

Divisions affected: *Charlbury and Wychwood*

CABINET MEMBER FOR HIGHWAY MANAGEMENT – 1 JULY 2021

SHIPTON UNDER WYCHWOOD – MILTON ROAD - PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Corporate Director, Environment and Place

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Cabinet Member for Highway Management is **RECOMMENDED** to approve the no waiting at any time restrictions on Milton Road, Shipton under Wychwood as advertised.

Executive summary

2. The report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposed no waiting at any time restrictions as a result of the development of adjacent land.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation on the proposals has been provided by the developers of adjacent land.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

4. No implications in respect of equalities or inclusion have been identified in respect of the proposals.

Sustainability Implications

5. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic and support the use of sustainable and active travel modes.

Consultation

6. Formal consultation was carried out between 13 May and 11 June 2021. A notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper and an email sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, West Oxfordshire District Council, Shipton under Wychwood Parish Council and local County Councillor. Additionally, letters

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were sent to approximately 53 properties in the immediate vicinity of the various proposals and public notices placed on site in the area.

7. Eight responses were received during the formal consultation. 2 objections, one raising concerns, 3 in support and two submitting non-objection/no comments. The responses are shown at Annex 2 with copies of the original responses available for inspection by County Councillors.
8. Thames Valley Police responded expressing no comment noting that West Oxfordshire District Council had responsibility for enforcing waiting restrictions in the district.
9. Two objections were received from local residents. The objections cited concerns that the restrictions would lead to vehicles being used for school journeys to and from the adjacent primary school parking on non-adopted roads in the development, thereby inconveniencing residents. They also noted that the school parking area being provided by the developers was not yet available due to its continuing use for construction purposes and also commenting that even when available for school parking its capacity would be low.
10. An expression of concern was also received from a local resident that the restrictions would lead to parking in other less suitable areas and again commenting that the new area of school parking would – when available – not be large enough to cope with demand and suggested that additional measures be considered including the provision of single yellow lines on part of the Milton Road and the school parking area be available during school journey times only for pick up/set down, rather than for parking.
11. Noting the above comments, the proposed restrictions are considered essential on highway safety grounds to ensure that adequate visibility is available at the new junction.
12. On the suggestions received for additional measures, the school parking area when available for use will not be highway and its management would be primarily a matter for the Wychwood C.E. Primary School. The suggested possible provision of single yellow lines is outside the scope of this specific scheme but could be considered – subject to funding and consultation – after monitoring the demand for on-street parking once the school parking area is operational, noting that the member of the public making the suggestion indicates that parking in any case does not routinely occur here.

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Annexes

Annex 1: Consultation Plan

Annex 2: Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No comment
(2) Local Resident, (Shipton-under-Wychwood)	Object – I would like to object to this proposal as the parking restrictions will force parents to park in the development and increase traffic. I have 2 cats who I am extremely worried about endangering.
(3) Local Resident, (Shipton-under-Wychwood)	<p>Object – We strongly object to this proposal for the following reasons:</p> <p>There is dedicated parking specifically for school drop offs and pick-ups at the start and end of the school day on the development in Oak Drive on the adjacent road running alongside the playground (though having only just been completed, from what we can see, the system is not up and running at present, no school gate yet).</p> <p>At this stage, it is too soon to know how this new system will work out and, in our view, too hasty a decision to be planning double yellow lines adjacent to school in Milton Road. There are security gates at either end of the road leading into the dedicated parking road adjacent to access road on Oak Drive and, if locked for part of the day, parents/visitors would need an alternative space for the occasional drop-off during the day outside school at Milton Road. If this space is not available, it is likely the private access road in Oak Drive will be used when gates are locked. Residents have been advised by the Property Management service responsible for overseeing this development that vehicles should not park along the access roads to the development. This has already started to happen at drop off and pick up times. This is wholly unacceptable and not what was agreed when we purchased the property. We cannot be put in the invidious position of "policing" parking outside our houses during pick up and drop off times and possibly at other times during the school day when the potential for this to happen will be greater if no parking spaces are available within close proximity to the school.</p> <p>When the system of pick up and drop off is properly underway this should considerably ease traffic congestion on Milton Road and could obviate the need for double yellow lines on Milton Road.</p> <p>We should just add here that we are amongst the households located opposite the school, and are directly affected by</p>

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	<p>these proposals and trust this will be taken into consideration when uptake of these proposals were reviewed.</p> <p>For these reasons we therefore strongly object to this proposal.</p>
<p>(4) Local Resident, (Shipton-under- Wychwood)</p>	<p>Concerns – I am generally supportive of the proposed restriction. However, I have some concerns and would ask you to consider some changes.</p> <p>Concern #1: Parking during school arrival and collection is already a very considerable problem. At these times there are already cars parked on the south side of Milton Road all the way from this corner down to the service station. Recently this has got much worse with cars also sometimes parked on the north side pavement and verge between Castle Bank and the gate into the sewage farm and solar farm.</p> <p>This additional restriction may cause parking on the pavement outside the houses on the north side (including Castle Bank), often with people claiming "it is only for a moment", with significant reduction in width, as well as obstruction and dangers to pedestrians and to children crossing the road.</p> <p>Concern #2: The new development (Oak Drive) included space to provide additional parking for the school. That is not yet in use as the developers are still using it, but it is not clear how effective that will be as it is very small, has a very limited number of spaces, and is likely to often be used by the Oak Drive residents as overflow parking if they have more than one car or are using their garages for other purposes.</p> <p>Suggestion #1: Also add a single yellow line along the north side of Milton Road from the Oak Drive corner all the way to the bridge across the stream at the garage. This is not currently generally used (except as described above) and vehicles should never be parking on this side during school hours - the restriction would be to avoid people starting to use it. A single yellow line would probably be fine as the occasional car or business vehicle parking on that side at evenings or weekends would not be a problem.</p> <p>Suggestion #2: Add parking restrictions in the school car park in Oak Drive to make parking restricted to use for school drop-offs and pickups on school days (say, 8AM to 5PM).</p>

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<p>(5) Local Resident, (Shipton-under- Wychwood)</p>	<p>Support – Supporting because I have young children and have experienced very dangerous parking and witnessed near accidents on this junction recently.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Shipton-under- Wychwood)</p>	<p>Support – Parking on the corner of Oak Drive/Milton Road is obstructive & potentially dangerous. As the new school drop-off area will soon be available, it is also entirely unnecessary.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Shipton-under- Wychwood)</p>	<p>Support – I think it might be an idea to make the double yellow lines continue further into Oak Drive than proposed, because people may try and park along the street and thereby block the road.</p> <p>We live opposite the new development. Getting in and out of our drive is difficult at the best of times. At school drop-off and pick-up times, this is made much worse by cars parked close by. Also, we live on a blind bend and cars coming around this bend won't see parked cars close to or at the entrance of Oak Drive.</p>
<p>(8) Local Resident, (Shipton-under- Wychwood)</p>	<p>No objection – We live on Oak Drive, right beside the junction and have been watching out our kitchen window at parents parking on the zigzag lines by the school, the double yellow lines beside the zigzag and on the double yellows at the other side of the junction. Unfortunately, the drop off zone is not open at one end yet, so not in use, although this morning a couple of sensible parents were using it by going in at the exit and turning around so parking safely before walking around with their children. Plenty other parents are coming into Oak Drive to drop off, then doing three point turns in residents' driveways and this morning one car reversed into the drop off zone as a large lorry was coming out - not ideal. One stupid driver drove into the junction with Milton Road, then reversed by out onto the road narrowly avoiding a car coming from Milton.</p> <p>We welcome any measures you can do to help parents park sensibly before an accident takes place. Could the head teacher be made aware of the problems and perhaps a traffic warden for a couple of mornings and afternoons would get the message across? They would only be needed for 45 mins each time.</p>