

TRANSPORT DECISIONS COMMITTEE – 26 NOVEMBER 2009
OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (ABINGDON) (ONE-WAY TRAFFIC
AND PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)
(AMENDMENT NO.11) ORDER 200*

Report by Head of Transport.

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to consider the objections/comments received following the consultation and formal advertisement of the proposed additional 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions along Coopers Lane, Abingdon. The extent of the restrictions are shown on the plan at Annex 1.

Background

2. Oxfordshire County Council has received complaints from the residents of Coopers Lane that vehicles parked in sections of Coopers Lane hinder the passage of vehicles, especially emergency and statutory services. The possibility of waiting restrictions were discussed by the Abingdon Traffic Advisory Committee and it was agreed that Oxfordshire County Council would promote the installation of the proposed waiting restrictions. All properties in Coopers Lane have private 'off highway' allocated parking spaces.

Consultation

3. Consultation with statutory bodies and affected frontagers was carried out between 15 February 2009 and 27 March 2009.
4. The proposals were advertised as a Notice in the local press on 19 August 2009. Notices were posted on site and copies of the notice, draft order, statement of reasons and plan posted to all the statutory consultees and affected frontagers.
5. Eight letters of support, two with suggestions (that the proposals addressed) and one letter of objection have been received. The objection is from a resident of Draymans Walk, a privately owned/maintained road off Coopers Lane. The objector states that there is not enough parking in Draymans Walk resulting in residents parking in Coopers Lane. The objector further states that Coopers Lane and Draymans Walk are used by non-residents to park their vehicles, sometimes all day.
6. Thames Valley Police have no objection to these proposals.

Conclusion

7. Double yellow lines to prohibit parking at any time are proposed in the interest of road safety and the free flow of traffic. The restriction will reduce the danger and facilitate the safe passage of road users.

8. The objection to the proposals is not made by a resident of Coopers Lane but by a resident of a nearby street who sometimes experiences difficulties parking in the provided spaces near to their property and subsequently park in Coopers Lane, which in turn causes problems with vehicular access. The reasons set out above override this objection.

Financial and Staff Implications

9. The cost of introducing these waiting restrictions will be met from the Southern Area Office budget.
10. The preparation of the Order has been undertaken by Environment & Economy officers as part of their normal duties.

RECOMMENDATION

11. **The Committee is RECOMMENDED to authorise:**
 - (a) **the making of the OCC (Abingdon) (One-Way Traffic and Prohibition and Restriction of waiting) (Amendment No 11) Order 200*** as advertised; and
 - (b) **authorise the necessary works to implement the proposals.**

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Background papers: TRO Documentation

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