

Divisions affected: *Wolvercote & Cutteslowe*

DELEGATED DECISIONS BY CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT

05 September 2024

OXFORD: UPPER WOLVERCOTE CPZ – PROPOSED RESIDENT & VISITOR PARKING PERMIT ELIGIBILITY AMENDMENTS

Report by Director of Environment and Highways

RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet Member is **RECOMMENDED** to:

Approve the following proposals in respect of eligibility for parking permits within the Upper Wolvercote Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) within Oxford, as advertised:

- a) **Allow all boats at the 'Agenda 21' residential moorings to be eligible to apply for resident's parking permits and residents' visitors' parking permits.**

Executive Summary

2. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation on proposed amendments to existing Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) orders in respect of eligibility for resident & visitor parking permits.

Financial Implications

3. Funding for consultation (and all other aspects) on the proposals has been provided by the various developers of properties in Oxford.

Legal Implications

4. The proposed changes to existing Traffic Regulation Orders governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and other associated procedural regulations. Failure to adhere to these statutory processes could result in the proposals being challenged.

Equality and Inclusion Implications

- The proposals would ensure that those residents of boats within the ‘Agenda 21’ moorings are given equal consideration – with regards to permit eligibility – as those that reside in more traditional properties within the rest of the Controlled Parking Zone.

Sustainability Implications

- There are no sustainability implications for the proposals.

Formal Consultation

- Formal consultations were carried out between 11 April & 10 May 2024. A Notice was published in the Oxford Times newspaper, and an email sent to statutory consultees & key-stakeholders, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Bus operators, countywide transport, access & disabled peoples user groups, Oxford City Council, local Oxford City Councillors, and the local County Cllr responsible for the Wolvercote & Cutteslowe division.
- Letters were also sent directly to approx. 630 properties (including those for other proposals, which were approved at the June 2024 CMD meeting) in the areas surrounding the various proposed amendments.
- Thames Valley Police & Oxford Bus Company expressed no objections to the proposals.
- 29 responses were received via the online consultation survey, and these are summarised in the table below:

Proposal	Support	Object	Concerns	No objection or opinion	Total
‘Agenda 21’ moorings	17 (59%)	2 (7%)	2 (7%)	8 (27%)	29

- Additionally, two further emails were received, with one supporting the inclusion of the ‘Agenda 21’ moorings, and one submitting a non-objection.
- The responses (those relevant to these specific proposals) are shown at **Annex 1**, and copies of the original responses are available for inspection by County Councillors.

Officer Response to Objections/Concerns

- In response to the general concerns about having constraints placed on residents’ ability to park where they live, it is important to note that the

ANNEX 1

Note – the responses below are as reported at the June 2024 CMD meeting (including the same ref. numbers), with only those who provided a response to the ‘Agenda 21’ moorings proposal, or those answering in more general terms being included.

RESPONDENT	COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection
(2) Head of Built Environment and Infrastructure, (Oxford Bus Company)	No objection – These proposals have no impact on regular scheduled bus services. The principle behind the changes proposed is understood and is broadly supported, in fact.
(3) Local resident, (Oxford, Walton Street)	<p>‘Agenda 21’ moorings - Support</p> <p>We have received the consultations as house owners on Walton Street. Let me start by saying that I think its very good that boats moorings on Upper Wolvercote gets parking permits and visitor parking permits. The boat moorings across Oxford gives a lot of charm to the town and to enable people living on them ensures that the boats are kept floating.</p> <p>Then on the other questions we just wanted to say Jericho already today is way to gentrified. If smaller apartments/basement flats etc cannot be rented by trades persons we risk becoming a university ghetto, ie only students, junior researchers etc will be able to live here. We need those with occupations demanding a car to also be able to live here. This might be just one apartment and admittedly we did ourselves take one similar apartment off market when we bought our house and merged it into our family dwelling. Still the trend is not good. To many of the trades people are already forced out of town. So in short we would with regards to 77A hope it can keep its residents parking permit.</p>
(6) Local resident, (Cowley, Bailey Road)	<p>‘Agenda 21’ moorings – Support</p> <p>I do not see a reason for applying this parking restriction as we never had any issues with parking and cant see any forthcoming reasons to restrict parking in this area.</p>

<p>(9) Local resident, (Headington, Gispys Lane)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Concerns Most houses are not near any other means of parking some with only a driveway with space for one car. This is not suitable for houses with more than one bedroom, it means partners/children do not have a space to park and if work is carried out on their house there is no suitable alternative for the residents to park while this is ongoing</p>
<p>(10) Member of public, (Kidlington, Wilsdon Way)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support The residents on boats always parked in this area historically. They need somewhere to park vehicles, if they have one.</p>
<p>(11) Local resident, (Oxford, Bailey Road)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Object My objections are that these are multi-occupancy residences which are going to clog up our local roads . We have rented houses local and each house seems to have not just cars but work vans parked across paths , with no permits etc.</p>
<p>(13) Local resident, (Oxford, Lockheart Crescent)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I live at on Lockheart Crescent. I am 1 of 4 residents that doesn't have off road parking which is worrying for me as my daughter is taking driving lessons. she will eventually need somewhere to park. Since the CPZ have started only 6 residents have purchased permits as they use their gardens now. I would be grateful if we were allowed to purchase a second permit like all the other streets in this area.</p>
<p>(15) Local resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Concerns This consultation is useless without knowing the reasons why eligibility is withdrawn.</p>
<p>(16) Local resident, (Oxford, Nelson Street)</p>	<p>No objection All seems reasonable</p>
<p>(17) Local resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – No objection</p>

	I think parking permit eligibility shouldn't be taken away from specific houses. For example, I live in Jericho and there are plenty of spaces available at all times.
(18) Local resident, (Oxford, Wolvercote)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I live on the canal, although not on A21. I feel it is important that people living in alternative accomodation such as boats should not be deacriminated against and should be able to apply for permits like other residents
(20) Local resident, (Sunnymead, Aldrich Road)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support Boaters must be considered as residents
(21) Local resident, (Temple Cowley, Bailey Road)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Object Because placing HMO's in family residential areas shouldn't have been allowed in the first place.
(22) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Agenda 21 Moorings)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I live on a boat in Agenda 21 and need to be able to park my car within the upper wolvercote controlled area
(23) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Agenda 21 Moorings)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I live on the Agenda 21 moorings and am currently excluded from applying for a parking permit or visitors' parking permits. I would like to be able to do both these things!
(24) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Collett Drive)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support Canal boat dwellers should not be discriminated against. They live in Wolvercote.
(25) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Elmthorpe)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support This survey is the first small step for Council to finally undo their thoughtless oversight of disenfranchising the boat dwellers in the canal to the cost of parking space in Lower Wolvercote. Despite a precedent in Jericho, this should have been considered before the CPZ in Upper wolvercote was implemented. I really hope this amendment to allow

	<p>the boat owners to park where they always have, will be approved. Your system / answers above are very badly presented and set up and will mislead the answers tally, as my interest is only in Wolvercote, yet your system requires an answer for all the points above in which I have no interest or knowledge.</p>
<p>(26) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Godstow Road)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support The A21 boaters are Wolvercote residents, and should have access to the WPU parking areas on the same basis as residents on the streets in those areas. There appear to be adequate vacant parking spaces during the day in the WPU area, not least on the south side of the Godstow Rd hill.</p>
<p>(27) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Godstow Road)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support The boaters on the canal have nowhere to park now so they have moved their vehicles to all parts. I would strongly support them in having permits for Upper Wolvercote.</p>
<p>(28) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Upper wolvercote)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I support residents to be able to apply and register for parking close to their homes. I particularly support the agenda 21 moorings to be allowed to register for a permit, the current situation is leading to a number of cars parked in inappropriate places e.g up the side of verges near by. I live in an agenda 21 mooring and i work for a children's mental health charity, for this work I need to travel across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire to meet young people and their families. A car is essential to this work and not being able to park in wolvercote has been really difficult for me</p>
<p>(29) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Godstow Road)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I am a local resident and my neighbours on the canal need access to parking too.</p>
<p>(30) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Oxford Canal)</p>	<p>'Agenda 21' moorings – Support As permanent residents (and eligible voters) of upper wolvercote, it is reasonable we be granted parking permits in our locality. The computer generated problem has come about purely because our shared address is outside the wolvercote boundary. Obviously since the parking restrictions have come into force, lower wolvercote parking has become heavily inundated with vehicles. It would seem sensible to at least remove agenda 21 boaters cars from the problem.</p>

(31) Local resident, (Wolvercote, Oxford canal)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I am in the agenda 21 boats and we would like to be included in our local area for parking permits
(32) Local resident, (Wolvercote Oxford, Elmthorpe Road)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support Support the canal boat residents to be able to park in the area
(33) Local resident, (Oxford, Duke's Lock Moorings)	'Agenda 21' moorings – Support I am supporting that all boats on the agenda 21 residential moorings be given access to residents permits.