Division: Burford & Carterton North East

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL- 14 FEBRUARY 2013

PROPOSED PARKING RESTRICTIONS - BRIZE NORTON VILLAGE

Report by Deputy Director for Environment & Economy (Commercial)

Introduction

1. This report considers objections to a formal consultation on proposals to introduce new parking restrictions in the centre of Brize Norton village.

Background

2. The proposals were developed by Councillor Couchman in conjunction with the Parish Council to address local parking issues to be funded through the Area Stewardship Fund. The proposals are shown on the plan at Annex 1 with a location plan at Annex 2. The opportunity has also been taken to amend the parking restrictions introduced for repatriation days, so that they can be applied on Tuesdays as well as Thursdays if required – there has been no objection to this element of the proposals.

Formal Consultation

- 3. Oxfordshire County Council sent a copy of the draft amendment order, statement of reasons and a copy of the public notice appearing in the local press, containing the proposed changes, to formal consultees on 15 November 2012. These documents, together with supporting documentation and plans were deposited for public inspection at County Hall and at Carterton library. They are also available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
- 4. At the same time, the Council wrote to local residents where the proposed restrictions would be, asking for their comments. In addition public notices were displayed at each site and in the Oxford Times. Other changes to parking restrictions in West Oxfordshire were advertised at the same time responses to these are dealt with in other reports to this meeting.
- 5. A total of 3 responses were received and these are summarised at Annex 3.
- 6. The main reason for the objections is that the objectors do not consider that the restrictions are needed and that the funding should be used for other measures to manage traffic through the centre of the village. In response, it was the Parish Council, presumably taking a wider view of community needs,

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who requested these restrictions and they have been supported by Councillor Couchman.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

7. The cost of the works described in this report will be met from County Councillor Couchman's Area Stewardship Fund allocation.

RECOMMENDATION

8. The Deputy Leader of the Council is RECOMMENDED to approve the parking restrictions set out in this report and advertised as part of the Oxfordshire County Council (Various Roads - West Oxfordshire) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting and Permitted Parking) (Variation No.1) Order 20**

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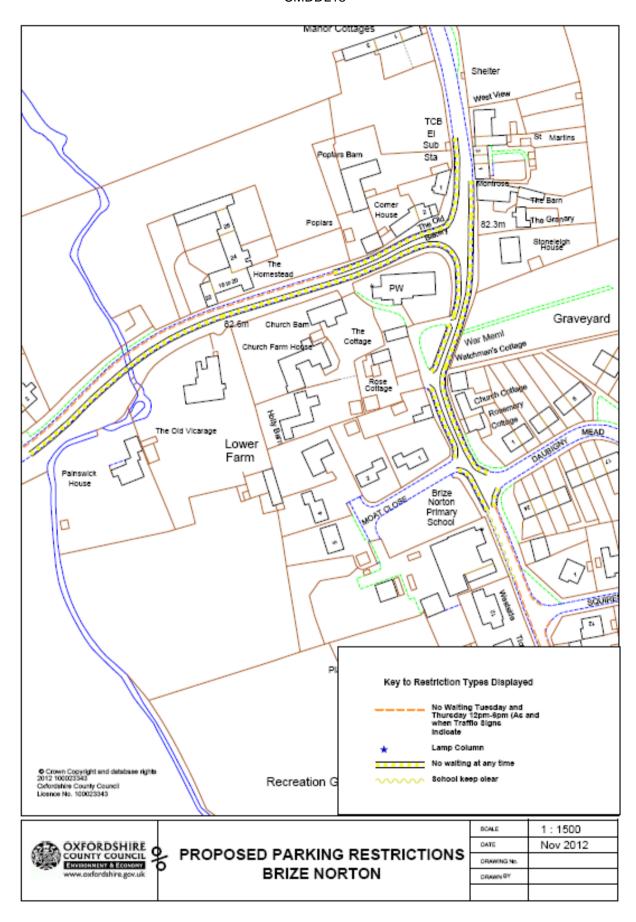
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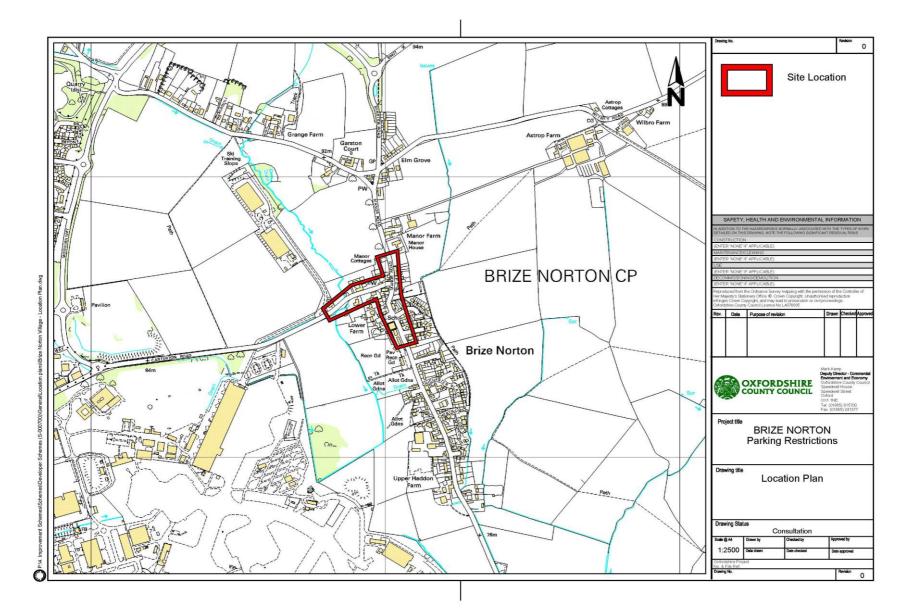
Background papers: Consultation documentation

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RESPONSES TO CONSULTATION

RESPONDENT	COMMENT	RESPONSE
Resident of Brize Norton	Whilst acknowledging that parking by the churchyard could be a hazard, I cannot imagine why money and time should be wasted on double yellow lines on Carterton Road, as no one parks there. The one other danger area is beyond Montrose, in front of the cottages on Manor Road and this has been ignored.	These restrictions have been requested by the Parish Council (through the Area Stewardship Fund) which believes they are necessary.
	If there is any real concern regarding the unacceptable level of traffic through the village, then I would suggest spending the surplus on road narrowing at all entries into Brize Norton (as in Bampton and Minster Lovell and there is far more traffic through this village).	The funding currently available is insufficient to carry out these measures, but they could be considered in future.
Resident of Carterton Road Brize Norton	I strongly object to the proposals to prevent all parking on parts of Manor Road, Carterton Road and Station Road. My reasons are as follows; 1. Parking does not normally occur in any of proposed sites. The proposal is therefore unnecessary and a waste of money. It will not reduce congestion. 2. The problem of congestion in Brize Norton Village (BNV) is a direct result of OCC's failure to provide infrastructure appropriate to the extensive development of Carterton. Nor have OCC supported any proposals for traffic calming along Carterton Road. Bampton has chicanes on the major through routes, but BNV has none on Carterton Road which carries far more traffic than any road in Bampton.	These restrictions have been requested by the Parish Council (through the Area Stewardship Fund) which believes they are necessary.
	BNV is a residential village. If you want to reduce congestion then put in a 20mph speed limit on all roads and enforce it. A very high percentage of people currently using BNV as a convenient route would find an alternative. Also you should consider banning HGVs from the village. There are alternative routes	The County Council is not considering further 20mph limits on existing roads until there is sufficient evidence from the Oxford

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	that could be used. You should also stop any further development of Carterton until proper access roads to Carterton are in place and BNV has been properly by-passed. I have no objections to extending the parking restriction associated with repatriations.	scheme regarding effectiveness. Noted
Resident of Manor Road Brize Norton	I am writing to register my objection to the proposed parking restrictions in the vicinity of the roundabout by St Britius church in Brize Norton — in particular the Manor Road aspect. I live at a property close to the roundabout on Manor Road. I have lived at the property for six years and am unaware of any accidents or 'near' accidents that would give grounds to support the claim of there being either a perceived or real danger. Neither my property nor adjoining properties on Manor Road have the luxury of off-road parking or the opportunity to create such facilities. As such, those of us affected have no option other than to park on Manor Road. I object to the double yellow lines proposed for that section of road parallel to the property named 'Montrose'. The road is considerably wider at this point than any other and the proposal to introduce parking restrictions at this spot is, in my view, unnecessary and disproportionate to any perceived danger or congestion.	These restrictions have been requested by the Parish Council (through the Area Stewardship Fund) which believes they are necessary.
	I have no objections to any other aspect of the proposals.	Noted