

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 7 SEPTEMBER 2017
PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS – A4130 HIGH STREET AND
B481 WATLINGTON ROAD NETTLEBED

Report by Director for Infrastructure Delivery

Introduction

1. This report presents responses received in the course of a statutory consultation to introduce waiting restrictions on the A4130 High Street and B481 Watlington Road at Nettlebed.

Background

2. Nettlebed Parish Council have requested the introduction of waiting restrictions on the A4130 High Street and B481 Watlington Road at Nettlebed as shown at Annex 1 and have undertaken to meet the full costs of the scheme should it be approved.

Consultation

3. The formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 14 July and 11 August 2017. A public notice was placed in the Henley Standard newspaper and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Nettlebed Parish Council and the local County Councillor.
4. Five responses were received as summarised at Annex 2. Copies of the full responses are available for inspection in the Members' Resource Centre.
5. Thames Valley Police expressed no objection. Four responses were received from members of the public, all residents of the village. These comprised one objection and two expressions of support in respect of the proposals for the A4130 High Street and two objections and two expressions of support in respect of the proposals for the B481 Watlington Road.
6. The objection in relation to the A4130 High Street was on the grounds of need – as it was stated that it was very rare for vehicles to be parked where the restrictions are being proposed – and also that the double yellow lines would detract from the appearance of the village.
7. The objections in relation to the B481 Watlington Road were on the grounds of loss of parking for residents and their visitors, the inconvenience of having further to walk when unloading and also that the double yellow lines would detract from the appearance of the village. It was also noted in one objection

that the proposal would be unlikely to address the problems associated with events at the nearby Sue Ryder Nettlebed Hospice. Both residents expressing objections suggested that a residents parking scheme could potentially solve the parking problems here. One resident suggested that only introducing the restrictions on one side of the road would also significantly mitigate their concerns.

Response to Objections

8. The objection in respect of the proposal for the A4130 High Street is noted. It is not considered that the visual impact of the proposed double yellow lines will be significant and on the question of the need for the measures here, this is judged to be primarily a matter for Nettlebed Parish Council to determine given their funding of the project.
9. The objections in respect of the proposal for the B481 Watlington Road are similarly noted but balancing the benefits of the proposals in respect of improved traffic safety and reduced congestion against the possible inconvenience to residents is not always straightforward. A residents parking scheme as suggested is not at present considered feasible, reflecting the administrative difficulties especially for such a restricted area (noting also that civil enforcement of parking restrictions does not yet operate within South Oxfordshire). In respect of the concern over the effect of the proposals on loading/unloading vehicles, it would still be lawful to park to do so where double yellow lines are marked if the scheme is approved.
10. Nettlebed Parish Council have given very careful consideration to the scheme and its impact on residents and, in view of this, it is not considered appropriate to seek to amend the proposals by only introducing the restrictions on one side of the road.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

11. The proposals would help facilitate the safe movement of traffic.

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

12. The full costs of the proposed waiting restrictions will be met by Nettlebed Parish Council.

RECOMMENDATION

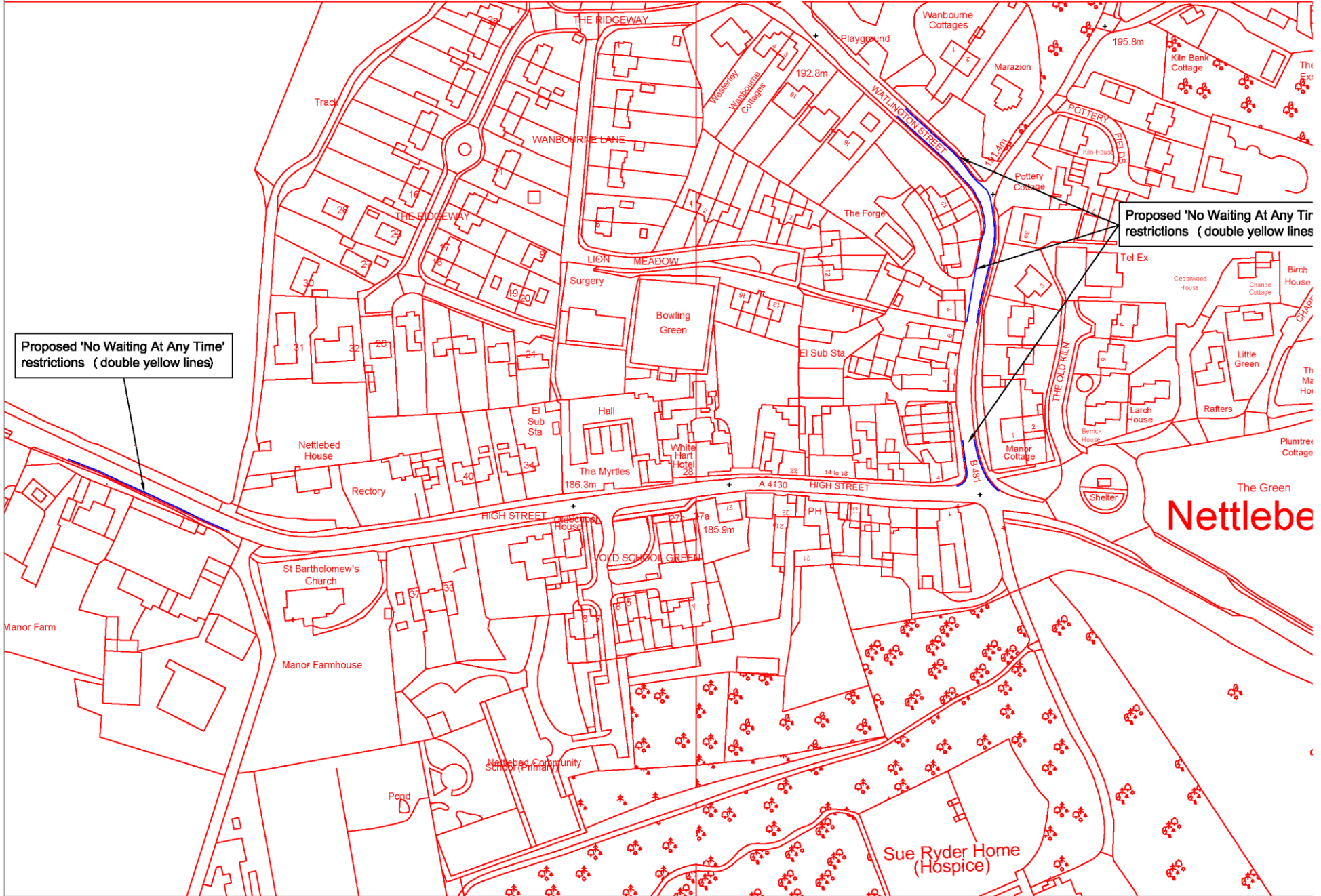
13. **The Cabinet Member for Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve the proposals as advertised.**

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Background papers: Plan of proposed restrictions
Consultation responses

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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Thames Valley Police	No objection – No comments.
(2) Local Resident, (Watlington Street, Nettlebed)	<p><u>High Street</u> - Object –Having lived in the area for 10 years and the village itself for nearly 2, as well as driving along this road every day, I have never seen anybody park here and so the addition of the lines appears unfounded and unnecessary, and would be unsightly.</p> <p><u>Watlington Street</u> - Object – We feel that the addition of these double yellow lines would be to the detriment of the village as a whole and would not serve to solve the issue that they intend to; the infrequent parking for events at the Sue Ryder Hospice. Adding these parking restrictions permanently for the purpose of stopping a few hours of parking once every three weeks is unhelpful and unnecessary. Enforcement is likely to be very limited and they will simply make life more difficult for the residents of Watlington Street. It will also cause vehicles to be forced to park in the small unlined section (between nos. 4-6), rather than having the freedom to park in other sections, causing more regular, frequent traffic build ups when waiting to pass any parked cars in this unlined section. Residents only parking or permit parking might be a better solution, allowing residents some ability to park without the need for the double yellow lines.</p>
(3) Local Resident, (Watlington Street, Nettlebed)	<u>High Street</u> – Support <u>Watlington Street</u> - Support : Parking where the restrictions are proposed is a danger to pedestrians & through traffic, when motorists park opposite my house to attend the Sue Ryder sale every month. The same problem occurs when our village club holds functions.
(4) Local Resident, (Watlington Street, Nettlebed)	<u>Watlington Street</u> - Support – Parking has been a safety issue for some time at certain periods and feel the proposal explained in your letter would go some way to making Watlington Street safer for both drivers and pedestrians.
(5) Local Resident, (Watlington Street, Nettlebed)	<u>High Street</u> – Support <u>Watlington Street</u> – Object I would suggest parking restrictions on one side of the road only; as a resident of Woodside, parking is almost non-existent for our visitors, we have only two parking spots for visitors which are shared between 5 families. Also, most importantly I need to park up outside my front door to unload heavy shopping, as my parking spot is too far for me to carry heavy loads from there to my house. Requests consideration of residents parking only for number 1 to 2a (the four terrace cottages).