

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 10 OCTOBER 2019

CHURCH ROAD AND FOXBOROUGH ROAD, RADLEY PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed waiting restrictions on Church Road and Foxborough Road at Radley as advertised.

Executive summary

2. Waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over parking obstructing traffic and/or being detrimental to road safety.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce additional waiting restrictions on Church Road and Foxborough Road, Radley.

Background

4. The above proposal as shown at Annex 1 has been requested by the Parish Council in response to concerns over road safety arising from parking in the area.

Consultation

5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 4 July and 2 August 2019. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Vale of White Horse District Council, Radley Parish Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent to approximately 55 properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
6. 7 responses were received during the consultation. 1 objection, 2 neither objecting nor supporting and 4 (57%) in support. The responses are recorded

at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Response to objections and other comments

7. Thames Valley Police and the Vale of the White Horse District Council have not objected. Radley Parish Council support with expressions of support also received from 3 residents.
8. One objection was received from a resident on the grounds that the proposed waiting restrictions would result in moving the parking further north on Church Road, restricting access to properties.
9. There is always a risk that implementation of waiting restrictions will relocate parking to the end of the yellow lines. To this end, a week-long trial of the proposal was carried out earlier this year using 'no waiting' cones. No issues relating to displaced parking were observed. Should the restrictions be approved then the County Council and Parish Council will monitor their effect and if necessary further restrictions will be considered.
10. A comment was also received from a resident suggesting that the existing unrestricted parking on the east side of Foxborough Road between the station car park entrance and the Lower Radley junction was inconvenient.
11. Although not forming part of this consultation the Parish Council have stated that they will monitor the situation and, if necessary, consider the implementation of time limited restrictions at this location when Civil Parking Enforcement is introduced in the Vale of the White Horse District.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

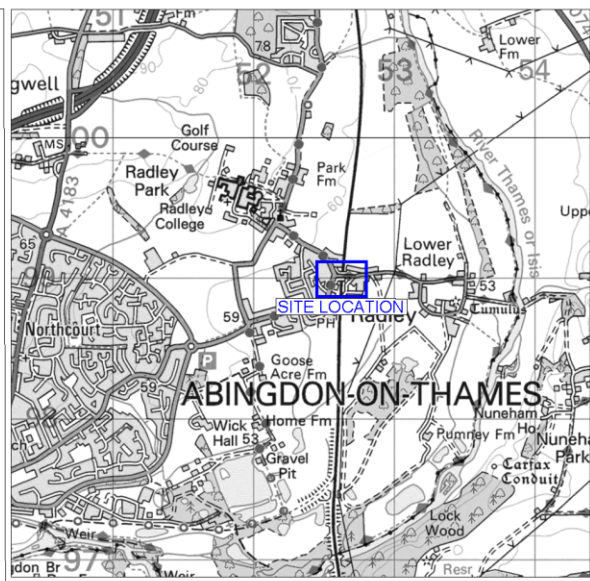
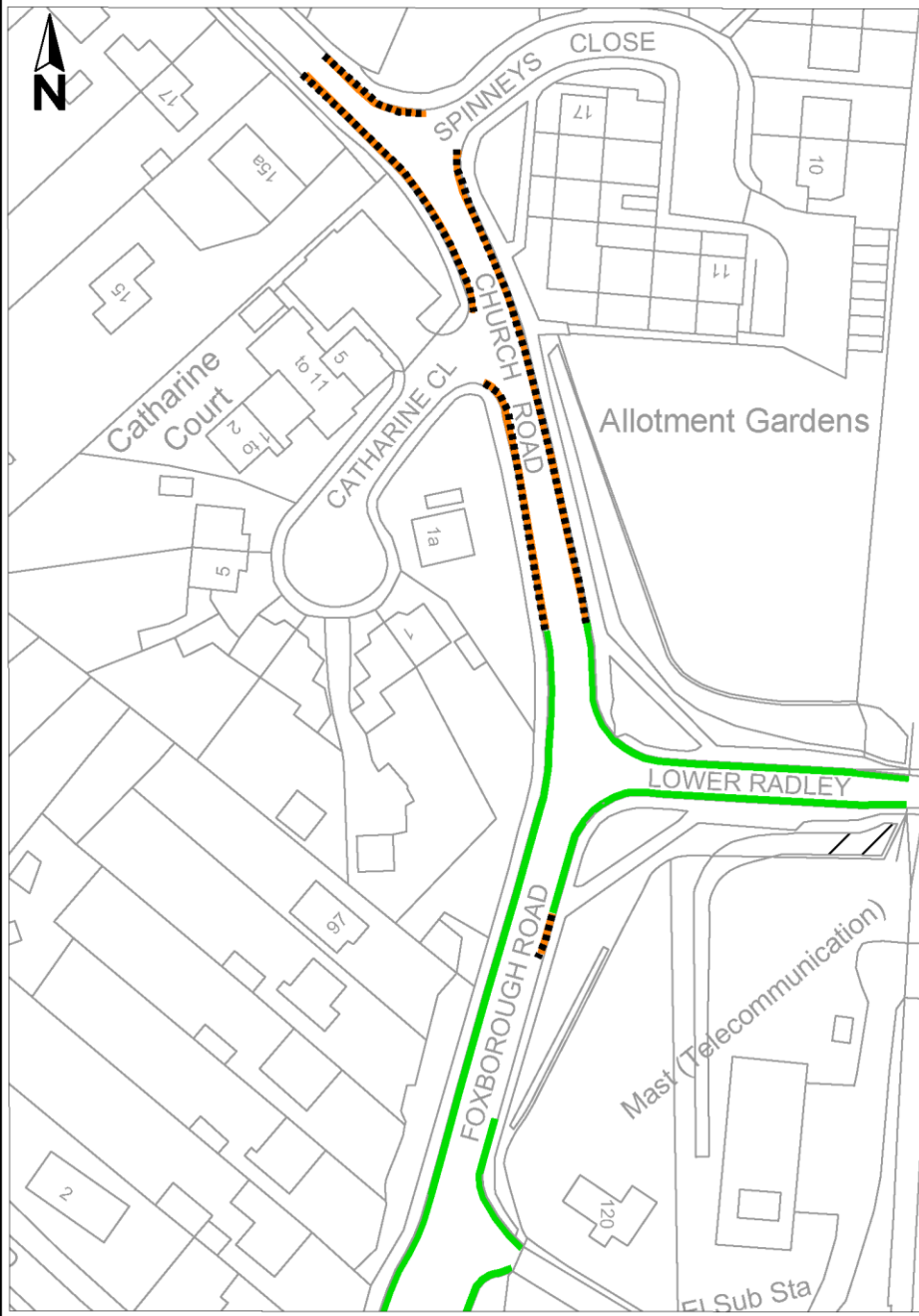
13. Funding for the proposed measures is to be provided by the Parish Council, the Local Member's Councillor Priority Fund and Oxfordshire County Council's Parish Funded Support capital budget.

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Background papers: Plan of proposed waiting restrictions
 Consultation responses

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Key

- Proposed "No Waiting at Any Time" (double yellow lines)
- Existing "No Waiting at Any Time" (double yellow lines)

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	<p>No objection – Should these current restrictions go ahead they MUST be reliant on good driver behaviour and should NOT place any burden upon Thames Valley Police in terms of future enforcement activity.</p> <p>Any action by the Police in response to this kind of parking is governed by many factors. These include the seriousness of the offence, the road and traffic conditions at the time and the existence of other more pressing commitments for local police officers.</p> <p>In terms of operational priorities our officers are encouraged to give preference to offences which might directly affect public safety followed by those which have an impact on traffic flow on main traffic routes. However even those priorities must be viewed in the context of the many other more pressing and demanding commitments which our officers face.</p>
(2) Vale of White Horse District Council	No objection
(3) Radley Parish Council	Support
(4) Local Resident, (Radley)	<p>Object – the only result will be to shift the parking further along the road and restrict access to all the properties there. We think that the lines should stop at the junction with St. James Road.</p> <p>The best solution to the problem could be that tickets bought from British Rail should include the parking fee at Radley Station. We would be very unhappy to have people parking outside our property which would restrict access and potentially cause many other problems. A solution needs to be found which does not result in merely moving the parking issue from one part of the road to another and would ultimately lead to another set of issues</p>

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<p>(5) Local Resident, (Radley)</p>	<p>Support – I agree with the extension of the yellow lines, as it has been very dangerous coming from the Church Rd direction, because you often have to be on the wrong side of the road due to parked cars and cannot see what is coming towards you round the bend.</p> <p>However, I would suggest that it is very inconvenient having the few parking spaces near the station filled all days, every weekday by commuters.</p> <p>We live on Foxborough Road, and because it is difficult to get on our drive, due to the positioning of a telegraph pole, it causes us problems when we want visitors or trades people to call. If the spaces across the road were not continually taken up by commuters, our visitors could park across the road and avoid the difficulty of manoeuvring around the telegraph pole.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Radley)</p>	<p>Support – With the current arrangement of a small number of cars being able to park between the station entrance and the turn into Lower Radley poses a very real danger to cars coming out from the station car park as visibility of oncoming traffic is severely impaired. Also, the entrance to Lower Radley road can be blocked when traffic especially buses are waiting to get past these cars. If someone is waiting to turn it can cause a stalemate as there can sometimes be nowhere to move. Also, it would be a good idea to extend the lines further down Lower Radley to maybe the entrance to the mobile home park. The bridge and bend can be blind there are regularly children from Radley College, cyclists, horses, other pedestrians and no pavement over the bridge and limited pavements either side. This poses a risk to all.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Radley)</p>	<p>Support – I support this proposal, but request that OCC monitor parking in the vicinity of the station subsequently to ensure those cars/ drivers displaced by the enhanced restrictions do not cause problems elsewhere in the village.</p>