

TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE – 3 SEPTEMBER 2009

SUMMERTOWN CPZ, OXFORD PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING

Report by Head of Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments and objections received to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation to vary the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for the Summertown Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) and Disabled Persons Parking Places in Oxford, to amend the parking arrangements in a number of streets in response to requests from local residents, councillors and businesses.

Background

2. Since the introduction of the Summertown CPZ there have been a number of requests for amendments to better reflect the needs of those who live in the area. Some changes were made earlier this year, but further requests have been received. In addition there have been ongoing discussions to resolve problems with loading and disabled parking arrangements adjacent to the recently-completed Summertown shops scheme, as well as a requirement for a developer to relocate a parking bay to meet the conditions of a planning consent. Annex 1 describes the proposed changes.

Public Consultation

3. Informal consultation particularly on suggested changes to waiting and loading restrictions in Summerfield and Mayfield Roads was carried out in March 2009 and the results used to formulate formal proposals which were consulted on between 4 June and 2 July 2009.
4. Letters and plans were sent to all properties in the streets in the vicinity of the proposed changes, notices explaining the proposals placed on site and in the local newspaper and information sent to local Councillors, the emergency services and other formal consultees. A copy of the public notice is attached at Annex 2 and the full legal documents, which were placed on deposit at Summertown Library and at County Hall, are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
5. In total, 12 letters or e-mails were received in response to the advertised proposals. A précis of these together with the observations of the Head of Transport is attached at Annex 3. Copies of all these communications are available in the Members' Resource Centre.

6. The main source of comment relates to the proposal to amend the southern boundary of the CPZ to include additional properties on Marston Ferry Road within the Zone. A number of residents who would become eligible for permits have written in support of the proposal. However, residents of Dorchester Court (which is on Ferry Pool Road and has the nearest available parking for any new permit holders) have objected as they feel it will result in there being nowhere left for them to park.
7. In response to these objections from Dorchester Court, your officers have approached Oxford City Council to see if their public car park at the end of Ferry Pool Road could be made available for Summertown CPZ Permit Holders to use overnight (free of charge); similar arrangements already happen in other parts of Oxford. This proposal will need to be agreed by the relevant Area Committee, but it is understood this should be obtained in September. If agreed, it is considered that the additional space would be a reasonable compensation for any loss of parking experienced by Dorchester Court residents.

Conclusions

8. The majority of the proposals have either been welcomed by respondents or have received no comment. Only the changes to permit eligibility on Marston Ferry Road have received objections but the subsequent proposal to allow permit holders to park in the City Council car park should ameliorate this impact.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

9. The proposals described in this report comply with the LTP2 objectives of Tackling Congestion (encouraging development that minimises congestion) and improving the Street Environment (better management of parking).

Financial Implications (including Revenue)

10. Funding for the costs of implementing the proposals described in this report, estimated to be around £3000 (including advertising) will be met from existing budgets.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposed changes to the Summertown CPZ and Disabled Persons Parking Places Order as advertised in the Oxfordshire County Council (Summertown) (Controlled Parking Zone and Various Restrictions) (Variation No 7*) Order 200*, and the Oxfordshire County Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places - Oxford (Amendment No 7*) Order 200* and described in this report.**

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Background papers: Copies of all the letters are available in the Members' Resource room.

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SUMMERTON CPZ

DESCRIPTION OF EFFECT OF PROPOSED CHANGES

WOODSTOCK ROAD

Move the boundary of the zone to the western highway boundary to reduce sign clutter on side roads. Property eligibility remains unchanged.

Existing No Waiting (double yellow lines) restrictions are covered in another Order.

LUCERNE ROAD

Remove 3-hour shared use bay near Victoria Road (as required by development of adjacent properties) and relocate on opposite side near Hamilton Road (with consequent reduction of Permit Holders Bay).

ROGERS STREET

Existing 10-minute parking restriction in bay near Banbury Road to become 30-minute parking.

SUMMERFIELD AND MAYFIELD ROADS

Reorder parking bays to provide a Loading Bay outside Marks & Spencer loading area, daytime 'no loading' lengths to prevent parking at the Banbury Road end of Summerfield Road (both sides), introduce a new disabled bay, relocate 30-min parking bay, relocate permit holder parking (including new bay on Mayfield Road).

MARSTON FERRY ROAD

Move the boundary of the zone to west of Ferry Pool Road to allow properties on south side of Marston Ferry Road to have permits. Property eligibility adjusted to include Marston Ferry Road properties, Scholar's Mews and few extra Banbury Road residences.

Existing No Waiting (double yellow lines) restrictions are unchanged.

David Tole
May 2009



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**1. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(SUMMERTOWN) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS)
(VARIATION NO.7*) ORDER 200***

**2. OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES - OXFORD)
(AMENDMENT NO.7*) ORDER 200***

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Oxfordshire County Council proposes to make the above mentioned Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and all other enabling powers.

The effect of the proposal is to amend The Oxfordshire County Council (Summertown) (Controlled Parking Zone and Various Restrictions) Order 2004) Order 2002 (as amended) with a consequential amendment to The Oxfordshire County Council (Disabled Persons Parking Places - Oxford) Order 2007 (as amended).

The limits of the Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) within which all parking/ waiting is managed, is being extended along part of Marston Ferry Road, and to the western highway boundary of Woodstock Road. Eligibility for parking permits remains unchanged and existing No Waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) are covered in another Order. These changes will also reduce sign clutter on side roads.

The following amendments are proposed:

LUCERNE ROAD Remove 3-hour shared use parking bay near Victoria Road (as required by development of adjacent properties) and relocate to opposite side near Hamilton Road (with consequent reduction of a Permit Holders Bay);

SUMMERFIELD AND MAYFIELD ROADS Reorder parking bays to provide a Loading Bay outside Marks & Spencer loading area; daytime 'no loading' lengths to prevent parking at the Banbury Road end of Summerfield Road (both sides); introduce a new 15m long disabled bay on the north side of Summerfield Road; relocate a 30-min parking bay; relocate permit holder parking (including new bay on Mayfield Road);

MARSTON FERRY ROAD Move the boundary of the CPZ to the west of Ferry Pool Road to allow properties on south side of Marston Ferry Road to have parking permits. Listed properties eligible to apply for permits adjusted to include Marston Ferry Road properties, Scholars Mews and few extra Banbury Road residences.

Existing No Waiting (double yellow lines) restrictions are unchanged;

ROGERS STREET Replace the 10 minute parking places on the south side of the road with 30 minutes.

WOODSTOCK ROAD The limit of the CPZ will be moved to the western highway boundary to reduce sign clutter on side roads. Eligibility for parking permits remains unchanged. Existing No Waiting restrictions (double yellow lines) are covered in another Order.

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Documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Order are available for public inspection at County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday, and at Summertown Library, South Parade, Summertown, Oxford, OX2 7JN Monday & Friday 9.30am – 5.30pm, Tuesday & Thursday 9.30am – 7pm, Saturday 9am – 4.30pm.

Objections to the proposal, specifying the grounds on which they are made, and any other representations, should be sent in writing to the Director for Environment and Economy (ref. DMT/TRO) at the address given below, no later than the 2nd July 2009. The County Council 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: 4th June 2009

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**SUMMERTOWN CPZ, OXFORD – PROPOSED CHANGES TO PARKING
Summary of Public Comments**

No.	Commentor's Address	Summary of Objection or Comment	Observations of the Director of Environment & Economy
1.	Thames Valley Police	No objection but raise a concern that the proposed loading bay on Summerfield Road is opposite a private car park access which could cause difficulties for those using the car park	Noted The location of the loading bay matches the ideal position for lorries delivering into the businesses loading bay. Given the low levels of traffic along Summerfield Road, the nature of the car park usage and the infrequent occurrence of large vehicles using the loading bay, it is not considered that this will cause any significant problem
2.	Resident of Dorchester Court, Ferry Pool Road	Has strong objections as it allows too many additional properties to have permits, and will lead to even greater parking problems	The opening up of the City Council car park to permit holders in the evening will provide additional overnight parking which should alleviate this concern
3.	Chairman, Dorchester Court (Summertown) Ltd	Represents approximately 70 residents in 24 flats. Objects to the increased eligibility for permits as there is currently a shortage of parking Wants dispensation for residents to use the City Council car park for free Wants consideration to be given to the introduction of parking bays on Marston Ferry Road and for the bay on Ferry Pool Road to permit holders only at all times	Should the proposals be approved, the parking pattern on Ferry Pool Road will be monitored and if there is an excessive demand we will seek to increase the available space As noted in the report, the City Council have been asked to make the car par available free to permit holders overnight The strategic nature of Marston Ferry Road is such that parking here would not be appropriate. The possibility of extending the operational times of the bay on Ferry Pool Road will be considered in the light of monitoring.
4.	Resident, Marston Ferry Road	Welcomes the proposal to extend permit eligibility which will be of particular benefit to visitors	Noted

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5.	Two residents of Marston Ferry Court	Delighted at the proposal	Noted
6.	Two residents of Banbury Road	Very pleased with the proposal – particularly beneficial for visitors	Noted
7.	Resident of Scholars Mews, Marston Ferry Road	Fully supports the initiative	Noted
8.	Resident of Scholars Mews, Marston Ferry Road	Supports the proposed changes as there is currently no visitor parking	Noted
9.	Resident of Scholars Mews, Marston Ferry Road	Supports the proposed changes as there is currently no visitor parking which is particularly difficult for the elderly	Noted
10.	Resident of Scholars Mews, Marston Ferry Road	Supports the proposed changes as there is currently no visitor parking	Noted
11.	Director of Music, Summer Fields School	Wishes the Council to also address the difficulties on Mayfield Road near Banbury Road	Noted – will be kept under review