

CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT – 26 MAY 2020

OXFORD: KIRBY PLACE AND DON BOSCO CLOSE– 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 at Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close, Oxford 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 waiting restrictions at Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close, Oxford.

Background

4. The above proposals as shown at Annexes 1 and 2 have been put forward as a result of concerns received from residents and City Council members about parked vehicles obstructing the relatively narrow sections of both Kirby Place and Don Bosco Close. This is a particular problem with larger service vehicles particularly in Kirby Place where the refuse vehicle is often prevented from accessing the road.

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 70 properties in the immediate vicinity, adjacent to the proposals.
6. Twenty-five responses were received as summarised in the table below:

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Proposal	Object	Support	Neither / Concerns	No opinion	Total
Don Bosco Close	6 (24%)	10 (40%)	3	6	25
Kirby Place	4 (16%)	10 (40%)	1	10	25

7. The responses are recorded at Annex 3 with copies of the full responses available for inspection by County Councillors.

Don Bosco Close.

8. Of the six objections all generally objected to the loss of parking opportunities. One supported the proposed prohibitions but only if permit controls were implemented first. This objector and another, who supported the proposals, felt that the proposed controls on the northwest side went too far and wanted the gap between the controls near number 47 increased. Concerns were also expressed about the pressure that the displaced vehicles would have on the surrounding area and a Landlord was concerned about where vehicles servicing his property would park.
9. While it is accepted that approximately four or five cars would be displaced the amount of controls proposed are those needed to protect the minimum ten metres around junctions recommended in the Highway Code and a dropped kerb. Others are to prevent vehicles simply swapping sides of the road where none currently park.
10. Comments regarding the need for Resident Parking Permits to mitigate the effect of these proposals lie outside the scope of this consultation, which is intended to solve a very localized issue surrounding obstructive parking.
11. Comments were made regarding new developments. However, these are beyond the scope of this consultation and should be made as part of the developments' formal planning proposal.
12. Comments regarding levels of enforcement lie beyond the scope of this consultation.

Kirby Place

13. The extent of the proposals in Kirby Place were developed following a site meeting with a member of Oxford City Council, local residents and representatives of Oxford Direct Services who indicated where cars parked at that time were hampering waste collection service.
14. The request for additional lines in Kirby Place is noted but this is probably best dealt with as part of a possible permit parking scheme since concerns have been received about the loss of parking opportunities due to the displacement it will cause for residents in the road and nearby development.

How the Project supports LTP4 Objectives

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

Financial and Staff Implications (including Revenue)

16. Funding for the proposed measures has been provided by Oxford City Council.

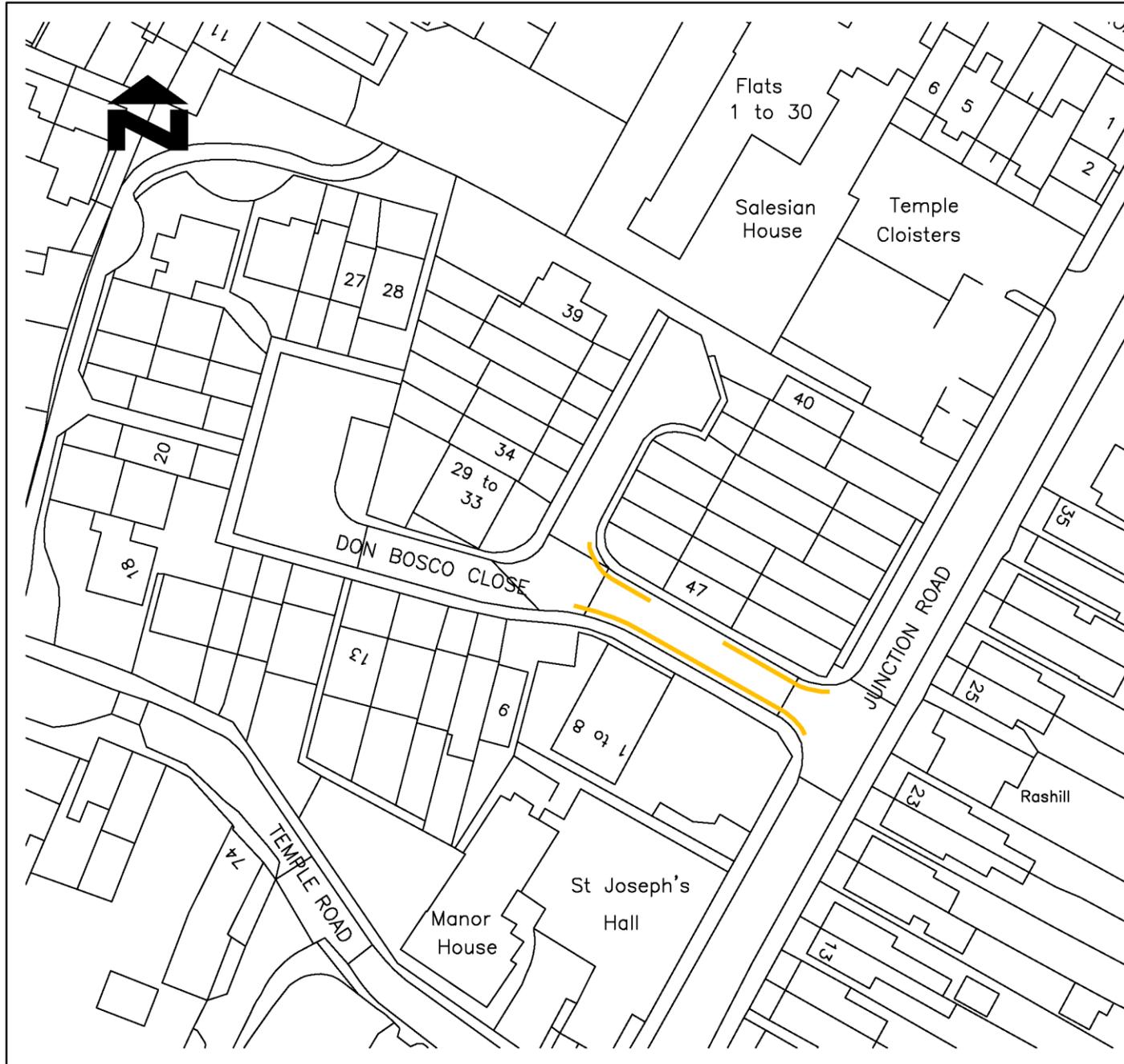
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Background papers: Plans of proposed waiting restrictions
 Consultation responses

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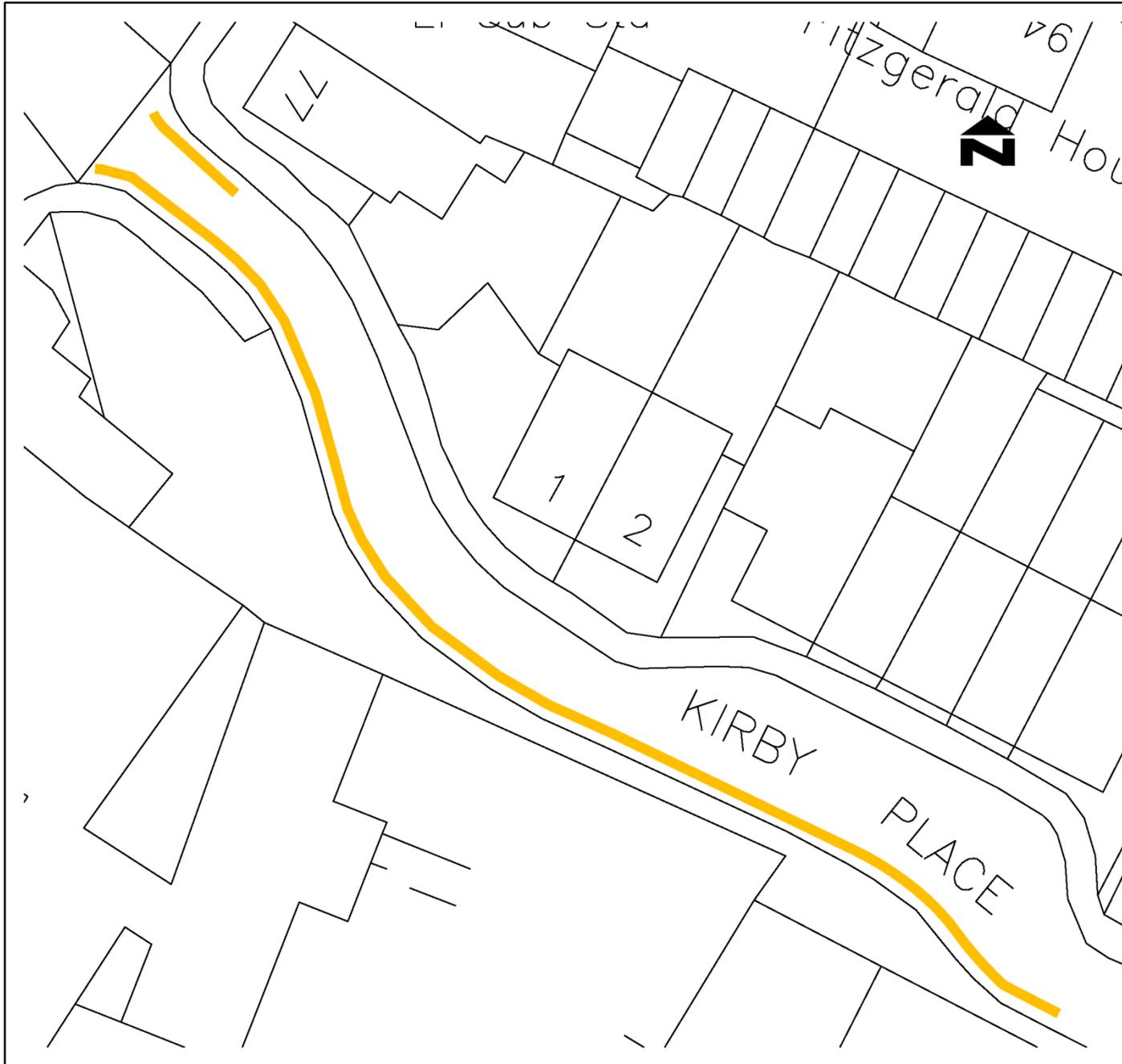
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RESPONDENT	SUMMARISED COMMENTS
(1) Traffic Management Officer, (Thames Valley Police)	No objection.
(2) Local City Councillor, (Cowley Marsh)	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>Resident in Kirby place & Don Bosco Close will be relieved and happy finally to get these Double yellow lines because parked cars obstructing the access which many times council waste collection lorries returned without the collection or the crew have to bring the bins manually to the Main road to be emptied. Currently with obstruction on both roads there is a difficulty for the emergency vehicle to access. Please allow the scheme.</p>
(3) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>If new restrictions are introduced piecemeal like this without a proper plan for residents' parking this will only exacerbate our current problems. Residents of Junction Road often rely on parking in Don Bosco Close, especially on weekdays, because all the space on our road is occupied by commuters, users of the doctor's surgery and library in Temple Road (for which no parking provision has been made although these are public services in regular use), and parents collecting children from local schools.</p> <p>What has happened to the formal consultation we were promised after the informal one came round last year? It is not acceptable that I had to find out about this proposal from a scrappy piece of paper on a lamppost near the library. There has to my knowledge been no information delivered to residents who will be directly affected and it has taken me 15 minutes of online searching to find this consultation.</p>

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<p>(4) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>I see no reason for the restrictions on Don Bosco close. There is no through traffic or danger as far as I can see.</p>
<p>(5) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>There are always 4-6 cars parked in this area, regardless of whether it is day, night, week or weekend. Restricting the parking here would push these cars to park on Junction Road. As a resident of Junction Road, I find it is getting harder to find a parking spot by our house and would be concerned that if this were implemented, it would get harder still. I would be interested in considering residents parking on Junction Road if the restrictions on Don Bosco go ahead.</p>
<p>(6) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>I have been made aware of the proposal to introduce a 'No Waiting at Any Time' parking restrictions on Don Bosco Close by my current tenants. I have a four bedroom HMO property at no:42 that requires regular maintenance involving a variety of contractors that carry out works at the property throughout the year. In order for them to conduct these works they often rely on street parking. This proposal would drastically affect the ability for these contractors to park their vehicles in order to service the property.</p> <p>I have owned the property at 42 Don Bosco Close for 14 years now and have never known of any difficulty for emergency services to access the close during which time weekly refuse lorries have consistently had no problems with accessing all properties.</p> <p>If this proposal is to go ahead I would urge you to put a suitable allowance in place that allow for properties to be serviced by works vehicles.</p>
<p>(7) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - Object</p>

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	<p>I object in the strongest terms to these proposed parking restrictions. If the proposed restrictions in Kirby Place and Sher Afzal Close are approved, then the current parking problem will be pushed further up the road. Temple Road and Junction Road will become even more difficult for residents to park in than it currently is and if the double yellow lines are extended as proposed into Don Bosco Close it will be almost impossible for residents to park near their homes. Parking for residents in this area and the surrounding area is increasingly under pressure due to an increase in use of the parking bay in Junction Road from local commuters, Oxford Brookes students who have cars, parents parking during school hours, local schools and businesses, contractors working on housing projects (which looks to continue). Residents in Junction Road find it very difficult to park in the bays outside their houses for the above reasons.</p> <p>If there were double yellow lines in Don Bosco Close as outlined in the proposal, this would remove parking space for residents in Junction Road when they are unable to park in the parking bays on Junction Road because the spaces are being taken up by non-residents.</p> <p>We need a CPZ in the parking bays in Junction Road before these proposals could even be considered as potential options. What is the purpose of these restrictions other than depriving local residents of much-needed parking spaces?</p>
<p>(8) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Object Kirby Place - Object</p> <p>I live in Junction Road and recently I have had to park in Don Bosco Close the majority of the time. On-road parking in Temple Cowley has become more difficult in the past couple of months, coinciding with the completion of the development of the Temple Cowley Pool site. The City Council was well aware that Temple Cowley could not absorb any more traffic, yet granted planning permission for the development of 48 units, with only 29 allocated parking spaces. Sher Afzal Close is wide enough for cars to park on one side at least, and could be wider still if the pavement were not so wide. Infill new developments with lovely open spaces should not be built at the expense of existing households.</p> <p>As a result of the new development, there is now a need for more on-road parking, not less. If you restrict parking in Don Bosco Close and Kirby Place, the cars that currently park there will have nowhere to go. If you keep these roads open for parking, the situation is no different to most of the side streets in East Oxford, where cars, emergency services and waste-collection lorries have to negotiate narrower road widths than in Temple Cowley.</p> <p>However, Don Bosco Close is very wide: there is no need to restrict parking on both sides of the road. Kirby Place is</p>

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	<p>both narrow and quite bendy, but why not restrict parking on one side only?</p> <p>Any new restrictions should be limited to those that are absolutely necessary (i.e. on bends, or one side only) and should not be implemented until a controlled parking zone has been introduced for Temple Cowley residents who do not have off-road parking, to protect existing households and ensure that students at Oxford Brookes University do not bring cars to Oxford.</p> <p>I would love to be able to cycle to work, and did so for many years, but currently have to travel Milton Keynes, a five-hour round trip by public transport, door-to-door. No car, no job, and the same is true for many Council taxpayers. We live on a small, crowded island with house prices and stamp duty land tax at levels that necessitate high-impact lifestyles for those unable to find work in Oxford, and there's no point in pretending otherwise.</p>
<p>(9) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Neither Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>I strongly support the double yellow lines on the SW side of Don Bosco Close, and on the curved parts of the NE side.</p> <p>However, I think that the lines on the NE side (by no 47) are too long for their intended purpose. My concern is that this will likely serve to displace parked cars into less suitable areas of the close. After all, the same number of cars will want to park in the neighbourhood as before - the proposed changes will not affect demand for parking.</p> <p>The only way to stop this would be to enact broader measures to encompass the entire street, which is not what is being proposed.</p> <p>My proposal would be to shorten the length of the proposed double yellow lines on the NE side, to just the two curved sections of the kerb, plus an extra few meters (say ~5m) near the junction with Junction Road to aid cars passing each other. This would still leave about 20-25m for cars to park on the NE side of the road, rather than the 9m of parking which is being proposed.</p> <p>As far as I can see, this will still achieve the requirements in terms of better access, and better visibility for vehicles and pedestrians, while still allowing for some parking in a relatively safe location.</p>

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<p>(10) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Neither Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>As a resident of Don Bosco Close I welcome some of the proposed Parking restrictions, however I am concerned that individuals will attempt to park in the wider roadway at the bottom of Don Bosco Close, already sometimes people park next to each other limiting movement here, and for the purpose of making access better these proposals may just displace the issue. I believe that expanding the central portion of the north side of the road to allow a little more space would still allow for vehicles to manoeuvre in and out of the close. Perhaps a couple of metres on either side of the current proposed clear space.</p>
<p>(11) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>WE fully support the County Councils proposed restrictions for no waiting on the narrow entrance road to Don Bosco Close. Unregulated parking on the entrance road off Junction Road causes major problems for residents and refuse lorries entering the Close.</p>
<p>(12) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>At present there is a huge amount of inconsiderate parking in Don Bosco Close which endangers pedestrians and could prevent a large vehicle (e.g. an ambulance or fire engine) from getting in and out of the close.</p>
<p>(13) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - No opinion</p> <p>As a resident of Don Bosco Close I was under the impression that resident permits (CPZ) were to be implemented so am a little confused with this proposal, however am in favour of these restrictions to discourage commuter parking.</p>

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<p>(14) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>We need proper parking spaces marked out in Don Bosco Close and elsewhere. We may not be in the first phase of CPZs but we need to stop drivers parking on footways and corners. Since we will eventually have a CPZ I don't see why we couldn't get the benefit of having parking spaces marked out in the meantime.</p>
<p>(15) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>I welcome these restrictions to stop the dangerous and extremely inconsiderate parking which local residents have had to endure for far too long. If the council implements controlled parking zones then the parking problem just moves to the next easy area which for far too long has been Temple Cowley. At weekends and evenings the difference is stark as the regular commuters including people from St Joseph's (Kings), and people who work at the police station and county council at Knights court (among the persistent people who park in my road) are not here! Local residents must support a CPZ when the next consultation is held as if not the world and his wife will be parking in these streets.</p>
<p>(16) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>As a resident of Don Bosco Close I strongly support this proposal. The small close has simply become a car park for commuters who work at nearby St Joseph's Hall. The entrance to Don Bosco Close from Junction Rd is narrow and the current parking situation makes exiting the road extremely hazardous. The poor and often obnoxious parking by employees of the nearby St Joseph's Hall (blocking driveways, parking on corners etc) has often led to delivery vans and refuse collection vehicles struggling to access properties. Implementing the double yellow lines would make such an enormous difference and improve road safety for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians - a large number of which are school children walking to nearby St Christopher's School. All properties in Don Bosco Close have off road parking provision so implementing the scheme would have little negative impact in terms of parking provision for residents. Please introduce the scheme asap. I would also support the introduction of a CPZ in the vicinity. My only other comment would be to re-paint the existing double yellow lines on Junction Rd which have almost completely disappeared in places - particularly the section in the road directly opposite the entrance to Don Bosco Close.</p>

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(17) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>Fully agree with this proposal for the exact reasons as set out in the council's statements of reasons.</p>
(18) Resident, (Abingdon)	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>No comments.</p>
(19) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Don Bosco Close - No opinion Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>This is splendid news - not a moment too soon.</p>
(20) Local Resident, (Oxford)	<p>Don Bosco Close - No opinion Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>I would urge, as a resident further into Kirby Place, where the majority of non-resident parking actually takes place, that the council consider adding double yellow lines in part to the south of the hedge adjacent number 14, so that only one vehicle may park - this avoids the drive up, into and out parking for numbers 15, 16, 17 and parking spaces of numbers 4, 5 and 6 being hindered and also avoids a turning restriction for any emergency vehicles, especially a fire tender, should they need to gain access. Similarly I would urge the council consider placing double yellow lines to the west of number 20, along the adjacent brick boundary wall with Bennett Crescent, to a length of 3 metres, to give a gap between potential visitor or non-resident parking at number 20 parking access and other reversing vehicles.</p> <p>Furthermore, whilst I wholeheartedly thank the council for their proposals, can they assure residents that they are</p>

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	<p>providing resources to enforce the proposed new restrictions? I have lived in the area for some years and have not once seen a traffic warden, despite witnessing, almost every day, someone who is parked wholly or partly on the current double yellow lines at the bottom of Kirby Place. What assurance can the council give to residents that these additional traffic parking restrictions will actually provide the deterrent they are clearly planned to provide?</p>
<p>(21) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - No opinion Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>No comments.</p>
<p>(22) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close – No opinion Kirby Place - Object</p> <p>Kirby Place is not a through road. The restrictions would make it difficult for residents to park. Furthermore, guests visiting would have nowhere to park nearby; after residents have scrapped-over/taken the space left in the unrestricted zone. The current parking situation has not caused me any difficulty to park at in my designated bay at the end of Kirby Place (which entails driving past the proposed restricted zone).</p> <p>Therefore, it is my belief the proposed restrictions do not deliver any benefits to the residents. Only a hindrance.</p>
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<p>(24) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close - Support Kirby Place – No opinion</p> <p>Further to the recent letter received on proposed (various) parking restrictions which affect Don Bosco Close, we just wanted to say that we sincerely hope the proposal goes through. We moved here when the Close was first built but the last few (4/5) years parking has been a nightmare, it's difficult to get in and out of the close by car with the parking right to the end of the close, if a car tries to turn in while you are trying to turn right there is nowhere to go, both us and our neighbours have had instances where a delivery lorry has been unable to get into the close to deliver furniture and fittings and had to try to carry the furniture/fittings down from the top of Junction road.... and how the refuse lorries manage to get into the close is a miracle. What astounds us is the fact that some drivers think it is OK to park on all the corners i.e. outside No 47 and outside the apartments (29 to 33) leaving it so tight to access the properties. Vehicles also park outside the apartments (1-8) and with cars parked opposite them sometimes you can't get the car between them. Additionally, so many of the properties are multiple occupancy, with 3/4 vehicles at the property so this also creates an additional problem. We do appreciate that if the new parking restrictions go ahead, it will push some of the parking down to the road opposite our property but we already have a major problem with parking there, with the staff from Kings Language school parking all over the close during the day and residents from Junction road parking in the evening. However, we still believe the proposed parking restrictions will help significantly.</p> <p>I know I am speaking on behalf of my fellow residents from number 9 to 14 who all experience the same problems as us. Our one concern is how the proposal (if approved) will be monitored, as currently no one seems deterred by the double yellow lines currently in Junction road - or elsewhere in Cowley for that matter.</p>
<p>(25) Local Resident, (Oxford)</p>	<p>Don Bosco Close – No opinion Kirby Place - Support</p> <p>We are all in favour of the double yellow lines proposed for our road. We have been inundated with parking for the last two years by builders, police, people using the doctors and the library and even people parking all day and going to work elsewhere, to the extent that we cannot park anywhere near our own houses. There have even been occasions when people have parked both sides of our road which is very narrow and twice the refuse collection vehicles were unable to get through to empty the bins at the top of the road. Imagine if emergency vehicles could not get through!</p>