CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 21 MAY 2020

OXFORD: WARREN CRESCENT- PROPOSED WAITING RESTRICTIONS

Report by Interim Director of Community Operations

Recommendation

1. The Cabinet Member for the Environment is RECOMMENDED to approve proposed no waiting at any time restrictions in Warren Crescent as advertised.

Executive summary

2. Waiting restrictions are reviewed when there are changes to the road layout or usage as a result of development and when requested by the local member or local councils due to concerns over parking obstructing traffic and / or being detrimental to road safety.

Introduction

3. This report presents responses received to a statutory consultation to introduce a length of no waiting at any time restriction at Warren Crescent in place of the existing permit holder only bays Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm due to the development of adjacent land.

Background

4. The above proposals as shown at Annex 1 have been put forward as a result of the development of adjacent land for housing, which will require construction of new accesses to the development.

Consultation

- 5. Formal consultation on the proposal was carried out between 30 January and 28 February 2020. A public notice was placed in the Oxford Times newspaper, and sent to statutory consultees, including Thames Valley Police, the Fire & Rescue Service, Ambulance service, Oxford City Council and the local County Councillor. Street notices were placed on site and letters sent directly to approximately 75 properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
- 6. Seven responses were received. Six objections and a no objection from TVP. The responses are recorded at Annex 2 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

- 7. Thames Valley Police responded expressing no objections to the proposals.
- 8. Objections were received from six members of the public expressing strong concerns over the loss of parking for residents in an area already subject to significant parking pressures.
- 9. While noting the above, the proposals reflect that new vehicle accesses are being provided that require a revision to the existing parking places.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

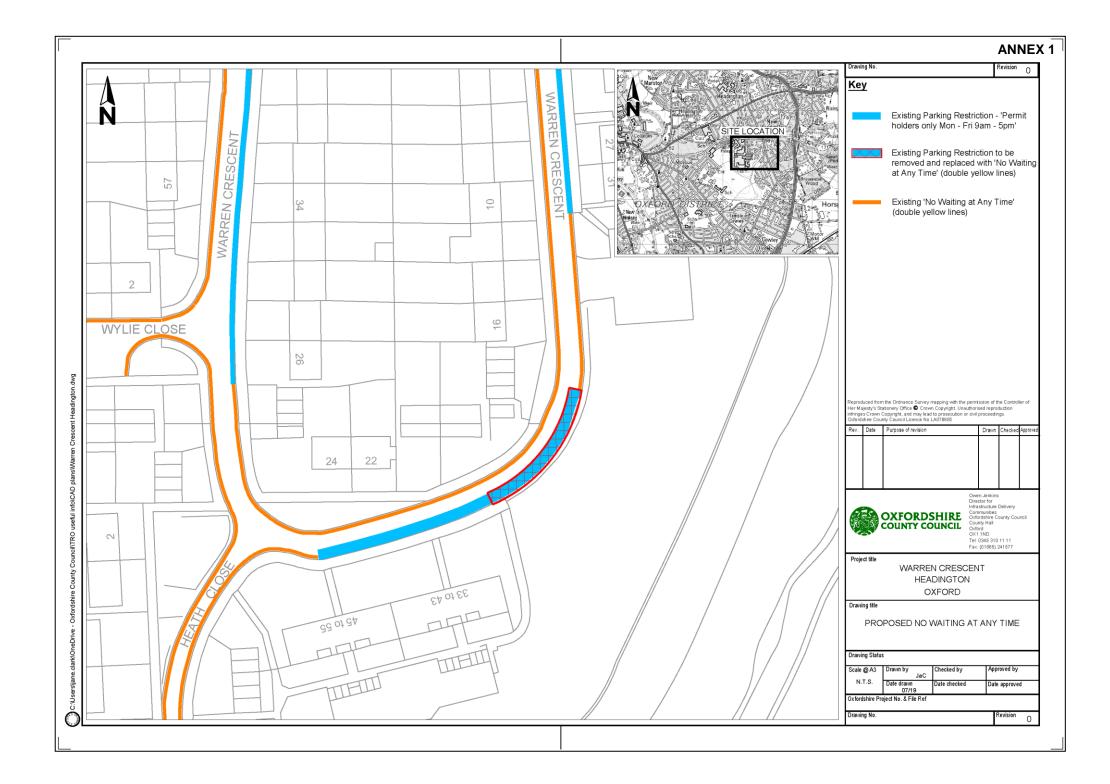
Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

11. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by the developer of adjacent land.

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Background papers:	Plan of proposed waiting restrictions Consultation responses
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection – These proposed restrictions place no burden on Thames Valley Police in terms of enforcement.as they fall within an area of Civil Enforcement.
(2) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object – I am totally against the removal of ANY parking spaces in Warren Crescent. The area has 28 flats as well as houses and there is not enough parking as it is.
	The proposed new houses should have been car free. The development is going to increase pressure on Heath close parking will increase. I am aware there is a proposal for CPZ but evening parking will be horrendous for the 30 properties and 8 parking spaces.
(3) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object – I have lived in the flats on Warren Crescent for 15 years. each person in my block of flats has a car and we already struggle for space to park when all in. it also does not help that one of the houses opposite our flats has become a house of multiple occupancy and they also all have cars meaning we are fighting for space. I completely oppose the idea of taking away what little space we already have to park especially since I pay for a permit to park outside my own property.
(4) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object – There is never enough spaces at the moment for everyone to park their cars at the moment, let alone taking spaces away. In my block of 6 flats there is 6 cars at least, and then you have the block of 6 flats next to me which people also own cars, then there is a student house where there is also 3 or 4 cars so taking away meters of parking space is totally unreasonable since they have closed the car park where people also used to park their cars. There is never any room for people that are visiting either, you either have to park your car up the road or walk.
(5) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object – Parking is already an issue for residents and their visitors. The fact you want to cut parking, yet add further housing, seems ridiculous!

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(6) Local Resident, (Oxford)	Object – Already enough parking for residents.
(7) Local Resident,	Object – This is absolutely ridiculous! Most people in this day have cars and it is hard enough to pack outside my own house as it is ! Not only do we pay for a permit annually but I have a small child and work for the NHS so cannot park at the hospital I need to be able to park near my house! It is not our as residents fault they are trying to squeeze as many properties in as they can, which means taking our parking away!
(Oxford)	If this is going to happen there needs to be an alternative like the front grass bank at the front of our flats made accessible to park on! This is unfair and is causing me stress and anxiety about this future issue!