

Divisions affected: *Banbury Calthorpe; Banbury Ruscote*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAYS MANAGEMENT –7 SEPTEMBER 2023

BANBURY: A361 BLOXHAM ROAD SERVICE ROAD & EDMUNDS ROAD - PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is RECOMMENDED to approve the following as advertised:
 - a) New 'No Waiting at Any Time' (Double Yellow Lines) on the Bloxham Road Service Road east side, and
 - b) Removal of existing Double Yellow Line parking restrictions on the southern side of Edmunds Road.

Executive summary

2. Following concerns being raised over obstructive and inappropriate parking, in order to help prevent parked vehicles obstructing visibility at junctions and help the passage of traffic, as well as improving safety for more vulnerable road users, proposals have been prepared to introduce new sections of 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restrictions on the eastern and southern side of the Bloxham Road Service Road; the proposals cover the entire eastern side, as well as the turning area at the southern side, and will be accompanied by new 'birds-mouth' fencing around the grass verge to match the existing fencing on the opposite side of Queensway.
3. Additionally, following an assessment of safety, in response to parking pressures in the area it is proposed to remove sections of existing 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) parking restriction on Edmunds Road, comprising of an 11-metre section opposite Nos. 80/78, and a 5-metre section outside No.37.

Financial Implications

4. Funding for consultation on the proposals and their implementation if approved has been provided by s106 developer funding allocated to "transport infrastructure and/or services serving Banbury", and also contributions from existing highway lining maintenance budgets.

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 facilitate the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists and motor traffic within the new areas of the residential estate.

Formal consultation

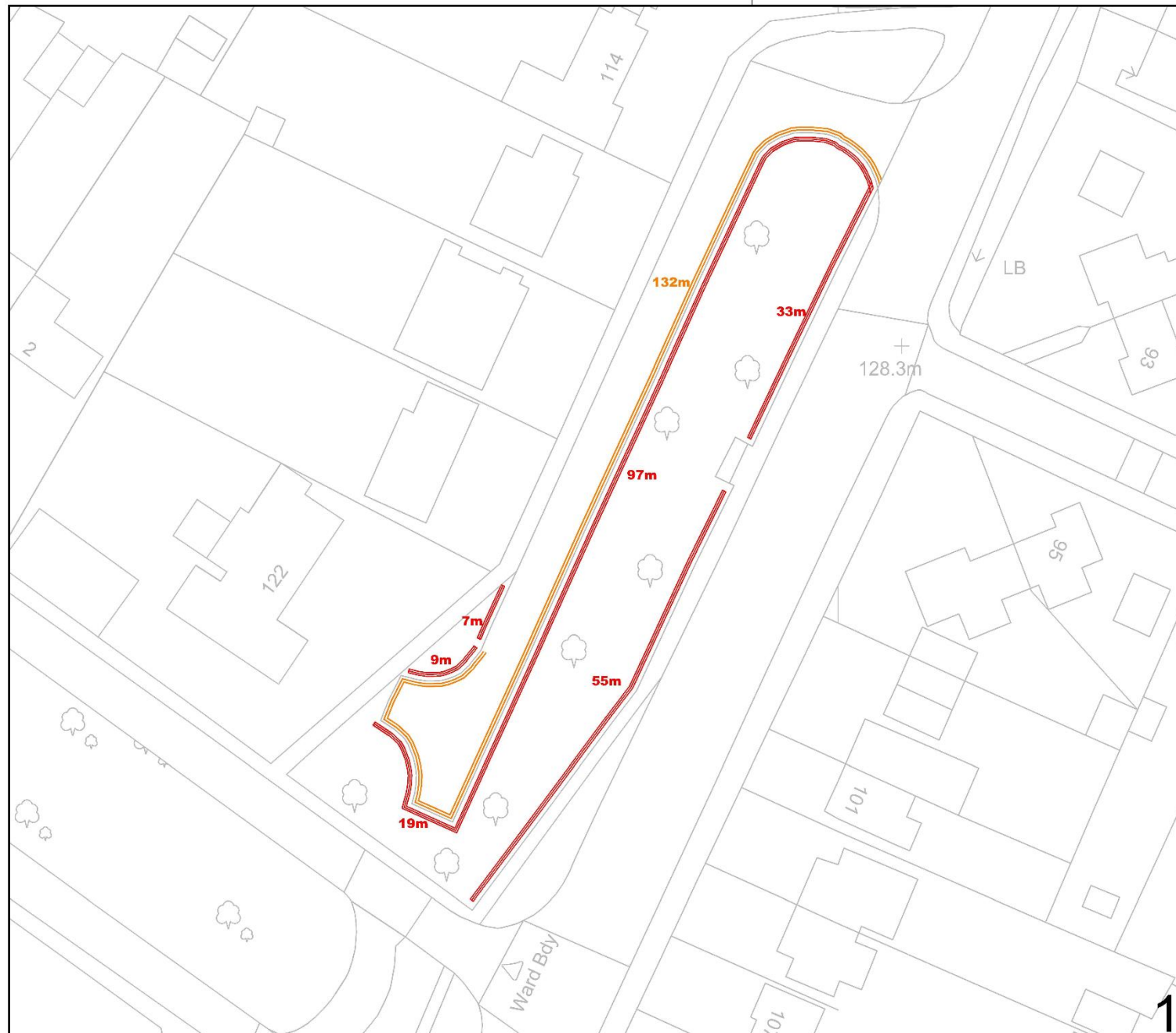
7. The Formal consultation was carried out between 29 June and 28 July 2023. A notice was published in the Banbury Guardian newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, local bus operators, countywide transport, access and disabled peoples' user groups, Cherwell District Council, Banbury Town Council, and the local County Councillors representing the Banbury Calthorpe and Banbury Ruscote divisions.
8. Additionally, letters were sent directly to approximately 110 adjacent properties and street notices placed on site in the immediate vicinity of the proposals.
9. Nine responses were received via the online survey during the formal consultation period, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Concerns	No objection or opinion	Total
Bloxham Road Service Road	5	1	1	2	9
Edmunds Road	2	1	1	5	9

10. A further three emails were also received from Thames Valley Police, the county Cllr for the Banbury Ruscote division, and a member of the public.
11. The responses are shown at **Annex 3**, and copies of the original submissions are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Officer response to objections/concerns

12. Thames Valley Police did not object to the proposals, and the county Cllr responsible for the Banbury Ruscote division supported the proposals for Edmunds Road.



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KEY

- Fencing: 216m of knee rail fencing
- Bollards : 87 Bollards at 2.5m spacing
- Double Yellows: 132m of double yellows

LOCATION PLAN
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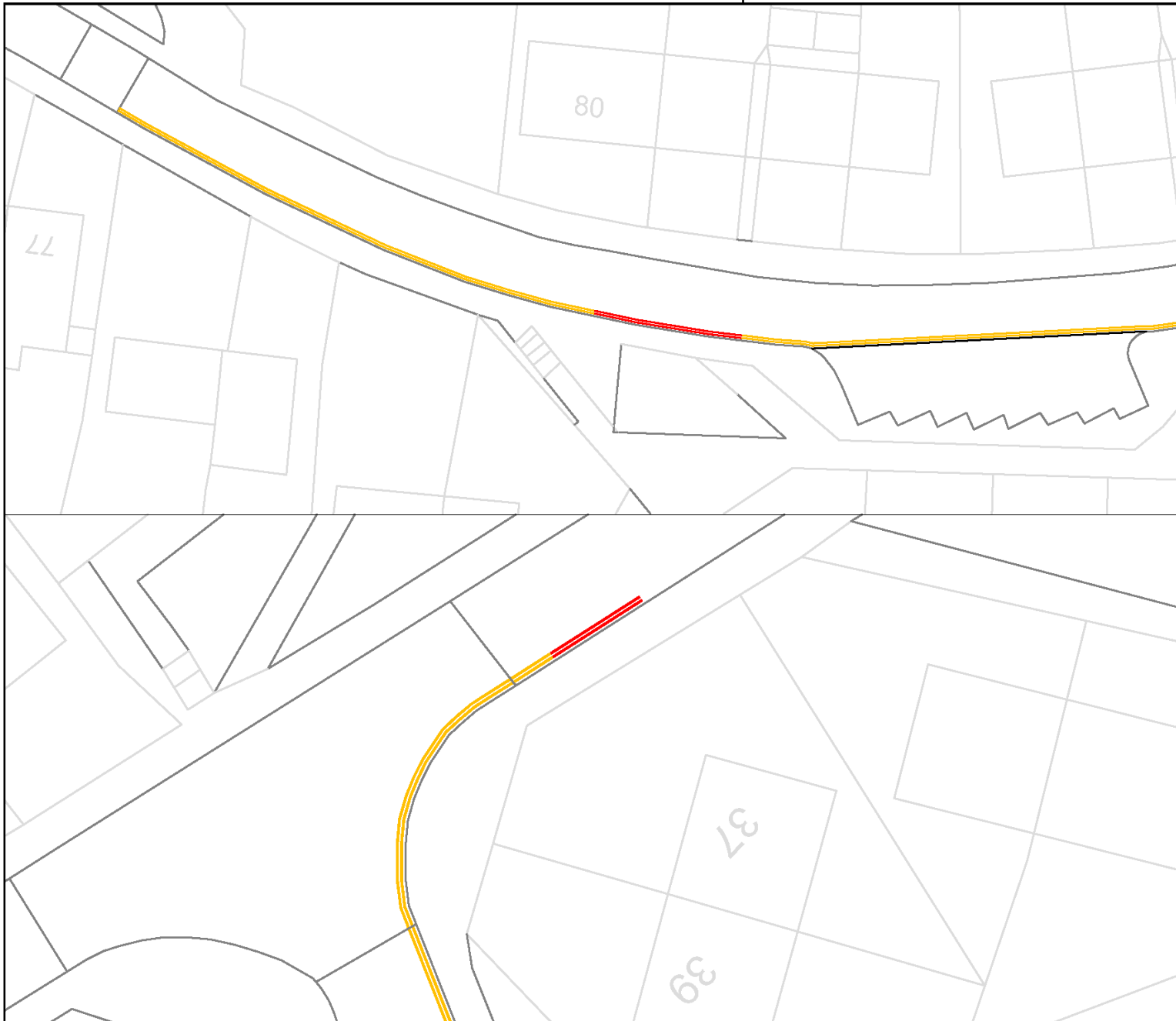
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KEY TO RESTRICTION

- Existing No Waiting (Double Yellow Line)
- Existing Lining to be Removed

ALL RESTRICTIONS ARE NEW UNLESS OTHERWISE MARKED

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ANNEX 3

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) County Cllr, (Banbury Ruscote division)	<p>Edmunds Road – Support</p> <p>Can it be noted that I support as local member for Banbury Ruscote the proposals for extra parking provision along Edmunds Road, Banbury.</p>
(3) Local Resident, (Banbury, Bloxham Road / Waller Drive)	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road – Object</p> <p>Why are scarce resources being spent on this vanity scheme ? Passing this site fairly regularly I have not seen a problem which a bit of sensible discussion would not overcome. What will the waiting restrictions achieve and there is no need for any fencing - unless a resident seeks to keep others from walking their dog on the grass. There are many more serious and dangerous highway defects to correct than spending money in this way.</p>
(4) Local Resident, (Banbury, Lidsey road)	<p>Edmunds Road – Object</p> <p>I live opposite the property 37 Edmunds road. There are lots of cars parked on the side of this road (the stretch outside 29-35 Edmunds) and the part of Lidsey Road that joins. This is going to create a major blind spot for anyone turning from Lidsey Road to Edmunds road. Furthermore, there are already cars currently parked on the bend of the left side of the road turning from Lidsey to Edmunds; removing the double yellow lines outside of 37 Edmunds road would lead to a complete obstruction. Edmunds road is always busy and difficult to turn into, hence, this would only add to the difficulty and would not resolve any issues.</p>
(5) Local Resident, (Banbury, Queensway)	Bloxham Road Service Road - Concerns

	At school times cars park along the Bloxham road pavement North side obstructing pedestrians particularly where prams /immobility vehicles would difficulty passing. Will this make situation worse?
(6) Local Resident, (Banbury, Edmunds Road)	<p>Edmunds Road – Concerns</p> <p>My only concern is that vehicles already park on the kerb opposite 79/80 Edmunds Road which sometimes impede me from exiting my driveway either because they are blocking it or making it hard to see traffic coming. I understand that there is not enough parking for everyone so I do not object providing the yellow lines remain at the bottom of the driveways so so that access isn't blocked.</p> <p>I do however wonder why nothing is done with the land behind those houses as that is where the parking for those houses should be.</p>
(7) Local Resident, (Banbury, bloxham road)	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support</p> <p>Can you also extend this to restricted permit parking only along the Bloxham Road as many residents cannot get out safely due to parents parking. They regularly block pathways too by parking on the path</p>
(8) Local Resident, (Banbury, Bloxham road)	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support</p> <p>Often at school times (start and finish) there is hazardous parking</p>
(9) Local Resident, (Banbury, Edmunds road)	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support Edmunds Road – Support</p> <p>Because we need more parking for residents</p>
(10) Local Resident, (Banbury, Bloxham Road)	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support Edmunds Road – Support</p>

	<p>Why only yellow lines on the service road. It should be all along Bloxham Road up to Queensway to stop the thoughtless parents of children at Harriers Academy parking on the pavement and also heavy trucks riding up onto the pavement. its very dangerous. This is an arterial road and should not have parking on either side and a 20 mile/hour enforceable speed limit.</p>
<p>(11) Local Resident, (Banbury, Bloxham)</p>	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support</p> <p>I live on the service road and inconsiderate parking makes it difficult to navigate the road. I would like the yellow lines extended to include both sides of the road entrance (northern side) as people park on the right of the entrance which makes turning into the road a tight manouver. How will this be enforced as I am concerned driveways and pavements will be blocked.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Banbury, Bloxham)</p>	<p>Bloxham Road Service Road - Support</p> <p>I applaud anything that can be done to eliminate the obstructive parking that takes place in the service road and the problem of vehicles parking on the grass. I have made, below, some comments that I hope will be of help.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Yellow lines are only effective if there is some level of enforcement. 2. Parking is also a problem on the small area of grass at the north of your plan. Parking partly on that grass obstructs access to the whole service road. 3. Is any marking needed to prevent blocking of access to private houses? White lines exist at present. 4. If the road surface could be repaired, I'm sure all residents would be grateful.