

CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT – 2 SEPTEMBER 2010

EXCLUSION OF RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES FROM EAST OXFORD AND NORTH SUMMERTOWN CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE ORDERS, OXFORD

Report by Head of Highways & Transport

Introduction

1. This report considers comments and objections received to a formal advertisement and statutory consultation on varying the Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for the East Oxford and North Summertown Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) in Oxford to exclude a number of residential properties from eligibility for resident and visitor parking permits. These proposals arise out of planning permissions granted by Oxford City Council where consent was conditional upon removal of permit eligibility.

Background

2. Oxford City Council, as the local planning authority, seeks to remove entitlement to resident parking permits for certain properties within CPZs in connection with the granting of planning permission. Such permissions may be for the conversion of single dwellings into multiple residential units, extensions or infill developments. The reason for the planning conditions is generally to ensure that new developments do not generate a level of vehicular parking which would be prejudicial to highway safety or contribute towards parking problems in the immediate locality. In some cases the exclusion is contained within an agreement made under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Public Consultation

3. Consultation was carried out between 10 June and 2 July 2010 on proposals to implement planning conditions for 14 developments in various CPZs covering 49 dwellings. Notices were placed outside the affected properties and letters sent to the respective dwellings, informing them of the proposed changes to the existing TROs. In addition, the proposals were advertised in the local newspaper and information sent to local Councillors. The documents were placed on public deposit at County Hall. A copy of the public notice is attached at Annex 1. This notice also included proposals to implement planning conditions in other CPZs for which there have been no objections.
4. One letter was received in response to the advertised proposals in East Oxford and one in respect of North Summertown. Copies of both are on deposit in the Members' Resource Centre.

5. One response is from a resident at one of the flats at 63a Marston Street, East Oxford who advises that there are always free parking spaces in the street and his letting agent did not tell him of the planning condition excluding the occupants from eligibility for parking permits. He objects to the exclusion and would like the County Council to consider his application for a resident's permit.
6. The other response has come from a resident at one of the apartments at 95 Islip Road, North Summertown who advises that the on-street parking near the apartments in Water Eaton Road and Islip Road is never full. Also, by removing eligibility for visitor permits the County Council is effectively preventing residents from receiving visitors during the day, whether they are social visitors or trades people carrying out renovation work. She objects to the proposals.

Conclusion

7. Whilst it is acknowledged that the removal of permit eligibility may cause difficulties for those residents directly affected, it is also important to recognise the undertakings given to the local community by the local planning authority during consideration of planning applications. As a result, and in line with previous cases, it is recommended that the objections be over-ruled and that the exclusions take place. This will mean that once any existing permits expire the residents at these properties will no longer be eligible for resident or visitor permits.
8. However, to allow existing residents time to adjust to their exclusion, it is proposed that any residents with current permits (resident or visitor permits or both) be allowed to apply for renewal for one more year before the exclusion is implemented. This is in line with previous practice and will also give sufficient time for those residents who wish to apply to the City Council for planning permission to amend the current consent and allow permit eligibility. If successful the TRO can be amended accordingly.

How the Project Supports LTP2 Objectives

9. The reduction in parking described in this report complies 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 advertising the TROs is available from Section 106 and other agreements held by the County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Cabinet Member for Transport is RECOMMENDED to:**
- (a) agree implementation of proposed revisions to the East Oxford and North Summertown Traffic Regulation Orders as advertised;**
 - (b) authorise the Head of Highways & Transport to agree any further non-substantial variations he considers appropriate subject to him consulting the Cabinet Member for Transport on any material variation and undertaking any further consultation which he may consider appropriate.**

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Background papers: Planning consents issued by Oxford City Council
Copies of all the correspondence are available in the
Members' Resource room.

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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

- 1. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (EAST OXFORD) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) (VARIATION No.17*) ORDER 20****
- 2. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HEADINGTON NORTH EAST) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION No.8) ORDER 20****
- 3. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HEADINGTON WEST) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) (VARIATION No. 10*) ORDER 20****
- 4. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (JERICHO) (PARKING PLACES AND CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE) (VARIATION No.9) ORDER 20****
- 5. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NORTH SUMMERTOWN) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION No.4) ORDER 20****
- 6. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SUMMERTOWN) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION No. 10*) ORDER 20****
- 7. THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (WEST OXFORD AND OSNEY MEAD) (CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE AND WAITING RESTRICTIONS) (VARIATION No.1) ORDER 20**.**

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

1. The City of Oxford (East Oxford) (Controlled Parking Zone) Order 2000 (as amended);
2. The Oxfordshire County Council (Headington North East) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2006 (as amended);
3. The City of Oxford (Headington West) (Controlled Parking Zone) Order 2000 (as amended);
4. The City of Oxford (Jericho) (Parking Places and Controlled Parking Zone) Order 2000 (as amended);
5. The Oxfordshire County Council (North Summertown) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) Order 2007, (as amended);
6. The Oxfordshire County Council (Summertown) (Controlled Parking Zone and Various Restrictions) Order 2004 (as amended);
7. The Oxfordshire County Council (West Oxford and Osney Mead) (Controlled Parking Zone and Waiting Restrictions) Consolidation Order 2009. The effect of the proposal is to:
 1. exclude the following properties from eligibility for residents and visitors permits in:
 - a East Oxford: 63A Marston Street - Raja Court (flats 1 to 10), 4 Little Brewery Street, and 65A, 65B & 65C St Mary's Road.
 - b Headington North East: 238B London Road (1 to 4 Joshua Court).
 - c Headington West: 16B & 16C Grays Road.
 - d Jericho: 1 & 2 Walton Lane, 46C Walton Crescent (subject to final address confirmation).
 - e North Summertown: 17 Islip Road (1 to 4 Tattersalls), 22A & 22B Carlton Road, 93 Islip Road (flats 1 to 5), 95 Islip Road (flats 6 to 13), 29 Water Eaton Road (flats 14 to 19).

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f Summertown: 222 Woodstock Road (flats 1 to 3).

g West Oxford: 43 Botley Road (1st floor flat).

2. include the following property for eligibility for residents and visitors permits in Headington North East – 18 Ash Grove.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the proposed Orders are available for public inspection at County Hall, New Road, Oxford OX1 1ND from 9.00 am to 4.30 pm Monday to Friday.

Objections to the proposals, 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. MJR/TRO) at the address given below, no later than the 2nd July 2010. 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.

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