited to two per household – one per household when the property has off street parking for one vehicle - and will cost £84 Index Linked per annum for

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each permit together with an administration charge of £16 Index Linked per annum. Currently the charge is £50 for the first permit and £25 for the second permit but there will be a discretion to discount the £84 fee by up to 50% pending a change in enforcement procedures. Up to two vehicles may be designated on a permit.

5. Visitors' permits will be available for residents of the Properties. Usually a maximum of 100 (instead of 104) days' worth of visitors' permits will be issued per year for each household in blocks of 25. A charge of £12.50 per block of 25 permits is proposed but holders of Residents' Permits are entitled to the first 2 blocks free of charge. Currently all visitors' permits are free of charge
6. A permit may be withdrawn if a permit is not being used in accordance with the provisions of the Order or if it is being abused. This will also result in suspension of eligibility for a further permit.
7. Permits will be issued to medical practices for use when visiting patients at Properties. The issue of these permits will be undertaken in liaison with Oxfordshire Primary Health Care Trust NHS but a new limit is proposed of a maximum of 4 permits per medical practice.
8. Parking places may only be used by motor cycles and vehicles which do not exceed 2.25 tons in weight, 2 metres in height, 5 metres in length or 2 metres in width. It is proposed that there will no longer be an exemption for camper vans save for a concession which will apply to 1 permit per household for current residents only for use with the camper van they currently own. This concession will come to end if they move or dispose of their current camper van.
9. Parking in permit places will also be permitted for disabled badge holders, loading and unloading, waste collection, people to board and alight, emergency services, universal service providers (eg Royal Mail), local authorities carrying out their functions, vehicles being used in connection with roadworks and works to utilities and for official funeral vehicles.
10. Contractors may apply for a permit to use a parking place at a charge of £15 index linked for any period up to a week.
11. The charges for permits and the administration charge will be adjusted annually according to RPI (no earlier than April 2012). The administration charge of £16 index linked will also apply if a refund of any permit charge is sought if a replacement permit is requested or a permit variation is requested.

Oxfordshire County Council have entered into an agency agreement with Cherwell District Council who will operate and enforce the parking scheme.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order are available for public inspection at County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND from 9.00 am to 4.00 pm Monday to Friday, Bodicote House, Banbury from 8.45 am to 5.15 pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45 am to 4.20 pm on Friday and 38 Market Square, Bicester from 8.45 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.45 pm on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (10.00 am to 5.15 pm on Wednesdays) and from 8.45 am to 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm to 4.00 pm on Friday.

Objections to the proposals, specifying the grounds on which they are made, and any other representations, should be sent in writing to the Head of Safer Communities at Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, nr Banbury, Oxon. OX15 4AA (quoting reference CR) no later than 16th July 2010. The District and County Councils will consider objections and representations received in response to this Notice. They may be disseminated widely for these purposes and made available to the public.

Dated: 17th June 2010

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Portfolio Holder Report for Policy, Community Planning and Community Development

Bicester Residents Parking

Report of Head of Safer Communities Urban and Rural Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To summarise consultation outcomes.

To confirm proposed scheme details for April 2011 for recommendation to Oxfordshire County Council for approval.

This report is public
Reason Non-Key

Recommendations

The Portfolio Holder is recommended to:

- (1) Note the outcomes of the consultation exercises undertaken with residents.
- (2) Note that authority for making the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) rests with Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) as the Highway Authority.
- (3) Approve the proposed scheme amendments set out at paragraph 1.11 to be recommended to OCC for implemented from 1 April 2011, subject to OCC agreement.

Executive Summary

Introduction

- 1.1 A residents parking scheme was introduced for designated roads in Bicester in 2008 under The Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads, Bicester) (Parking) Order 2007.
- 1.2 Following the experience of running the scheme for a couple of years amendments to scheme arrangements were proposed and consulted on under a revised 2010 TRO. Following consultation feedback the decision was taken not to vary the 2007 Order but to leave that in place for a further year from April 2010 whilst further investigations were undertaken.
- 1.3 Following this further investigation a revised draft TRO was advertised for consultation and feedback received. Further amendments were proposed and a final consultation process undertaken with those residents directly impacted on by the proposed amendments. This consultation came to a close at the end of August 2010.

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- 1.4 A revised residents parking scheme is now proposed for recommendation to OCC for introduction in April 2011.

Conclusion

A revised Residents parking scheme be recommended for adoption to OCC following the detailed consultation that has taken place during 2008, 2009 and 2010. The scheme is designed to benefit the greatest number of residents that live in Eligible Properties but can not satisfy every individual property owner's requirements.

Background Information	
1.5	2007 TRO: The original scheme was introduced on 2 January 2008 under the 2007 TRO. Following the experience of running the scheme, amendments were informally consulted on with a view to a revised scheme being implemented in April 2010.
1.6	The consultation resulted in various feedback, reproduced at Appendix 1, that required more detailed assessment so decision was taken to continue with the existing scheme in 2010 whilst this further work was undertaken.
1.7	A revised draft TRO was advertised and consulted on in June/July 2010 and consultation feedback published on the Council's website. A summary of this, together with the Officer recommendations, is at Appendix 2.
1.8	A further consultation then took place with residents in Kings End on amendments to the proposals in the light of the comments received from the June/July consultation. A summary of this, together with the Officer recommendations, is at Appendix 3. This information has also been published on the Council's website.
1.9	Where responses have been anonymous or they have not been submitted in writing they have not been considered.
1.10	It is now proposed to seek approval from OCC to a revised TRO as set out below.
1.11	<p>Proposals for recommendation to Oxfordshire County Council for a revised Traffic Regulation Order for Bicester Residents Parking Scheme as advertised</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That 27-39 Kings End continue to be included in the scheme as eligible properties • All properties with off road parking for one vehicle be allowed to purchase one parking permit only. • That an additional area of highway on Kings End be included as designated Residents Parking bays. • Increase in cost of permits to £84 and £16 administration fee. Currently the charge is £50 for the first permit and £25 for the second permit but there will be discretion to discount the £84 fee by up to 50% pending a change in enforcement procedures. • Visitors' permits: will be available for residents of the Properties. A maximum of 100 permits will be issued per year for each household in blocks of 25. A charge of £12.50 per block of 25 permits is proposed but holders of Residents' Permits are entitled to the first 2 blocks free of charge. Currently all visitors' permits are free of charge. • No longer an exemption for camper vans save for a concession which will apply to 1 permit per household for current residents only for use with the camper van they currently own. This concession will come to end if they move or dispose of their current camper van. • Retention of keep clear markings on Priory Road as current.

Key Issues for Consideration/Reasons for Decision and Options

- 3.1 The proposed scheme follows detailed consultation with residents and aims to provide a Scheme to benefit the majority of residents in streets covered by the TRO.
- 3.2 Without Civil Parking Enforcement in place enforcement will continue in partnership with Thames Valley Police as Council Wardens do not have the powers to issue Penalty Notices.

The following options have been identified. The approach in the recommendations is believed to be the best way forward

Option One	Amend the 2007 TRO in line with the findings from the consultation processes
Option Two	Scrap the scheme entirely
Option Three	Do nothing and retain the 2007 Order.

Consultations

Oxfordshire County Council	OCC have been fully consulted on each stage of the consultation process.
Bicester Town Council	Have been kept informed of the proposals and have assisted in the consultation with display of information.
Residents	Residents and businesses in the streets included in the draft Order have been consulted and their feedback taken into account where possible in the final TRO.

Implications

Financial:	The proposals set out in this report can be implemented within the agreed budget. Comments checked by Joanne Kaye, Service Accountant 01295 221545
Risk Management:	There remains a risk that some residents will not be happy with the proposed schemes as there specific requirements are not being met. Comments checked by Rosemary Watts, Risk and Insurance Manager 01295 221566
Legal:	Residents could challenge the Council's process through judicial review, but as the scheme has gone through 3 consultation processes it is considered to be low risk. Comments checked by Malcolm Saunders, Senior Legal Assistant 01295 221692.

Wards Affected

All Bicester Wards

Corporate Plan Themes

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Executive Portfolio

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Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Summary of consultation responses to the draft 2010 TRO
2	Summary of January 2010 consultation responses
3	Summary of August 2010 consultation responses
Background Papers	
Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads, Bicester) (Parking) Order 2007	
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Summary of consultation feedback on the draft 2010 TRO

The updates in red below present the position that has been negotiated with Oxfordshire County Council following the consultation last year. Not all matters can be resolved but the changes that can be made and improve the scheme are being proposed in the revised Order. This will be advertised formally in the New Year and responses taken into account prior to any Order being Made.

Residents comments about Enforcement of the Scheme

The following comments were made by residents about enforcement:

- More enforcement required.
- Why can't the Council issue tickets?
- Council should prosecute vehicle owners that abuse the scheme.
- Specific residents that abuse the scheme should be warned.
- Problem is mainly Friday nights and weekends.
- Lots of cars park outside the Methodist Church.
- Provide telephone numbers for inspectors.
- Improve signage.

Council's Response

We need to demonstrate that we are doing more to ensure the Scheme is operating correctly and fairly and is not being abused by a minority of residents, or commuters/visitors.

Unfortunately Cherwell District Council does not have the legal powers to issue Penalty Notices for On Street parking offences. We are looking to achieve this through a process called Civil Parking Enforcement that will see this power transfer from the Police to the Council. The process for this requires legal agreements to be drawn up and an application to the Secretary of State. It will be Spring 2010 before this is achieved as there are wider parking related matters that have to be organised and Secretary of State approval secured. This is a process that the Council can not readily control the timescales on.

In the meantime, Thames Valley Police are working with us to police the Scheme and issue Fixed Penalty Notices where vehicles do not display valid permits. We are aware that there are still instances of cars parking without valid permits so we are planning a targeted enforcement campaign with the police.

In addition, evidence has been and will continue to be gathered on persistent offenders so that prosecution action can be brought against them.

Mobile numbers of the inspectors will not be issued but there is a hotline number (01295 221993) and e mail address parking.services@cherwell-dc.gov.uk on which you can let us have details of any issues/incidents. This will not generate immediate response but allows us to gather intelligence as well as advise Wardens of issues.

Signage will be reviewed if there are any material changes to the scheme, but this may delay introduction of any changes.

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Oxfordshire County Council have advised that Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) is not one of its current transport priorities and have not therefore been able to put any resources to progressing this work with Cherwell District Council.

This means CDC is still lacking the transfer of enforcement powers from the police and continues to operate through PCSO's.

Talks are continuing as CDC does have CPE as a priority. Timescales will have to be extended and it will not be possible to introduce CPE (if agreed) inside of 18 months.

A report to the Council's Executive is planned for 11 January 2010.

Residents feedback on space available for residents parking.

The following comments were made by residents:

- Permits should only be available to properties that do not have off street parking.
- Space is taken up by inconsiderate parking by residents.
- It might be better to identify parking bays by road markings.
- Residents should only be allowed to park in the streets they live.

Council's Response

The Order currently sets out the specific properties that are eligible for permits. The Council consider that only properties without off street parking (garage, driveway, other parking that is not on the public highway) should be eligible and will be looking into this with OCC.

The current Scheme operates without sub zones to offer the best flexibility for parking by residents. To move to designated zones can be done but would require a new Order and new signage. No decision has yet been taken on this but, in the short term, it is unlikely that OCC would agree to such a change prior to the introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.

The existing road markings do not designate parking bays as vehicle size can vary. The Council's view is that this approach helps to maximise parking space whereas designated bays would reduce available parking space.

Unfortunately not everyone considers the impact of their parking on others. This should be self policing (as it affects all scheme participants). The Council will enforce the Scheme as set out above but we believe it is for residents and neighbours to be considerate in their parking to ensure the Scheme works to residents benefit.

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The proposal is for:

- Only properties without off street parking to be eligible for a residents permit.
- All properties within the streets covered by the Order to be eligible for visitor permits.
- Existing road markings to be retained. Individual bays not to be marked.
- Where there is capacity for additional parking, bays to be extended.
- Individual Zones not being introduced. The new Order to continue to cover Bicester and the eligible streets.

Residents feedback on Visitor Permits

The following comments were made by residents:

- Visitor permits should not be issued.
- Visitor permits should be 24 hour and not run out at 2359 hours.
- Should be maximum 3 hour stay only.
- Should be available free to non permit holders.
- Should be free.
- Free to houses with off street parking.
- Same cost for all. Should reduce the number of visitor permits.
- 100 visitor permits is not enough.
- Unused permits should be allowed to be used the following year.

Council's Response

The reason for introducing the Scheme was to exclude non residents parking to enable home owners to park close to their homes. We recognise however that the Scheme should try and reasonably accommodate visitor parking, albeit that pay and display parking is fairly close to most roads in the Scheme and these car parks are free after 6pm Mon-Sat and 4pm Sun.

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We envisage Visitor Permits continuing but will look at cost and operation of these.

The Council are concerned that Visitor permits are being abused by a small number of residents. Action is being planned to stamp this out.

We also need to consider the various options with the current scratch cards and feel that there are benefits of 24 hour permits rather than the current arrangement where visitor permits expire at 23.59.

We will be looking at permits costs and will resolve through an allocation of free and/or chargeable visitor permits. This type of approach enables all residents in permit areas to benefit from an allocation of free Visitor Permits for their visitors and also have a choice to purchase a further allocation for their visitors. There will need to be a limit.

Unused permits need to have expiry date in order to ensure that demand for parking places can be monitored and consequently there are no plans to move away from end of term expiry.

December 2009 Update

The proposal is for:

- The changes made to the Visitor permits for the 2009 Scheme to be retained so that they operate for 24 hours.
- Visitor permits to be available to all Residents (as defined by the Order) covered by the Scheme.
- Permits to no longer be issued free of charge. The proposal is that permits be available in books of 25 and cost £12.50 per book.
- A maximum of 100 permits per property within the Scheme area in each year of the Scheme. Part year applications to be allocated on a pro-rata basis.
- Eligible Residents that purchase a Residents Parking Permit to be able to apply and be issued with the first 50 Visitor Permits free of charge. Additional permit costs and restrictions as above.

Residents feedback on Medical Carers and Family Carers Permit

The following comments were made by residents:

- A Medical Carers Permit is required for all health professionals.
- Family Carers should use Visitor Permits.
- Family carers should get permit free.

Council's Response

The Residents Parking Scheme was introduced with the primary aim of making parking more accessible for residents. This principle has to continue to be the basis of the Scheme otherwise the complexities of trying to cover other requirements will make it non viable.

The Council's proposal is to continue to offer Medical Carers Permits but to limit the numbers as there are currently 85 Medical Carers Permits issued to Health Care Agencies.

With the Scheme emphasis on residents, it is felt reasonable to introduce a restriction bearing in mind that there is available parking close to hand in public car parks and that emergency vehicles are exempt from restrictions.

The Council also propose a Family Carers Permit when it can be demonstrated that a resident at an Eligible Property has need for care, this to be demonstrated via letter of support from the residents GP. Permits are proposed at the same cost as Residents Permits.

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OCC have asked that this be deferred pending a review of proposals across the county and CDC have agreed to this.

Residents feedback on Blue Badge Holders

The following comments were made by residents:

- Not happy that Blue Badge Holders should be able to park free.
- Blue Badge Holders should not have to pay.

Council's Response

The Council current thinking is:

- Blue Badge Holders that are not permit holders should be allowed to park in residents parking areas subject to the Blue Badge Scheme conditions i.e. maximum stay restrictions and provided Blue Badge and clock are displayed.
- Blue Badge Holders that are Eligible Residents and wish to benefit from Residents Parking be required to purchase a Residents Parking Permit. There may be eligibility to apply to OCC for disabled parking bay.

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The proposal is for Disabled Persons Vehicles to be exempt from the requirement for 'permit parking only in a 'Parking Place' provided it displays in the relevant position a Disabled Person's Badge.

Residents feedback about second permit

35 respondents agreed with the limit of 2 permits. 4 respondents did not agree.

The following comments were made by residents:

- Scrap the second permit.
- Issue one permit to every eligible resident that applies.
- Happy with 2 permits.
- More then 2 permits should be available.
- Second permit should be at same cost as first.
- Second permit should be at higher cost.
- Second permit should be at lower cost.

Council's Response

Currently there are 35 second permits in the Bicester scheme at 50% of the price of a first permit. It is possible that demand will expand over time and so this needs to be kept under review.

Most scheme participants have no problems with finding parking spaces close to their homes so it is likely that the limit to 2 permits will remain.

There are two or three small areas where specific issues are causing concern to a few residents. Some of these issues can be overcome by better enforcement, others by moving to a position where Eligible Properties do not have off street parking. We also have to recognise that there may be some issues that cannot be resolved without negative impact on greater number of residents. In these circumstances we have to be pragmatic. This may take the form of no changes being made.

Our current thinking is that a maximum of 2 permits continue to be made available but that this is kept under review. Costs are currently proposed at the same level as first permits to ensure fairness in scheme costs.

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The proposal is for:

- Two permits to be allowed per Eligible Property and a maximum of two vehicle registrations per permit.
- Permits to cost **up to** £84 for each permit
- No discount for second permit
- An administration charge of £16 per permit
- Permit costs to rise annually by inflation once £84 level has been reached.

NOTE: The £84 cost is likely to be discounted in 2010. Probable cost is £42 per permit plus the admin charge making a permit £56.

Residents feedback on other monitoring.

The following comments were made by residents:

- Provide CCTV.
- Provide 24 hour monitoring.
- Install speed ramps.

Council's Response

It is not proposed that these suggestions be considered further due to costs. If they were, permit costs would have to increase considerably and it is not considered that the current scheme requires these to operate effectively.

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Not being progressed.

Residents feedback on Permitted Vehicles

- The only concerns raised are on height of vehicles being restricted to 2.0m

Council's Response

The Order specifies the requirements for vehicles to be classed as a Permitted Vehicle. Camper Vans are currently exempt from any restriction. This may be too vague and the Council will review this with OCC.

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The proposal is for:

- Continuation of the existing Permitted Vehicles requirements
- One motor caravan permitted per Dwelling, subject to specified restrictions

Motor Caravans

There may be issued to the Residents' Permit Holder who is the holder of a Residents' Permit at the date of this Order a Residents' Permit for the leaving of a motor caravan of which the Resident's Permit Holder is the Registered Owner/Keeper (as recorded in the records of Cherwell District Council) at the date of this Order provided always that:

- (1) this concession shall only apply to one Residents' Permit issued during a year and if that Resident or any other Resident at the same Dwelling applies for a further Residents' Permit during the year in question it may only be issued for the leaving of a Permitted Vehicle(s); and.*
- (2) for the avoidance of doubt this concession shall cease to apply if that Residents' Permit Holder ceases to be a Resident at the Dwelling in which he resides at the date of this Order and/or if that Residents' Permit Holder ceases to be the Registered Owner/Keeper of that motor caravan (as recorded in the records of Cherwell District Council at the date of this Order).*

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Residents feedback on Eligible Properties

- There are concerns about properties with off street parking and a specific concern about which properties are eligible to park in which areas.

Council's Response

The Order sets out Eligible Properties. We will review the situation on properties that have off street parking, and we have raised with OCC the issue of drop curbs and white lines in front of property accesses.

There are no legal powers to designate on street parking to specific properties so there will be no change to this.

Where there are no restrictions in place, drivers are free to park where they choose provided vehicles are not parked dangerously or so as to cause an obstruction or hazard.

Zoning could be considered but this would have cost implications as is unlikely to solve the specific matters raised. This has been raised with OCC and it is unlikely to be supported.

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The proposal is for:

- Only properties that do not have off-street parking to be eligible
- No sub zoning to be introduced. Permits to be valid in any of the streets covered by the Order.

Residents feedback on North Road issues and the Chinese Take Away/Fish and Chip Shop

These businesses have many short term stop offs to their premises which restricts parking to Eligible Residents.

Council's Response

We acknowledge that this is occurring. Prior to introduction of the Residents parking scheme, similar vehicle parking practices were taking place.

On balance, as the Scheme has decreased the amount of commuter parking that existed prior to its introduction, with consequent benefits to residents, and the business has to operate with short term visitor vehicles, a pragmatic view is likely to be taken as there do not appear to be any ready solutions to this.

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No amendments proposed.

Bicester Residents Parking: Traffic Regulation Order proposals from 1 April 2011**Summary of Consultation responses**

Public consultation on revised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) has taken place with closing date for responses of 16 July 2010.

There are 120 Eligible Properties and 83 households involved in the 2010 scheme.

Of the 120 Eligible Properties, responses have been received from 14, two of which have been sent anonymously and are not therefore included in the summary below.

Ref	Traffic Regulation Order Proposal	Consultation Responses	Council Officers Response
1	That 27-39 Kings End continue to be included in the scheme as eligible properties	5 in support. 1 objection	27-39 Kings End continue to be Eligible Properties.
2	Reinstatement of single yellow line traffic restriction between 0800-1800 on length of highway outside No. 13-17 Kings End.	5 objections 1 in support subject to being eligible for the scheme.	Not to reinstate the single yellow line restriction and to retain designated residents only parking bay outside No. 13-17 Kings End.(see below)
3	No 13-17 Kings End and properties 13-17 Kings End no longer be classed as eligible properties	6 objections 1 objection but linked to Ref 1 and 2 above.	No. 13-17 to remain as Eligible Properties.(see below)
4	All properties with off road parking for one vehicle be allowed to purchase a parking permit for one vehicle only	2 objections	All properties with off road parking for one vehicle be allowed to purchase a parking permit for one vehicle only. The objections referred to ability of residents with drop curbs to park on the solid white line in front of the kerb thereby

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			giving these properties 3 parking spaces. As parking on solid white lines is prohibited and enforceable, parking for two vehicles maintains equity across the scheme.
5	That an additional area of highway on Kings End be included as designated Residents Parking bays.	1 objection received.	Additional area of highway to be included in the scheme as this provides greater capacity for permit holders to park on Kings End and because the majority of responses relative to ref 1-3 above support a residents parking scheme in Kings End.
6	Increase in cost of permits to £84 and £16 administration fee.	4 objections	Permits costs to increase in line with the TRO proposal to cover the costs of running and administering the scheme. The Council will consider discount of costs by <u>up to</u> 50% pending introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement.
7	Visitors' permits: will be available for residents of the Properties. A maximum of 100 permits will be issued per year for each household in blocks of 25. A charge of £12.50 per block of 25 permits is proposed but holders of Residents' Permits are entitled to the first 2 blocks free of charge. Currently all visitors' permits are free of charge	1 objection	Visitor Permits to be introduced in line with the TRO proposal. The Council considers that a fair and equitable scheme is achieved by all households that benefit from parking in residents only areas contributing to the costs of managing and administering the scheme.
8	No longer an exemption for camper vans save for a concession which will apply to 1 permit per household for current residents only for use with the camper van they currently own. This concession will come to end if they move or dispose of their current camper van.	1 objection	Camper van eligibility in line with the TRO proposal.
9	Enforcement	3 comments received	Enforcement activity will continue in conjunction with Thames Valley Police and Fixed Penalty Notices issued. The Council's Vehicle Parks staff do not have powers to

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			enforce, but will continue to take action under the TRO and remove entitlement to permits where there is abuse of the scheme. This could and has led to court proceedings being taken.
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In addition to the feedback summarised above, some correspondence made reference to other issues that are not part of the consultation on the Traffic Regulation Order and have not therefore been included.

The Council Officer responses indicate a recommendation to proceed with the advertised proposals with a retraction of the proposals listed as reference 2 and 3 above. The Council will now write to all eligible properties in Kings End to notify them of the proposed retractions giving them a further 21 days to register any further comments/objections.

It should be noted that the Council Officer Responses do not form a decision, and that the District and County Councils will consider objections and representations received in response to the advertised proposals at a member (Councillor) level.

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Bicester Residents Parking: Traffic Regulation Order proposals from 1 April 2011

Summary of August 2010 Consultation responses

Following the June/July 2010 consultation, a further process took place with properties in Kings End to seek feedback arising from the earlier consultation exercise. The August 2010 consultation was limited to a total of 10 properties as no others were directly affected by the proposals.

Ref	Traffic Regulation Order Proposal	Consultation Responses	Council Officers Response
1	<p>Not to reinstate the single yellow line traffic restriction between 0800-1800 on length of highway outside No. 13-17 Kings End</p> <p>and</p> <p>Retain existing residents parking only bays outside No. 13-17 kings End</p> <p>Reason: On basis of objections received during the previous consultation.</p>	1 objection	As per the proposal
2	<p>Not to remove eligibility of No. 13-17 Kings End properties.</p> <p>Reason: On basis of feedback received during the previous consultation and in view of the actions proposed in 1 above.</p>	No objections	As per the proposal